In PhilaGuernica, Jared Owens thought about objects that are representative of Philadelphia and the ideals of the city to create this mural design. For example, the number 27 on the eagle is representative of Malcolm Jenkins, a former Philadelphia Eagles football player. Jenkins retired from football and created a foundation that continues to give back to the city of Philadelphia. Think of a person that has been influential in your own life and include a picture that represents them in your artwork. You will also find the Liberty Bell in the mural, which is an important part of American history that resides in Philadelphia. Think of something that is representative of your family history and include a representative object in your design.

One important piece of information that Owens teaches is that sometimes things are not perfect the first time, but we should not give up on them. Perhaps some of your objects didn’t come out the right way the first time, that’s ok! Draw them over and over until you are happy with your piece, but remember that perfection is the enemy of good!

We have created some objects that are important to us at Mural Arts Philadelphia, MoMA PS1, and the African American Museum of Philadelphia. You can color these, cut them out, and add them to your PhilaGuernica as well. We would love to see them when you’re done, so be sure to use #PhilaGuernica when you post pictures online!

Jared Owens

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Color the shapes shown below.
2. Draw and color your own shapes. (Draw objects that represent important things to you!)
3. Cut out the shapes.
4. Paste the shapes in the open space on the last page to design your own PhilaGuernica!
My PHILAGUERNICA

SHARE YOUR PICTURE WITH US BY POSTING IT ONLINE AND USING THE HASHTAG #PHILAGUERNICA