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Artist Statement:

As a Native American woman in graphic design, my work is a journey through the dualities that shape my identity and practice. I'm drawn to the space where tradition and modernity meet, weaving together ancestral narratives with contemporary design techniques. My goal is to create work that honors my heritage while engaging with the visual language of today. Through color, form, and symbolism, I aim to bridge worlds, crafting designs that resonate with those who came before and those who are yet to emerge. Each piece I create is a conversation—between the past and the future, between my culture and the broader design world. I seek to inspire and empower other Native artists and the next generation by demonstrating that our stories and aesthetics have a rightful, impactful place in modern design. By blending these elements, I hope my work stands as a testament to the resilience and adaptability of Native art, creating a space where tradition and innovation coexist, informing and elevating each other.

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Figure 1: Water Is Life

Illustrator, 22 in x 16 in

Figure 2: Hot Sauce Brand

Illustrator, 27 in x 14 in

Figure 3: Deck of Cards

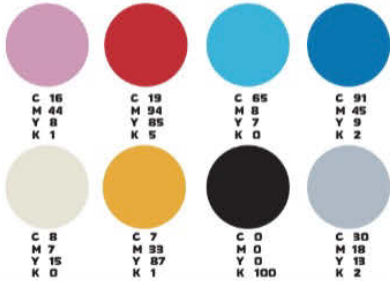
Illustrator, 15 in x 40 in

To Altaashchiin, Hozho Nahasdlii. Water of different forms, Beauty has come again.

TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE WATER!

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Figure 1: Water !s Life



Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 1 tsp (5g)
Servings Per Container About 30

Amount Per Serving	
Calories 10	Calories from Fat 0
% Daily Value*	
Total Fat 0g	0%
Saturated Fat 0g	0%
Trans Fat 0g	
Cholesterol 0mg	0%
Sodium 50mg	2%
Total Carbohydrate 2g	1%
Dietary Fiber 0g	0%
Sugars 1g	
Protein 0g	
Vitamin A 4%	Vitamin C 4%
Calcium 0%	Iron 0%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a diet of 2,000 calories.

Onion, Bell Pepper, Apple Cider Vinegar, Habanero Pepper, Lime Juice, Ghost Pepper, Sugar, Garlic, Ginger, Cilantro, Salt, Celery Salt, Thyme.

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Figure 2: Hot Sauce Brand



Figure 3: Deck of Cards