

Identity Squares

Tools, materials, technologies used:	Experience level required:
Vinyl/Craft cutter or Laser cutter Gravit , Vectr or 2D design program	Beginner

Grade/ Level (of this example): Grade 6-12

Topic/Content standards: Defined by teacher, any subject - see **Possible Content Explorations**

Summary of Project:

Students design and create images around identity, to show belonging, showcase what they have learned, or advocate for a topic. The images are highlighted together to elevate the community.

In this example, students created a “Who We Are” quilt as an introductory, get-to-know-you activity. Each student first designed an image by hand that incorporated 2-3 different shapes (an animal, plant, or object that were meaningful to the student). Then, using a 2D molding tool, each student drew their image to fit on a 4.25” x 4.25” quilt square. A vinyl cutter was used to cut the images out on cardstock. After sharing about their images, students assembled their images onto a paper quilt.

Depending on the purpose of the project, students can design just one square or an entire quilt layout.

These examples were designed in Gravit Designer 2D modeling software, the free version that is browser based. Some vinyl cutters, such as the Cricut, have design software in their interface that could be used for layout as well.

To get the solid shapes, students can model them, download silhouette images from the web, or draw them by hand, take a picture, and convert them to .SVG files using the online convert www.picsvg.com. Starter layouts can be provided by the teacher.





Possible Content Explorations

The designs can illustrate any subject matter content or used to create a welcoming space.

Further Identity Exploration

- Explore how social and cultural factors affect our identities
 - Use alongside [Facing History lesson on Exploring Identity](#)
 - use as an activity to showcase the theme of [Windows and Mirrors](#)

