

# From the Artist

As a graphic designer, like any artist, what I enjoy most is creating the artwork itself. However, before reaching this moment, artists and graphic designers alike contemplate how to creatively articulate the message of the piece. This step is equally as important as producing the actual piece of art and frequently involves researching the subject at hand. When I started in this field, I considered research to be time-consuming and I was not looking forward to it. Over time I grew to appreciate and enjoy research as much as I enjoy creating the artwork. Besides helping to understand the subject better and finding inspiration, exploration and investigation helps me grow as a person and expand my horizons. Therefore, research is important in my field, and I am excited that the message of this cover design is to portray the idea that research applies to any field of study.

Through research, I decided a representation of an atom would be something the majority of people would be able to relate to, no matter what their field of study, and would give the cover a sense of energy and dynamism. In order to represent the various research disciplines I included pieces within the atom demonstrating the variety of research available. I am grateful I had the opportunity to display my personal stamp on this cover.

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