

T-shirt

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Understanding who one is in society is something that takes time and patience. I found out who I am in society by looking at my roots and understanding my life's surroundings. Being a Mexican American in New York may seem common, and while the number of Mexicans and Mexican Americans are rapidly growing in the city, we still do not have a prominent culture such as our counter parts in the west coast. Throughout my life I have learned about others culture and ethnicity more than my own. So, finding myself in society was not the easiest of tasks. My curiosity to understand my place in society started when I began to see west coast Chicano culture. I wondered why is it that on the east coast we do not have the same traditions and the same attitude. Our mannerisms are different, our fashion, and our looks are not the same. Being a east coast Chicano is undermined by the west coast counterpart. But nonetheless I am still Chicano, coming from Mexican immigrant parents, and living in New York City, both cultures come together. I have the hard-working drive I learned from my parents, who struggled when they first arrived, combined with that "grizzled" attitude that comes from being a New Yorker. I do carry myself such as my other Chicano peers, having a trailblazer attitude to be able to set up future generations, and helping our elders adapt to the ever-changing life in the big city. Being Chicano puts me in a position to be a helper and leader. I made my t shirt to signify me as a Chicano in New York. Starting with a skull, representing the tradition of celebrating the Day of the Dead. The skull traditionally has floral designs and while it does have few, most designs are from my life in New York, such as having both NY baseball teams, the Mets "N", and the Yankees "Y". The state flower of New York is the rose, which is in the blue eye. The Mexican national flower is the dahlia, which is in the green eye. I also used red and white with green and blue, the sets of colors from the U.S flag and the Mexican Flag. Being from Queens, there is designs that allude to it, such as the sphere on the backside of the skull, the 3 iconic Queens train lines the 7, F, and E. The design is subtle, but its filled with references from my Mexican heritage and American one as well.





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