

# Final Project ( T-Shirt )

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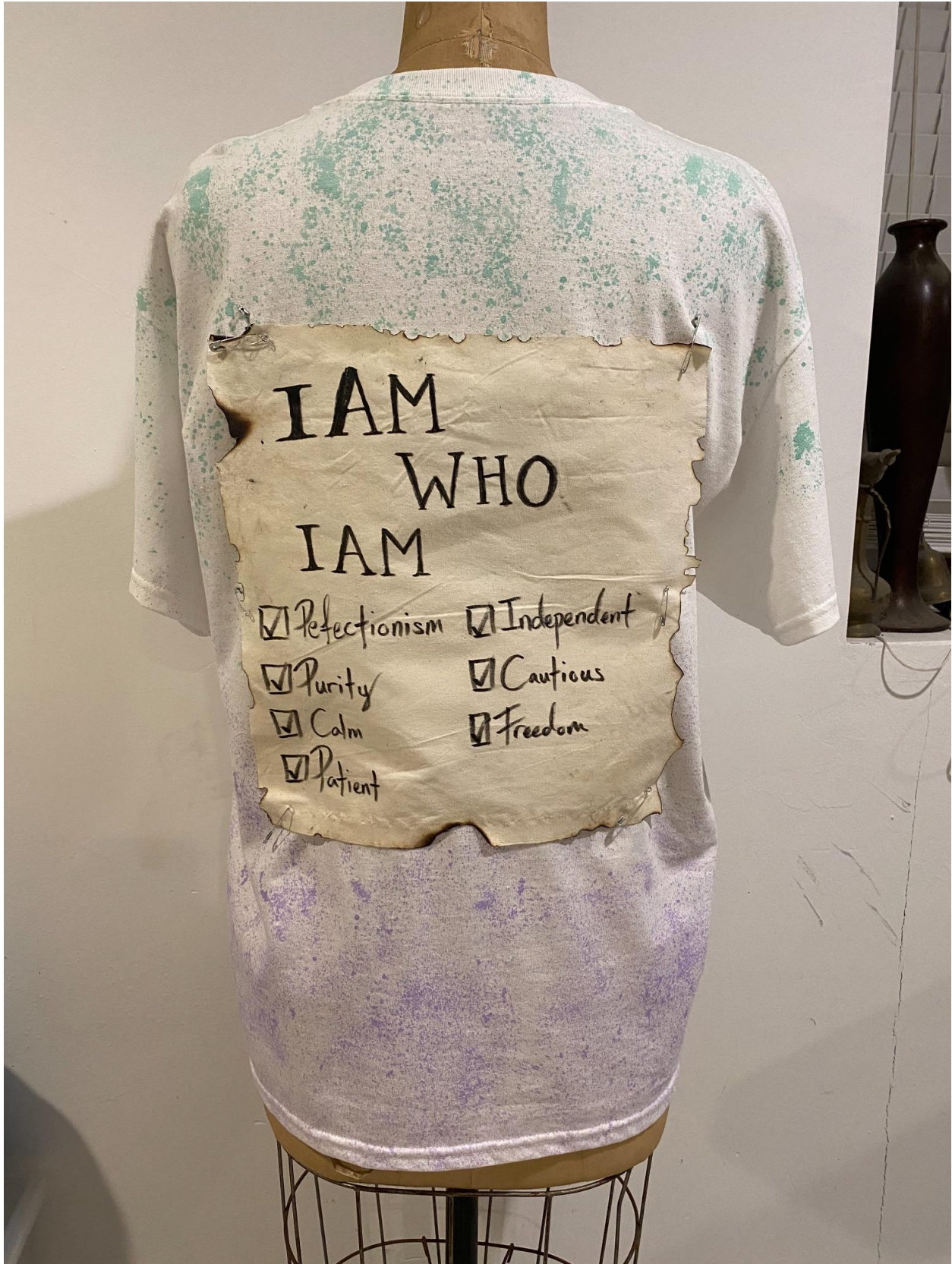
The quote, “An identity would seem to be arrived at by how the person faces and uses his experience” is stated by James Baldwin. I always believe that identity is not born naturally inside us, it is created based on the experience we have been through. Identity can be changed due to different circumstances such as people surrounding us or the living style. These habits can change our *identities* and *personalities*. I think the main idea of identity is reflected in our *personalities* and behavioral habits. Eicher & Roach-Higgins, the authors of “Dress and Identity”, mentioned that “We define self as a composite of an individual’s identities communicated by dress, bodily aspects of appearance, and discourse, as well as the material and social objects that contribute meaning to situations for interaction (Roach - Higgins and Eicher, 2022).”

I used an oversized T-shirt to create my work because I feel comfortable wearing an oversized tee and it feels *unrestricted*. The T-shirt was painted in Seafoam and Lavender Purple colors using spray paints. According to the “Color Psychology Meaning” website, Seafoam's color personality hypothesis is connected to obsessive characteristics and a desire for *perfectionism* and *purity* (Seafoam Green - Color Meaning & Psychology, 2022). The “Color Meaning” stated that Lavender color psychology is *patient* and *calm*, it enjoys taking its sweet time. It believes that life should not be rushed (Olesen, 2022). I used these two colors on the shirt because I like the colors and didn’t know the color meaning until I do the research. The research came out accurately I’m the type of person who likes to take my sweet time to complete my work perfectly. I hate rushing my work because the outcome turns out incomplete or imperfect.

I used symbol elements to illustrate on the T-shirt. A half girl and half lone-wolf with roman numerals clock was illustrated on the front side of the shirt. The half faces of the girl and lone wolf represented me. A lone wolf is an *independent* and *cautious* creature, it doesn’t rely on anyone and lives by itself (Lone Wolf Symbolism & Meaning (Independence & Caution), 2022). I was raised in a single-family and was thought to be independent since young. Therefore, I have become cautious about people taking advantage of me, especially in friendships. I always enjoy shopping and travel by myself. Being alone isn’t lonely for me and I think being in a group could be lonely sometimes.

The roman numerals clock represented *freedom*. “Breaking Free of the daily work routine and the human concept of time can mean the sort of personal liberation that results in a better life.” as mentioned on the “Self Tattoo” website (Owers, 2022). I think it’s true that we need to break free from exhausting daily work-life sometimes to have a quality life. On the back of the T-shirt is writing “I Am Who I Am” and listing the label of my personality by using a burn fabric.





I AM  
WHO  
I AM

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Perfectionism | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purity        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cautious    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Calm          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Freedom     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patient       |   |

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