

The Elements of Our World

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The chemical elements of the periodic table take part in the story of our world. The world is complex and can be hard to understand, even with science to guide us. At times it can feel untouchable because we cannot see everything with the naked eye, or touch things because they are too small or too far. My work aims to connect people with the elements of the periodic table through character design and graphic design. My show explores the elements, their properties, and functions by personifying each element as its own character. I have always had an interest in science, but I never had a talent for it. Chemistry in particular was overwhelming, and despite my interest, it was a struggle to keep up and keep facts straight. In my senior show, I want to make the periodic table tangible and comprehensible in a way that is lighthearted and engaging. Characters and their stories are a large part of culture, and have the ability to create connections. By portraying the chemical elements as people, I'm hoping that viewers will be able to connect with science in a way that they haven't been able to before, while also learning about the world that we live in.