

LOVE FEARLESSLY + STORYTELLING ART

As we consider ways to *Love Fearlessly* during this time of social distancing, art is a great way to tell a story. As you work through these four steps of storytelling art, think about a topic that you're passionate about and would like to share with others. Stories about topics like justice, love, poverty, inequality, hope, togetherness, solitude, bravery, and many others are all stories that can lift our community up during this time.

1. CREATE AN ARTIST STATEMENT

It's important for you to identify as an artist both for yourself but also for others to understand who you are and why you like to make art. It's kind of like the "About the Author" page in a book but for your artwork. I remember when I wrote my first artist statement and it helped me really feel like I was an artist. And, artist statements are not permanent. As the artist changes, so does their statement!

[Click here to download a worksheet to help you develop your artist statement.](#)

2. FIND A STORY YOU WANT TO SHARE

For me, the stories I often share through art are things that I have a hard time explaining with my words. What does home really mean? What is justice? What does it mean to help the widow, poor, and orphan? What do we do when life gets hard? What makes something beautiful?

Choose a question that you are thinking a lot about that you would like to tell in a story through art.

3. CREATE IN A WAY THAT TELLS YOUR STORY

Now, you can create something that tells your story in a powerful way! This can be through collage, painting, sculpture, video, poetry, music, drawing, or many other art forms. Ask yourself what will make people best understand this story? Make sure that what you choose to create is also something that you believe to be beautiful and that you will be proud to show others.

[Check out a few examples of stories I have told through art to get you started](#) (Note that my preferred art medium is drawing, painting, and collage, but that stories can be told in many other ways too!).

4. DISPLAY YOUR ARTWORK WITH A DESCRIPTION

Sometimes, people who look at your art need help understanding the story you are trying to tell. I have found that providing a description to be included with what you created helps people best understand the story.

Write a description to go with what you created and display it with your art!