



# Natalie Blain, Grasshopper

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## **Artist Statement, "*Beyond Boundaries*"**

Art classes have helped me overcome boundaries. I've learned to expand into various subject matter and styles, to give my drawings dimension and depth, and have improved my ability to draw expressively and realistically. My art teachers and classes have also helped me build patience and self-control when facing challenges. Even though some art processes are time-consuming, persevering through to the end is very rewarding. Some art processes and my art journal have even become a form of therapy for me.

I chose to represent Skippy, my green-eyed calico cat. She is the first cat in my house that is actually mine, and she is a great listener when I need someone to talk to. "Calico" is my tribute to all pets who are more than just animals.