

## ***Shelbyville Deco***

**Location:** Intelliplex Dr. and State Rd. 9

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I approached the project by researching the county and city. I wanted to know the history, notable people, buildings, and feel of Shelbyville. By looking at the National Register of Historic places to watching YouTube videos and even to The Strand Theatre's Facebook page, I got a sense of what the city is and how it hopes to grow.

Initial designs were all about things I'd learned specifically, like famous people from the city's history. But the concepts ended up trite and tourist-y, so I scrapped them. I wanted to create something that felt like both art and home.

This concept design is geometric. Inspiration is drawn from the Porter Pool Bathhouse. Imitating its eye-catching triangles ties the mural art to rootedness in place and history. The addition of color creates further interest and contrast for public viewing. Because of its simplified nature, it works as a visual touchpoint on a busy street.

### *About Suzanne*

Suzanne Rhee is a Hoosier artist and cartoonist from Fort Wayne, Indiana. Her art is visually simplified, relying heavily on line, simplified forms, and contrast. She was a 212 Arts Incubator resident in 2018 and a mentee for Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership's Make It Your Own Mural Fest in 2021.

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