

## Long Bio

Hello! I'm Gabri Goodwyn. 'Gabri' is short for Gabrielle in case you're curious. Comically, my mother was afraid if we shortened it to 'gabby' I would end up being too chatty. I've called the beautiful state of Tennessee home for most of my life, although, I was born in Marseille, France. I grew up as the oldest of four siblings! When I was young, I always wished I had my parent's attention all to myself but nowadays my favorite place to be is surrounded by my entire family around a table filled with food. And of course, I also consider my little black yorkie-poo, Bella, an important member of the Goodwyn family. I'm currently a senior art major and marketing minor at Harding University. My great weaknesses include, but are not limited to, chai tea lattes, squirrels, organizing closets, and whipping up gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches.

My passion for all things creative began at a young age: I would create elaborate games with insane rules for my family to follow. These days, you can usually find me taking artsy pictures of my succulent or doodling ice cream cones next to art history notes. Some of my favorite creative expressions are home decorating, recording the day's mundane details via doodle, attempting the latest Pinterest-ish craft, and experimenting with make-up. I am an avid follower of fashion bloggers and in another life, I was probably a personal shopper. But, my fascination for fashion leans heavily towards an 'every-girl' boutique look and less toward that of the high fashion world. Although I am an art major, my artistic bent is better expressed in everyday activities like, decorating a cookie, rather than creating an oil painting or drawing a still life.

I gather my inspiration from experiencing the beauty of the ordinary and everyday. Things like, tasty food; visiting a artfully-designed website; and traveling to new places, all inspire me. A visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art was one of the most impactful and inspiring experiences of my year so far. But the inspiration I find from God's creation is some of the most long-lasting. I maintain that top of the volcano, Mt.Lassen, is the most beautiful place I've ever explored.

My goal as an artist is to leave everyday objects, projects, and experiences a little bit more beautiful than when I found them. I would describe my personal aesthetic as delicate sophistication with a bias towards 'cute'. I have a penchant for cozy looking atmospheres and comforting textiles. I've never met a blush pink I didn't like and I am the first to admit I love hopping on board with the latest design trend. I'm currently

enamored with the rose gold movement. I refuse to admit that I have cool undertones and I would probably look best in silver.