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"To create the cover for the Ball State Undergraduate Mathematics Exchange, I started by looking at polyhedra. For me, polyhedra are a very elegant and interesting example of mathematics. In this image I quoted from an engraving by Albrecht Durer entitled Melancholia I. This print contains a polyhedron that is either a cube or rhombohedron that has been truncated on the top and bottom faces. There has been much scholarly speculation about the meaning of this shape. Starting with this polyhedron, I then added four of the Platonic Solids: a tetrahedron, a dodecahedron, an icosahedron, and an octahedron. Each of these shapes shares an edge with Durer's shape. Finally, triangles were added to abstract the image and complete the final figure."



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