### Gichi-gigizheb

(Very early in the morning)

This one was swimming in my head for a few months now, had to create it before nigig swam away. One early morning I was hunting deer, and I heard a strange noise coming from Moving Cloud Lake. I went down there, and there were four otters swimming around on their backs, playing and squealing at each other.

Then I saw a hummingbird darting around one of the otters on the lake. The otter was holding some swamp grass. I modified what I saw a bit and added old style Ojibwe florals instead. Aho!

—biskakone

We hope you enjoy this delightful rendition of the nigig (otter) and the nenookaasi (hummingbird) by biskakone Greg Johnson, and that the image will make you feel light-hearted and happy throughout the year. The sleek and playful nigig is an important clan animal in Ojibwe culture and also a figure in some Ojibwe stories, such as How the Bear Lost His Tail.

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