

ABANDONMENT



GRACE

(she/her)

I made this piece as part of a bigger portfolio. I am tackling the concept of why I am "Built Backwards." Not because I am built backwards, but because I was taught how to be a good person the hard way. This piece specifically was on abandonment. I have been abandoned by all my family members except for my dad. Even some of the people in my life now make me feel alone, even though they are still here. So, I channeled the emotion of that into this piece. I put the loneliness, darkness, helplessness, and sad feeling of those experiences into the piece as a way to feel it and let it go.

This piece is meant to be a representation of abandonment. I have been abandoned by a lot of family members who should have been here for me, but I must of not been worth staying around for. Although, the self-blame eventually leaves. You realize you were a kid, it's not your fault. I dealt with the hurt of it for a long time. The most painful ones are those who are right in front of you, but make you feel alone. The people all facing away creates the sense of loneliness, even though they are surrounded. They are all still there, but they don't want to be there for the person. They are surrounded, but nobody thinks they are worth staying for.

