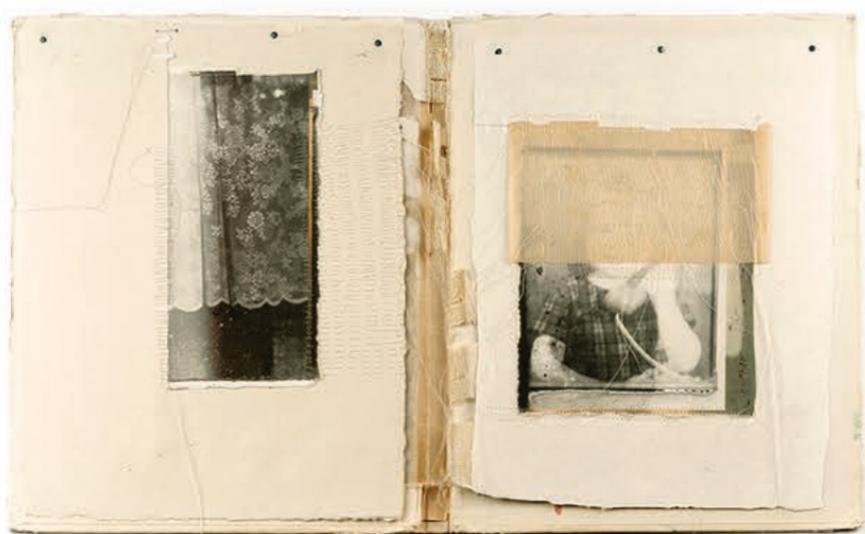


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ThoughtTrails_130 / © Jackie Mulder



ThoughtTrails_17 / © Jackie Mulder

Amsterdam-based artist **Jackie Mulder's** work is a complex and evocative mix of processes and media. She said, "Since 2020, I have been working on my ongoing *Thought Trails* project. With my approach to photography and mixed media art, I challenge the viewer's perception of photography and push the boundaries of the medium. My creative process always starts with a self-made photo or combining several photos, followed by very labor-intensive operations in which I deconstruct and reconstruct, leading to unique multi-layered works of art, mostly very tactile. I let the thread or the pen connect and separate as an abstraction for a life of memories, searching, and thinking. I appreciate the element of chance and prefer not to have preconceived ideas about the final product. My mind is free to roam, and while I work, I am completely absorbed in my creative space, similar to my childhood days of scribbling in my room. My work is literally and figuratively healing."

ThoughtTrails_17 expresses Mulder's feelings about growing up with a dominant father in an oppressive religious environment. Because she was not allowed to have her own opinions, she partially covered a childhood photo of herself. *ThoughtTrails_130* depicts her concern for what is happening to the natural world due to human actions and inactions.

Mulder's mix of media and processes leads to stunningly beautiful and boundary-pushing photographic work; I wish I knew how to make work like this.