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1 in 4

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The statistic that 1 in 4 women are sexually assaulted has been repeated over and over again. I wanted to create a piece that allowed women to react to their experience with sexual assault. Through the Red Tape Project at the University of Denver, as well as my own friends and family, I found a variety of women to participate in the piece. Some participants chose to do it together, while others made their creation in private. Each participant was given six cardboard squares. They were simply told to react to their experience using the squares. They could do anything they wanted to the squares, with the only requirement that at least one shred of cardboard was left. They could add things, build things, take things away, draw, write, paint, whatever they wanted. It was powerful to see the similarity of the women’s reactions. The piece is also interactive when it is displayed. Viewers can pick the pieces up and as each piece is put back down in a different spot, the individual experience becomes woven together.
BEN
OFF
FUCK

ROETHLISBERG

you deserve nothing

you have ripped me open? i do...

you did...

What you will rip you apart like you've been apart. I can't keep walking around wondering if you've ever done this to me.

Because it's not "fine."

I want you gone. I can't stand you. You are.

I'll never, ever be the same after this. I am about to Uni.

Because fuck you and your future.

I remember my uncle's words: "He threw his life away the moment he died."

He was right. So I won't feel sorry for you anymore. You piece of shit.

MY CLOTHS DO NOT
DETERMINE
MY
CAUSE

I will never rip you apart the way you ripped me open. I know you did.

I remember what you did...
my GENDER is NOT a DISADVANTAGE

You turned me into DAMAGED GOODS

Not what anyone wanted