



Tight Lace

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Medium: Graphite

Artist Statement

This piece is inspired by a particular experience of mine. When I was 16, I had a dance teacher intentionally sew my costume for my show too tight to encourage me to continue losing weight. I was struggling at this time in my life with an eating disorder and the experience set me back many steps. Fortunately, I'm doing much better now and I wear costumes that make me feel beautiful rather than the smallest size I can wear. The experience has always stuck with me though so it only seemed natural to reference it while I've been doing an exploration into ballet for my AP Art Studio portfolio. I chose to draw the dancer in an extremely tightly laced corset to show the feeling I felt being squeezed into a costume that was simply not me.

Status: Exhibit only