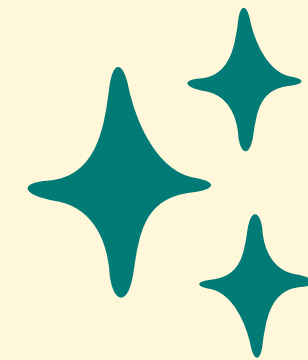


# COGNITIVE THEORY PROJECT



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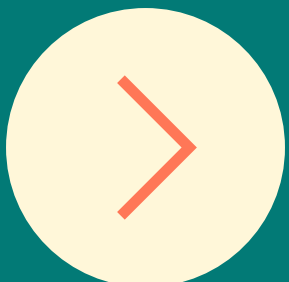
# PART 1: COGNITIVE THEORY



The cognitive approach to art is the combination of having the viewer's thoughts and feelings provoked by the composition.

For this project, I used the following mental activities:

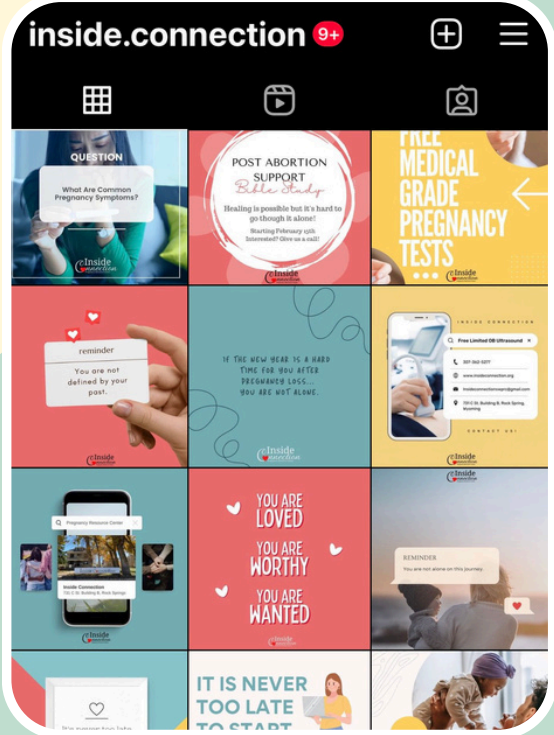
- Expectation
- Dissonance
- Words



# PART 2: MY INSPIRATION

Prenancy Recource Centers near me

I volunteer at a Pregnancy Resource Center in Rock Springs, Wyoming called Inside Connection. After working for them for three years now and seeing what these PRCs actually do for the community, it's been my personal goal to get the truth out there about abortion as much as I can. Many issues with abortion are the lies coming from organizations that just want to make money at the cost of the parent's well-being and the child's life.



# PART 2: MY INSPIRATION

Musical ties



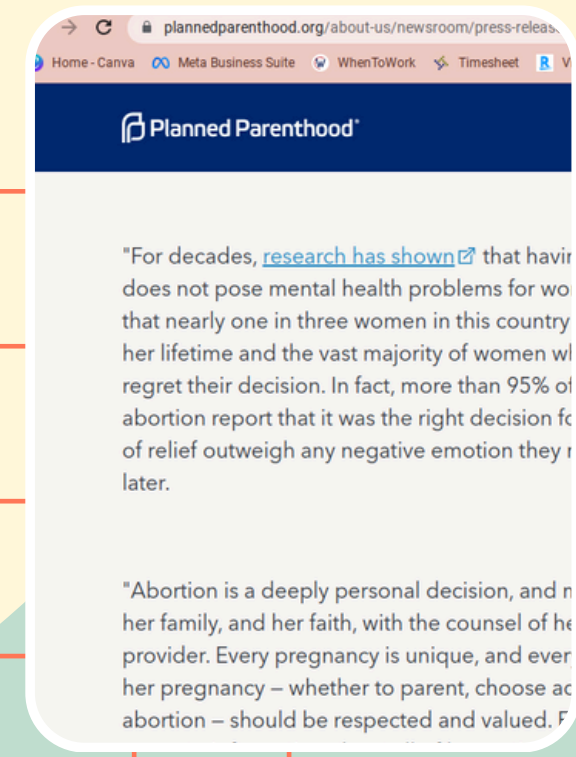
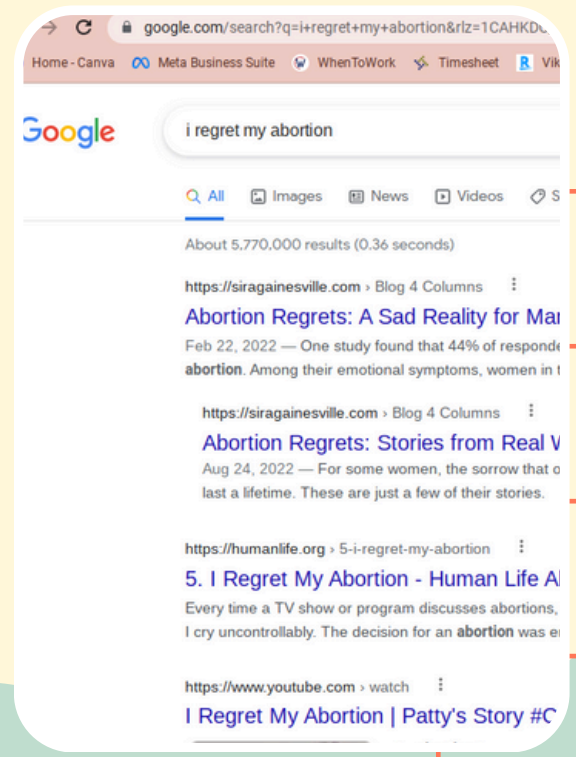
While coming up with the idea for this project, the song *Mulberry Street* by Twenty-one Pilots kept coming to mind. The song's lyrics basically call the listener to stand aside and be lulled into a false sense of comfort while strange things happen around them. While this song was made with mental health in mind, I thought it was a very fitting song for the state of the abortion issue.



# PART 2: MY RESEARCH

I regret my abortion...

Throughout my search, I found a lot of pro-life-based websites offering support for women (and men) after abortion, but organizations like Planned Parenthood were pretty silent on this issue. I decided to dig deeper and eventually found a well-hidden article on Planned Parenthood's website saying that the fact that many women regret their abortions is a myth. They proceeded to link the survey which is no longer available.



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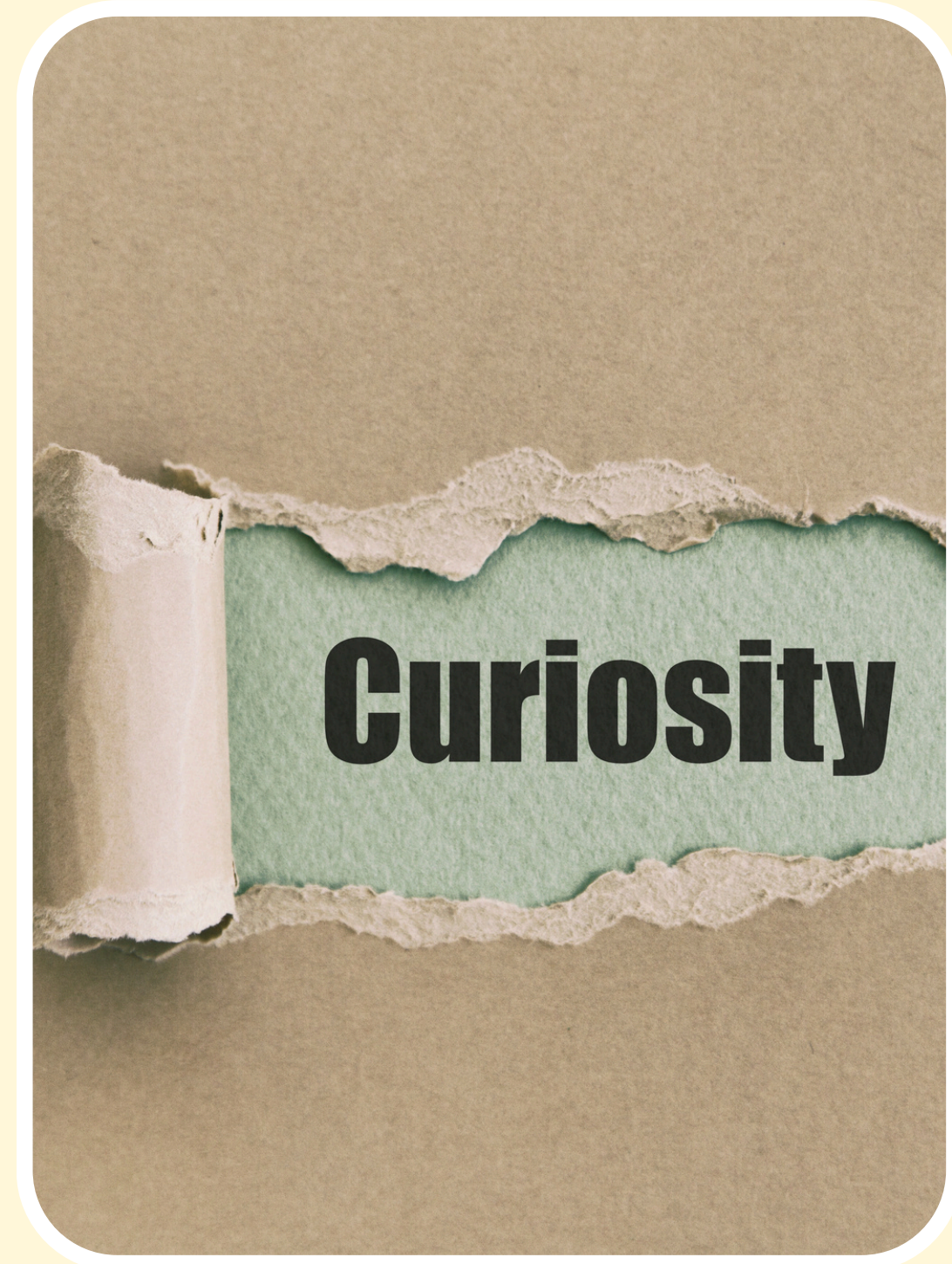


I decided to see for myself what people were actually saying. I had seen what both sides had said but now it was time to see this issue on an individual level. I found organizations like Shout Your Abortion and Planned Parenthood was happy to provide stories of women who were proud of their abortions... or so it seemed. Shout Your Abortion has plenty of stories where women regret the procedure but they brush the pain away as that's the consequence of their choice. On the pro-life side, I found stories from women on LiveAction as well as an entire forum dedicated to parents writing letters to aborted children. This page absolutely broke my heart.



# PART 2: CONCEPT EXPLANATION

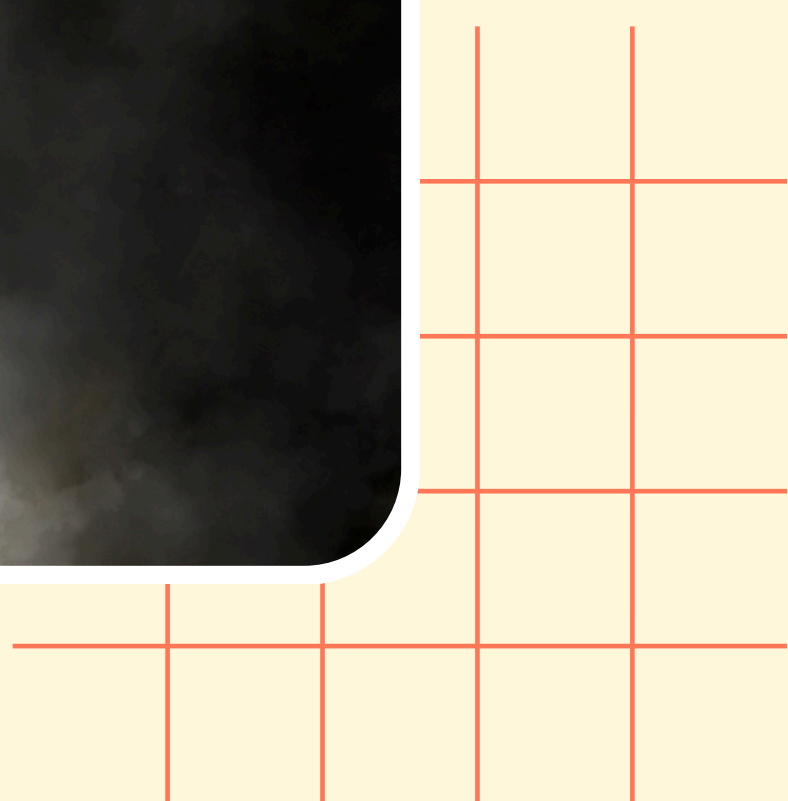
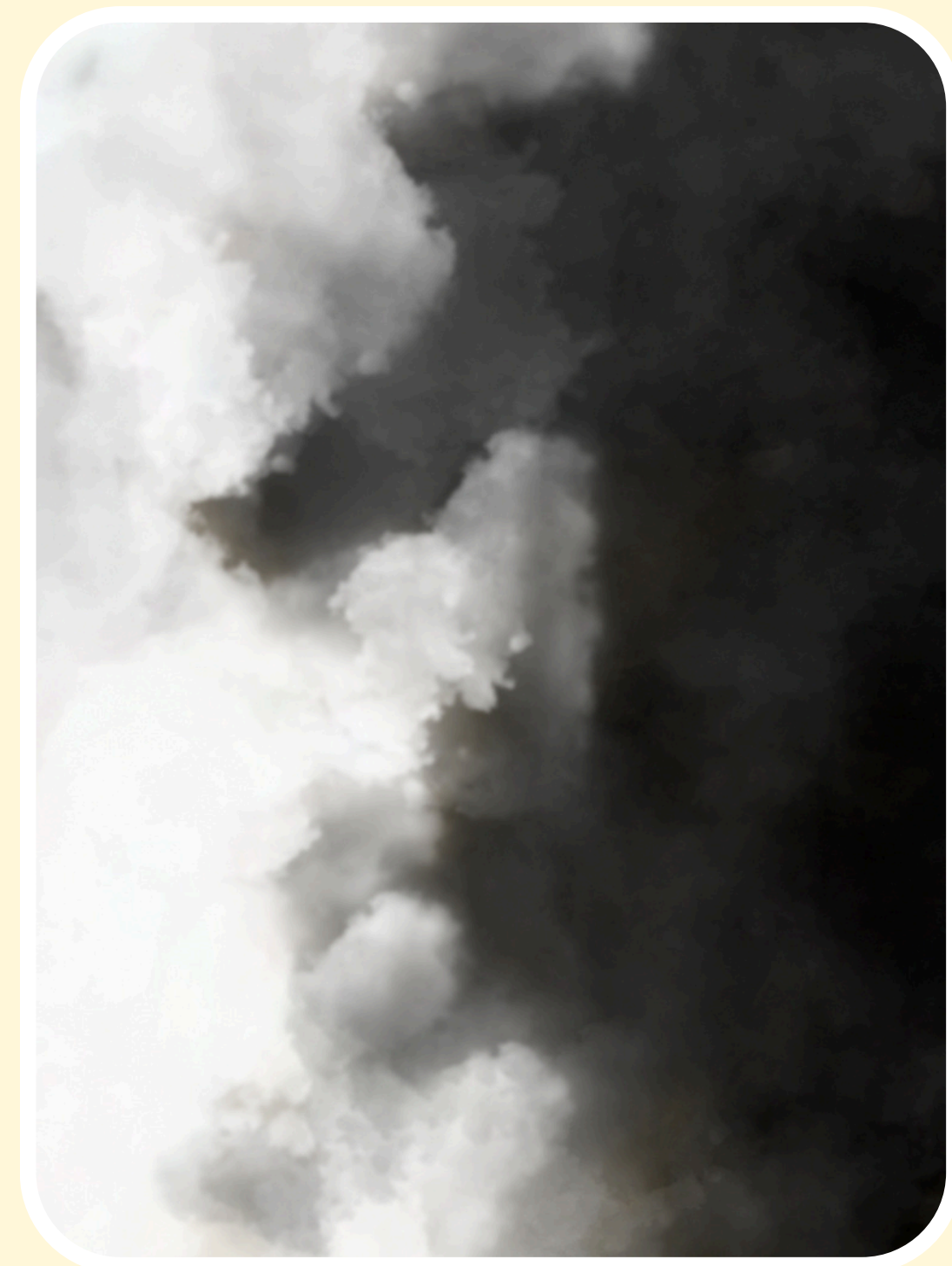
I wanted my audience to have this topic brought to their attention. I wanted to utilize their curiosity and use it to confront them with an issue. This issue being: Abortion clinics are profiting off of fear and ignoring (maybe even suppressing) the voices that warn against it. I wanted to show how society puts abortion on a pedestal but ignores the devastating consequences.





# PART 2: CONCEPT EXPLANATION

I started to gather stories from women and men on their abortion experiences. I printed them and cut them out. Next, I looked up what the media was saying about abortion and the mental effects on women. I cut out quotes from these articles for a comparison to what the reality is.

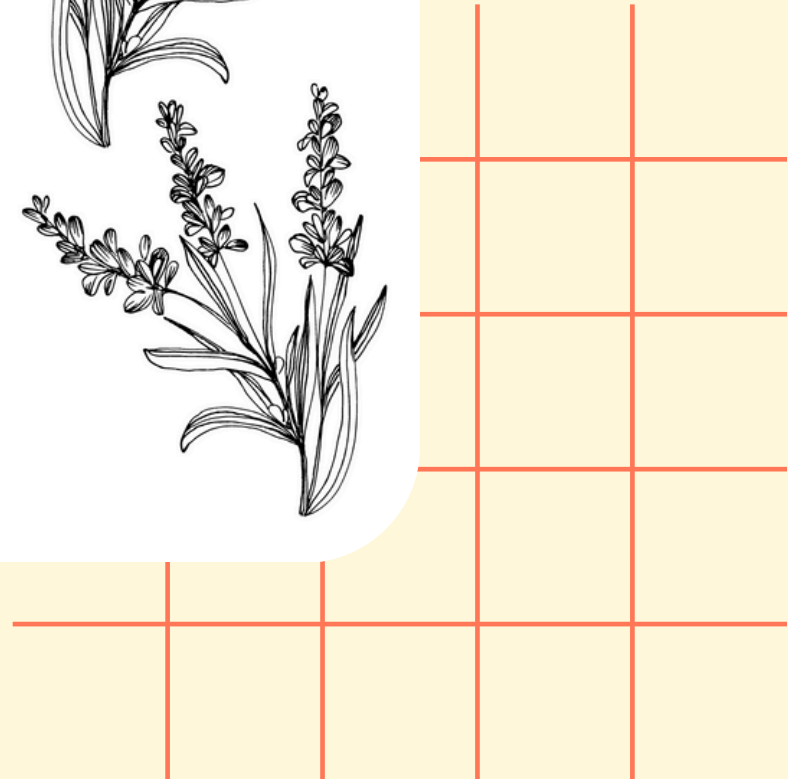


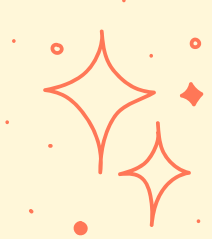




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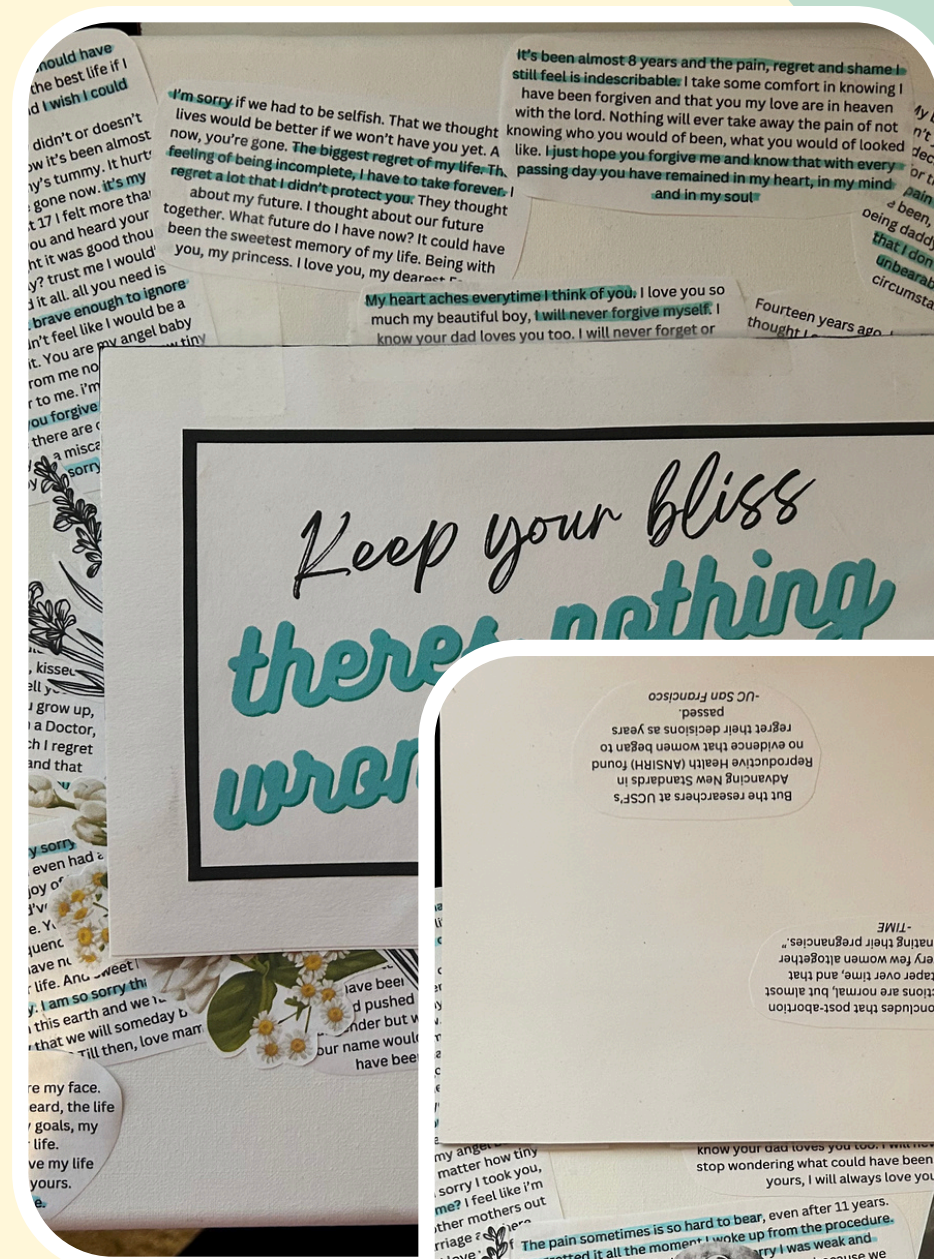
As for symbolism, I included flowers that have various meanings. I included Lily of the Valley, which represents death, Lavender which means healing, and White Lilies, used in some cultures for funerals.





# PART 2: CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

I printed and cut out pieces for the composition and rearranged them repeatedly. I thought I had settled on a final draft but wound up not liking it because I had misplaced some items and it lacked some of the symbolism I wanted. Here is the first draft:



# PART 3: CLOSED



# PART 3: INSIDE

**Surgical abortion in 2022 ranged from \$578 to \$2,008.**

**Costs for sedation and additional medication could add up to \$360**

Everyone has their own unique and valid reasons for having an abortion.

More than 50% of international psychological research shows that having an abortion does not lead to mental health issues, but it can benefit the person and their family.

It's rare to have serious, long-term effects on your mental health after an abortion.

A small number of women have emotional reactions after having an abortion, but they recover in a fairly short time.

Abortion is self-care. It's your choice, and it's your right.

...ing an abortion does not increase your risk of breast cancer, and it doesn't cause depression or mental health issues.

...opening to me, I've been feeling a lot of regret that I didn't protect you. They thought I was a bad mother... and this... my own flesh and blood... suicidal. I was... couldn't deal with...

# PART 3: OPEN

regret a lot that I... about my future. I thought about our future together. What future do I have now? It could've been the sweetest memory of my life. Please tell me, you, my... I love you, my dear...

My boy isn't your boy. We decided in 2004 and for the first time in my life, I was in pain that can be imagined. Only the month of many tears over the joy or a girl. Would you have my love if I had these things? I'm sorry, I took a chance and those...

...a little one. I'm so very sorry for... You will never know the joy of being loved by your siblings (and you would've been loved by... know that you are... and... only... baby boy... live... at we didn't... failed. We... day be reu... e mama

... here, it's my fault... deal with everything... en here. I didn't... ed your... through... We... it we had... ere a gi... addison. You would... little dove.

...awson and... after... was ver... emotional... became very... the y... without me realizing... self-esteem... ight. I... been 6 1/2... since your... abortion. I tried to stop... argued at... for three weeks but in the end, I caved. I gave her the... and told her I didn't care anymore. Not a day goes by that I don't think about it. My best friend, who would have been your honorary uncle, has a daughter that would be your age. I can't tell you how sorry I am... and I will never forgive myself for allowing it to happen.

...good mother.. and this... d no one can take yo... were baby. you sti... orry it had to be... allowed to grief... ere that lost th... one took your... the smoking felt... Like I have taken... nishing mys...

...first start... in 2012... got to be [sick] so out... of stairs v... Initially, I felt relief... the relief was r... andish. I beca... ol, liver... nial of r... 3 to dr... fe living... t could... My dear child... ; childre... you into the... , but I... don't regret ou... on eve...

...regretted... me... the... "M... ever... sorry I was... ant to keep you... n't want to give y... and love me like your... you. How wrong we... would have loved you... second of my life. B... He also hurts for... You have 2 sisters... ug you and hold and kiss... y could I have been so stu... ith God, Jesus y tu bisabuela... being and hope you can fr... to God. The only... you!

...My precious baby boy! Please forgive... total ignorance! I Miss You So Much! It's de... it still hurts! You could have been anything... I am sorry I didn't give you that chance at... abortion I wanted to die and it took years to m... mourning never stops! The Regret Never St... you are with Our Heavenly Father and... precious baby boy will pray for me as I co... e t... without you by my side!

...You... regret it your whole life... I'm still g... three children I did not hav... -Kaya Jones



**THANK  
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