

The Way It Is



Top Left: positioning the string drawing on top of a freshly made sheet of abaca; *Top Right:* removing the jig; *Bottom Left:* couching a second layer of abaca, sandwiching the string between the two sheets; *Bottom Right:* the wet sheet of paper, ready to be pressed and dried.

Artist Statement: Threads are a frequent feature in my work, sometimes functioning as sculptural elements, sometimes embedded in sheets of paper or used to stitch or tie paper components together, and often creating metaphors for the physical, emotional and spiritual connections between people.

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Size: 18" x 12"

Medium/Materials: handmade abaca paper with embedded string drawing, letterpress printing

Letterpress Printing: Sandy Tilcock, Lone Goose Press

Image/Illustration Process: actual string drawing sandwiched between sheets of handmade paper

Book Structure/Binding Method: broadside

The Way It Is by William Stafford

There's a thread you follow. It goes among things that change. But it doesn't change. People wonder about what you are pursuing. You have to explain about the thread. But it is hard for others to see. While you hold onto it, you can't get lost. Tragedies happen; people get hurt or die; and you suffer and get old. Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding. You don't ever let go of the thread.

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â™«The Way It Is. â—, Album : Community soundtrack - Performed by: Pierce Hawthorne âº Composed by: Bruce Hornsby - First heard: Advanced Criminal Law. In the study group's first year at Greendale, Annie was made the head of the school committee tasked with writing a new school song. The debut of the song was to coincide with the unveiling of the Luis Guzman statue dedicated to Greendale's most famous alumni. Pierce volunteered for the task after he claimed to be a great composer. Annie convinced Dean