

At first glance, do you know how much someone has endured? How is the identity of an individual impacted by childhood trauma? This coat symbolizes the unknown past of individuals.

I created a collage inside of a coat. I want to share pieces of my story without it becoming too personal. Collaging isn't something I have done a lot, other than scraping through my mom's old magazines when I was seven. This coat displays the gallery of photos I've collected. Nearly all of these images are mine. (Some I took recently; others I pulled from the past.)

Each picture has a story, sense, feeling, or physical memory that impacted my growth. This collection is important to me, because I often feel as though I am looked at with no consideration of my experiences.

My past isn't presented on the outside, even though those moments and feelings may be stuck on the inside. Everyone wears a "coat of experience." What would yours look like?

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