

“Unravel”

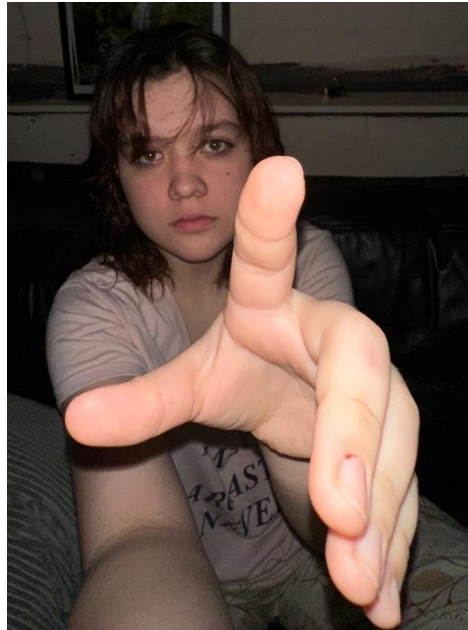
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30cm x 40cm



Initial painting session



Referenced photo



Initial sketch

Unravel is a personal project inspired by the multiple contemporary artists I am currently studying at TAFE, such as Jenny Saville. My painted pieces are all heavily inspired by personal experience and emotion, which I try to convey through portraiture and human anatomy. The idea of “giving too much of yourself” and with that, destroying yourself in the process, is an idea I have wanted to express for the past 2 years, however have been unable to find a unique way that includes my personal skill set. Through this painting, I experimented with a multitude of different techniques, investigating how to most effectively paint skin, as well as using proportions to further enhance the meaning of the painting (e.g. making the eyes bigger to emphasise innocence and childhood). Overall, the emotions and technical skill of this piece is something I am quite proud of, I am glad that I could find a way to best demonstrate my concepts in a concise way.