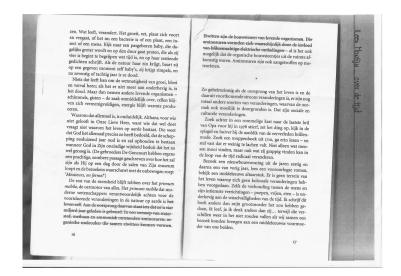
# TAXIDERMIC LABORATORY by Amber Veel

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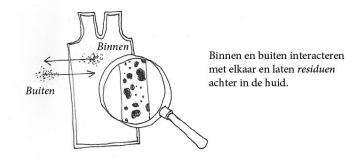
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## 2. PROTEINS AS THE SOURCE OF LIFE

Source: Copy from book: 'Over de tijd' by Ileen Montijn.

Proteins are the building blocks of living organisms.



### 9. SURFACE RESIDUE'S

Source: Sketch by Amber Veel.

The inside and outside world interact with each other through the skin surface. Leaving residues of this interaction behind in the skin as readable traces.



### 10. BLASCHKO LINES ON BACK

**Source:** *Internet download:* 

http://www.thescienceforum.com/anthropology-archaeology-palaeontology/48328-waterside-humans-blaschkos-lines.html



### 24. TRANSPARENT SKIN

**Source:** Photo of a tag by Laser 3.14 (Borgerstraat, Amsterdam, 2011)

#### Man hult zich in huid vermoorde moeder

vrijdag 18 februari 2005 11:18

Voorbijgangers dachten aanvankelijk dat hij een bijzonder carnavalspak droeg. De werkelijkheid is bijna te gruwelijk om waar te zijn. Nadat de 42-jarige Roland Z. uit Vlaardingen in de carnavalsnacht van 4 op 5 februari zijn moeder had vermoord, vilde hij haar, trok haar huid aan en liep zo 's nachts anderhalf uur

Dat meldt De Telegraaf vrijdag. In eerste instantie werd de buitenissige outfit van de man volgens de krant niet opgemerkt. Toen hij op een drukke kruising het verkeer ging regelen, belden automobilisten de politie.



Pas daar werd de bizarre werkelijkheid duidelijk. Een arts zou hebben vastgesteld

dat de man, een it-er die lijdt aan

godsdienstwaanzin, de 15 kilo wegende huid van een vrouw om zich heen had

De man bekende de moord op zijn moeder direct. Hij zou hebben gehandeld in opdracht van God. Zijn nachtelijke wandeling was bedoeld om zich voor God te vernederen, zo zou hij tegenover de politie hebben verklaard.

Of hij is geinspireerd door de Amerikaanse film Silence of the Lambs is niet bekend. In deze film vermoordt en vilt een man jonge vrouwen om met hun huiden zijn droom om een vrouw te worden te verwezenlijken

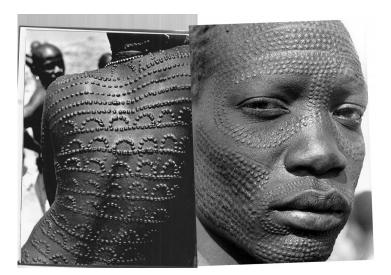
Volgens zijn advocaat is Roland Z. een zachtaardige, intelligente man

Het Openbaar Ministerie in Rotterdam bevestigt in een persbericht dat het lichaam van de vrouw ernstig verminkt is. Maar over de aard van de verminkingen wil het OM volgens een woordvoerster geen nadere mededelingen doen.

### 30. MAN WRAPS HIMSELF WITH THE SKIN OF HIS MOTHER

**Source:** Copy from news item. Elsevier.nl, 18-2-2005.

After the 42-year-old Roland Z. from Vlaardingen killed his mother in the carnival night of February 4, he skinned her, put on her skin like a robe and wandered the streets like this for half an hour that night.



#### 34. SKIN DATA -SCARIFICATION

**Source:** Scarification (n.d.) In Wikipedia. Retrieved January 20, 2016.

Scarifying involves scratching, etching, burning / branding, or superficially cutting designs, pictures, or words into the skin as a permanent body modification. In the process of body scarification, scars are formed.



36. WRINKLED PAPER SKIN

Source: Wrinkled picture.



### 37. DIRTY HANDS

**Source:** Clipping from newspaper.

Contact with the outside world leaves traces. A story about life can be read of this encounter between skin and outside world.

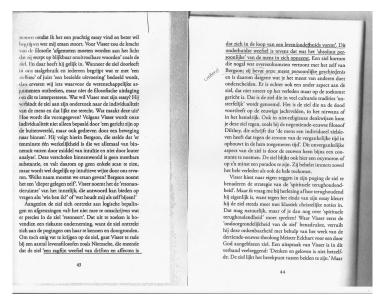
Work, place, action, material...



### 38. SKIN: THE HUMAN FABRIC

**Source:** Copy from book: 'Skin: the Human Fabric' by Doug M. Podolsky.

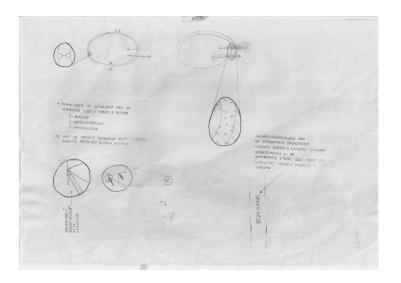
I studied textile at the art academy. There I found out that my 'textile' was the skin.



### 42. SKIN ABSORBING THE ABSOLUTE PERSONAL

**Source:** Copy from book: 'Windstilte van de ziel' by Joke Hermsen.

I believe that our skin collects traces of our life. Joke Hermsen underwrites this concept in her queste to 'find the soul'.



### 43. SKIN COLLECTING DATA

Source: Sketch by Amber Veel.

When the inside and outside world interact with each other through the skin barrier, they leave traces of this interaction inside the skin. Rikke Hansen, 'Travelling Skins: Hides, Furs and other Animal Surfaces in Art'

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'Why do you tear me from myself?' the satyr cries as the god carves the skin from his body. It is a

classic scene, mentioned in Ovid's Metamorphoses and depicted by numerous painters, such as

Jusepe de Ribera in his Apollo Flaying Marsyas, 1637. In front of this image, we become

witnesses to the satyr's public flaying. His crime: challenging Apollo to a musical contest.

Hanging him from a tree, Apollo cuts away Marsyas' skin. As the flayed skin blends with the

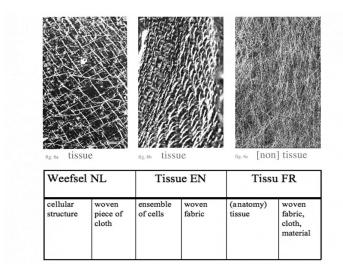
redness of Apollo's cape it becomes difficult to see where skin ends and cloth begins. And skin is

not all that is 'stripped': the animal-part of Marsyas' body has almost vanished from the image.

# 49. WHERE THE SKIN ENDS AND CLOTH BEGINS

**Source:** Fragment of article: 'Traveling skins: hides, furs and other animal surfaces in art' by R. Hansen.

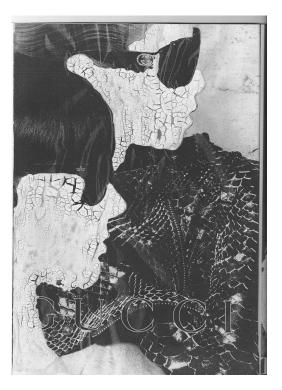
Skin and textile are closely connected. Like wearing a skin.



### 65. TISSUE

Source: Collage by Amber Veel.

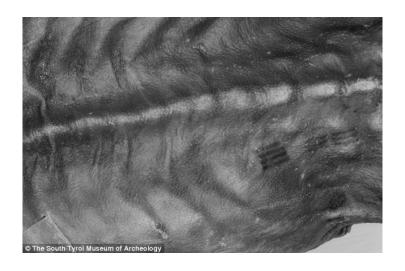
The relationship between skin and textile can also be found in the word: tissue. Tissue as an ensemble of cells. Tissue as a piece of fabric or cloth.



# 68. COVERED SKIN SURFACE

Source: Crafted fashion magazine ad by Amber Veel.

Chalk and collagen glue on photo paper.



### 70. OTZI'S TATTOO

Information is stored in the skin. After a good preservation the skin and all its data can be kept for a very long time. It gives us now the opportunity to read the skin of a person who lived a very long time ago.