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Jeongmoon Choi creates dazzling UV-illuminated installations with wool thread coated in fluorescent paint

This Berlin-based painter was looking to transcend the planar restrictions of the canvas when she discovered the possibilities of illuminated string. We get the story behind Choi's trippy installations.

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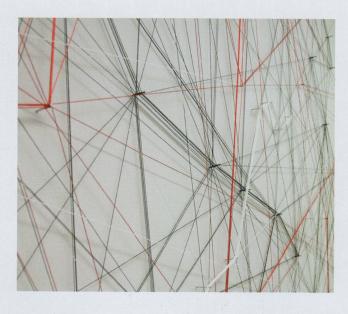
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# "I ALWAYS DREAMED I'D BE ABLE TO WALK THROUGH MY WORK."



### DB: What do people walk away from your work thinking or feeling? Jeongmoon Choi: I want

to inspire a 'dialogue of perspectives' in the spectator. The fluorescent threads seem like a laser beam in a dark room. Visitors are initially confused, oftentimes they are put in a meditative state. They tend to spend a long time in the room within the installation, naturally changing perspectives, interacting with it from many angles.

## DB: Has anyone ever tripped over the threads?

JC: This happens. Not very often, fortunately. It takes some time until the viewers realize that the installation consists of fragile threads. When they do, they become very careful. Some still touch the threads, to feel the tension.

### DB: If you could create a thread installation in any famous place in the world, where would it be?

JC: I have a dream of a huge UV illuminated installation symbolizing sewing back together the two Korean nations, right along the border between North and South Korea—an illuminated line of thread, symbolizing a seam. I also could imagine setting up a huge pyramid right next to the original ones in Egypt or South America, consisting purely of lines and light. Viewers could actually get inside those and feel the inner dimensions. w