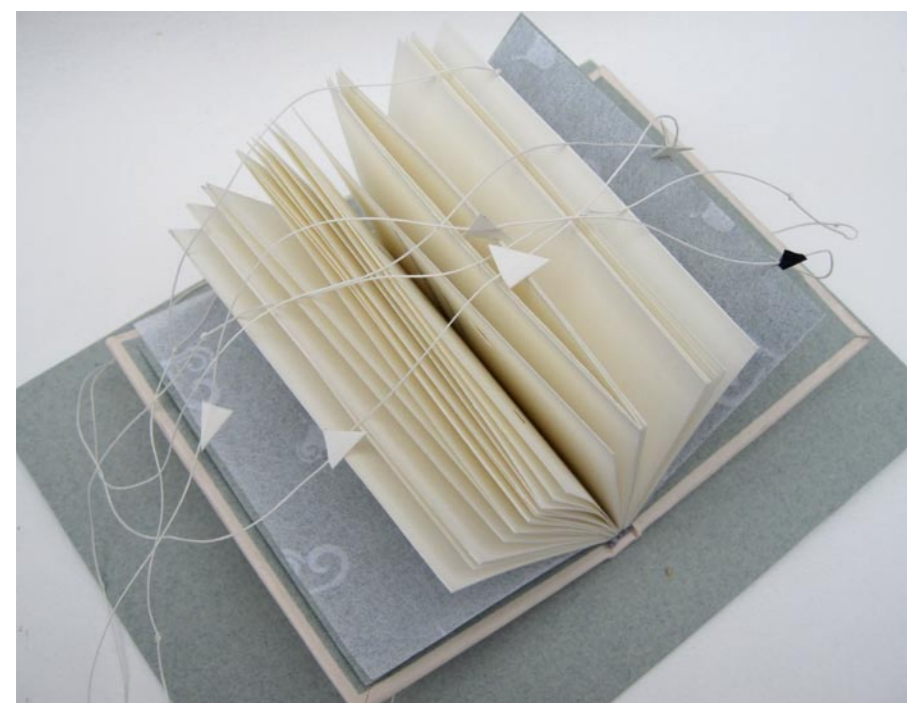


THREADS OF LIFE

darts of joy and sorrow



Princess Caroline
– charting the births of her children

The book has 54 pages – one page for each year of Caroline's life. Each child is named with the year of their birth on the relevant page. A dart has been handcut from the page and transferred to the linen thread which runs around and through the book, linking the threads of life in her family. There are nine darts – a dart for each of her nine children. One dart is coloured in black to mark the stillbirth of her fifth child Prince Augustus George in 1716.

The cover has been blind embossed with thread.

Text digitally printed on 125gsm Canaletto Liscio paper.

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BEYOND THE WINDOW

windows filled with pencilled dreams



Princess Caroline longed to look out to the world and experience travel. She was a forward thinking woman with interests in politics, the arts and science.

This book represents Caroline's longing to go out into the world. We imagine her dreaming of a world beyond the window looking out to reach the marvels of the universe.

The windows seem to be never ending and the mirrors that surround the book help to show how her dreams could never be attained. She contented herself with collecting curiosities that the men brought back from their travels.

The windows in this concertina book are handcut. The window panes are covered with Japanese paper and screen printed from pencilled drawings to reflect her dreams. The 'Maru-chitsu' wraparound case is screen printed onto bookcloth and can be closed with a Japanese bone clasp.

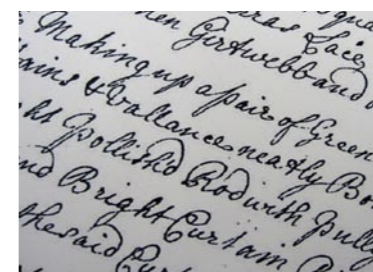
HOUSE OF ACCOUNTS

a house within a room



This little house was inspired by Princess Caroline's love of curiosities.

It is covered with the accounts from Caroline's household. The outside of the house has been button-polished to give an ageing effect to the colour. The handmade book, filled with lists of accounts, becomes the roof of the house. It is covered in bookcloth and lined inside with marbled paper.



The accounts show the furnishings and expenses of materials and services.

for example:

- 6 French Hammers
- 4 Flat Brass Candlesticks
- 111 yards and 3/4 of Broad Green
- Silk Arras Lace

The house sits in a room where the walls are covered with accounts and the curtain is screenprinted with a montage of the accounts.