

# IF MOUNTAIN

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## Artist Statement

In life, a seemingly small or thoughtless decision, an apparent tiny incident, can lay a foundation directing and constructing the map of life for years to come. I usually become aware of the structures my decisions have conjured long after the blueprint is written and the life edifice is well under way. If only, I often think. I try to stay away from such thoughts, but knowing life is an enormous concatenation constructed with choice makes it difficult to resist. These paintings work in the same manner. Basic shapes and foundations are chosen, the gaps are then filled in by inevitable personality and circumstance, and I end up with an embodiment. It's a living map reminding me of choice and all the possibilities declined.