

Colourful Collages

Borrow a little bit of this and that to make a beautiful and bright collage. This exercise encourages hands on creativity and imagination.

What you need:

A collection of craft materials that will stick -

Old magazines or catalogues, newspapers, material offcuts, ribbon, natural objects like leaves or feathers, wool, cellophane, buttons, patty pans, foil, stamps, stickers, photographs - whatever you can find!

Kids scissors

Glue

Paper, card or a scrapbook



What to do:

- + Cut up lots of different craft materials in interesting shapes and sizes – use a mixture of colours
- + Stick your items down however you want
- + You could draw the outline of an animal, a flower, a friend, a house- whatever you like- then paste your craft materials on to the picture
- + Be as creative as you like!

Tip! Make your collage into a card and gift to a loved one



There are so many ways to collage, let your craft materials and imagination guide the way

Check out the following page for collage ideas:

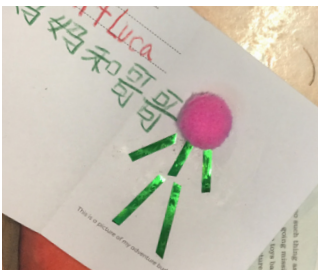


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Photo Collage

Print off family photographs, encourage children to cut around the shape – if it is a person, help them cut around the outline of the person's body. Stick these different cut outs down onto a large piece of paper – or you could try using a canvas! Paint a coloured background on the canvas, let it dry, then layer up your photograph cuttings. Use items like buttons, stamps or lace to create a border.



Collage with Paper

Cut or tear pieces of coloured paper into various shapes – assemble and glue. Guide children on how to colour code. This teaches matching up different shades of one colour. Try layering different types of paper like tissue paper or thicker card.



Collage Journal

Using a scrapbook or notepad to create a mini collage that represents each day, week or month. Encourage children to collect a couple of items throughout their day – set aside some time to stick these items into the journal. Help them write notes and the date. This will make a beautiful keepsake for years to come.

3D Collage

Use cardboard or textured materials like sand, wool or pom poms to create a 3D artwork – encourage children to create a self-portrait using this method.

Mixed Media Collage

Use fabrics layered on top of different textured papers. Get creative! What do you have on hand? Collect some items from nature like grass cuttings or leaves. Tear up pieces of foil, scrunch them up then smooth them out and stick down. Use paper patty pans to create depth – talk about the textures created by the different materials.