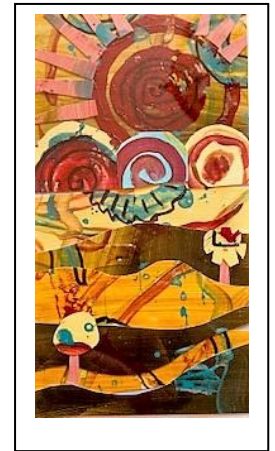


COLLAGE INTO DESIGN

BACKGROUND:

Collage is a unique art form in that the artist uses torn or cut papers and objects to create a new artwork. Often the pieces are recycled construction, tissue and other papers; cardboards; magazine pages; gift wrap; wallpaper; greeting cards; newspaper; sandpaper; foils and natural materials, including grasses, dried flowers, etc. The composition is not drawn or painted as much as cut or torn and then assembled. Themes vary from complete abstract to portraits of people and animals, landscapes and cityscapes, still life and vehicles. The collage shown here was made from pre-painted canvas paper that was cut into pieces, then reassembled into a design. Many picture book artists and graphic designers use collage as illustration.



MATERIALS:

- Any materials listed above, including paper and plastic plates, Styrofoam trays and packing pieces, egg cartons, yarn, fabric, bubble wrap, dried leaves, bark, etc.
- Glues appropriate for materials including white glue, glue sticks, tacky glues, glue gun
- Support: cardboard, posterboard, heavy paper
- scissors
- Option to making a collage: a pictorial example of collage by an artist
- Drawing paper and small paper turned into a viewfinder
- Markers, pencil, colored pencil or crayons, Paint is an option

PROJECT:

- A. Creating your own collage is certainly an option. Collect several of the materials listed and use a theme such as self-portrait, my neighborhood, my pet, my bedroom, sunrise or sunset, etc. to construct using materials you have assembled. The process complexity often depends on the size of the support and the amount of materials needed. Tearing and cutting and assembling multiple materials is rewarding but also time consuming.
- B. Another option is to research collage artist on the internet or in a library. Choose an existing collage by an artist and use either a print, the book with illustrations, or print a copy. Using two pieces of paper cut into “L” shapes, bring these together forming a “viewfinder” and isolate areas of the collage seeking interesting designs. After you have located the new design, copy (and enlarge if you wish) this area on a new piece of paper. Color using crayon, marker, or colored pencil creating a new design using a small area of a collage.
- C. Create your own collage, then isolate an area using a viewfinder and copy it. Paint a canvas enlarging the design. Display side by side or figure out how to include the collage in the painting or vice versa.

