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In this Packet

In this lesson, you will learn collage technique using items you can find in your home.

This lesson has been prepared using mostly various kinds of paper, but you can use other textiles or materials of your choice.

Required Materials: Paper, old magazines or books, glue (or tape), pencil, pen or permanent marker, scrap paper (from paper bags, origami paper, or soap wrappings).



Collage: Getting Started

Collage is a technique used to visually represent an idea by assembling different forms, materials and textures into a new whole. Some materials often used in collage include newspaper or magazine clippings, scrap paper, photographs and textiles such as clothing. Collage allows you to get really creative - there are really no rules!

Start by thinking of the theme you'd like your collage to have. Since we are all indoors at the moment, I decided to bring the outside in by making mine nature-themed.

Gather some old magazines or books. Flipping through them can help you to decide on a theme. You may want to select a colour scheme for your collage; this can help it to look more united.



Once you have decided on a theme, cut out images or words that stand out to you. Set these aside.

Now it's time to find more textured materials to add some contrast and interest to the collage.

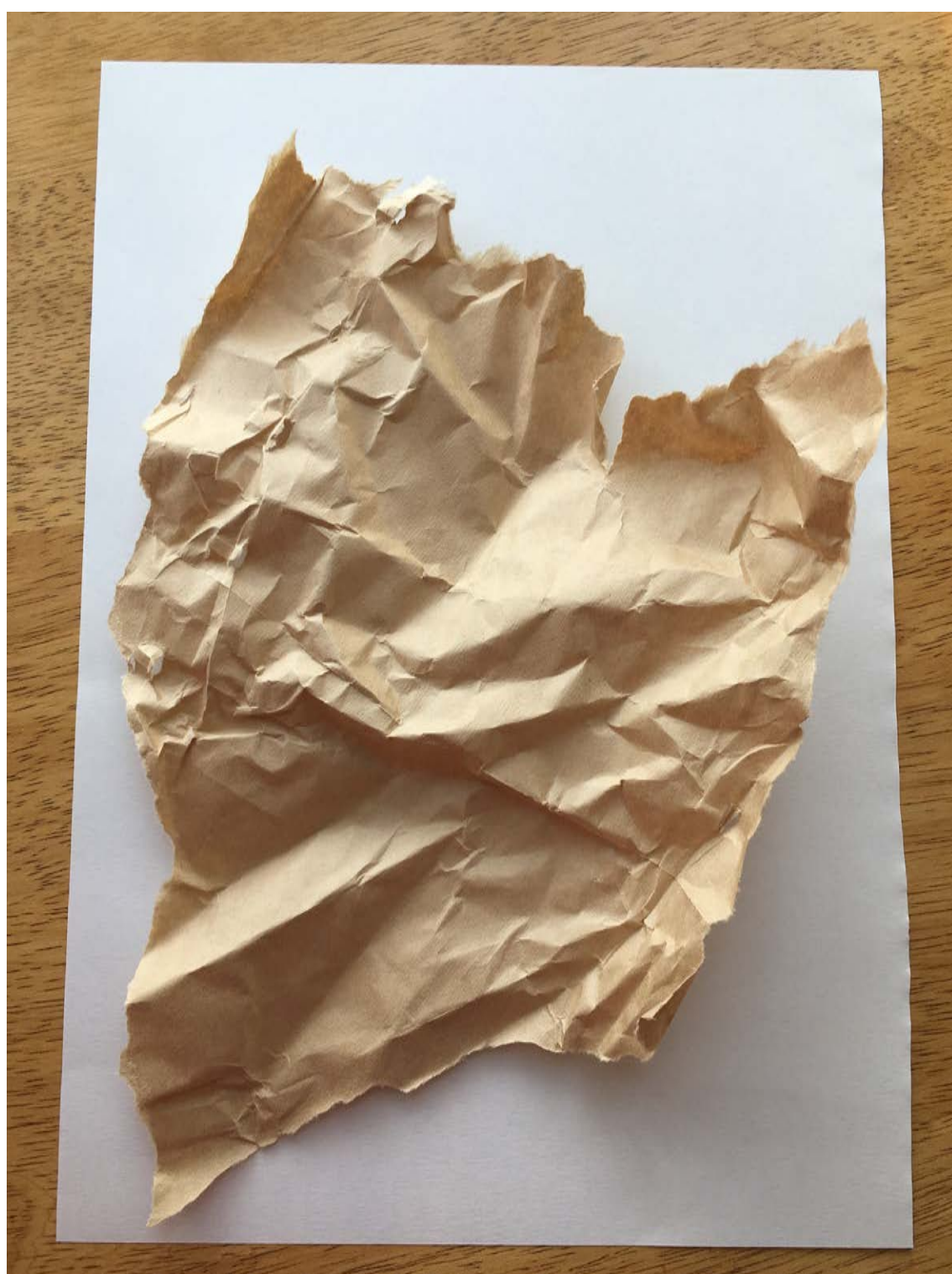


Collage: Choosing Materials

Look around your house for any scrap paper you might like to use in your collage. Make sure you ask your parents or guardian first, and only use materials that you won't need later! It's good to choose paper of different sizes, weights, textures or patterns to create some contrast. I used brown paper from a paper bag, a and soap wrapping paper.

Those who want more of a challenge can also include items like dried flowers or fabric from old clothes.

Once you have all of your materials, start to arrange them on the blank paper. I used my paper bag to create a background first.



The idea is to include many shapes and textures. I tore the edges of my paper bag for a more interesting shape, but I also left straight edges on some of the photo cut-outs.



Collage: Layering

Create layers by placing materials on top of each other. It's best to play around with them first before gluing or taping them down. Once you are satisfied with how they look, you can glue them down. Don't over-do the glue! If you are using liquid glue, you can use a paint brush to apply a thin layer. Be sure to let every layer dry before adding another one.

I created more shapes by cutting flowers out of my soap wrapper. Sketch them out first to make cutting easier.



Add some decorations or words with a pen or marker. I drew on some extra leaf vines with a pencil first, then went over it with a pen before erasing any left over pencil marks.

You can try drawing part of your design over a piece of the paper or fabric to keep your layered look.

Collage: Final Touches



Add any final touches you like. I chose to outline these magazine orchids with a permanent marker to create some contrast. I also added a few extra words by hand to go with my nature theme.

And here's my finished product! Have fun and email photos of your collages to education@nationalgallery.org.ky.



References and Additional Resources

For more information on collages and useful tips for creating them visit:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/c/collage>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0d9G1NgqiGo>

One of our own Walkers Art Club instructors is an accomplished collage artist! See David Bridgeman's collage work at his website: <https://www.davidbridgeman.co.uk/collages>