



VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

Collage Creations (Ages 9-12)

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Materials Overview

- Elmer's glue
- Glue sticks
- Mod Podge
- Pack of construction paper (240 pages for \$3.96 at Walmart)
- Glass vessel
- 4"x6" Dollar store picture frames (3 total)
- Old magazines that can be ripped
- 2D collage kit
- 3D collage kit
- Leaves, sticks, acorns, tiny rocks, sand, feathers, shells or any small items that can be found outside AND/OR nature collage kit
- Pencil
- Markers
- A box (shoe box or relative to that size, larger is fine)

Class 1

Welcome and overview of the class and materials.

Collage Treasure Box: We are going to collage on the outside of a box to create a special place in which to store beautiful items we find that might be useful in collage projects. A box has a lot of area, so students must think creatively and strategically on how to cover it. Think about collaging some words on the outside. What kinds of images, patterns and textures attract you?

Materials: basic collage kit, magazines, construction paper, glue sticks, elmer's glue, a box (shoe box size, or relative to that size)

Class 2

Nature Mandala: Students will use a piece of construction paper and fold it (like you would when you make paper snowflakes). The paper will be cut around the edges (not in the interior) while it is folded, in order to give us a circular or flower-like form. When the paper is unfolded, we will use it as the background for a nature mandala. Students will gather natural objects. Starting from the center, the natural objects will be formed in circles, surrounding the center. When the mandala is finished, we can

remove it and start over. Do this 3 times. On the final mandala, we will glue the objects in their place.
*Don't forget to take a photo. Many natural objects change over time.

Materials: Construction paper, Elmer's glue, scissors, nature objects

Class 3

Hide and Find Me Map: If you hid your heart and your head in your room and accidentally left them there, would anyone be able to find them? Begin by drawing a sketch of your room. Map out your bed and other important objects in your room. Try to make sure they are proportional and have accurate shape. Think about the things in your room that you love the most. Do you love sleeping, playing video games, drawing or reading? Maybe your heart is hidden in the pocket of your favorite pair of pants in the back of your closet. After considering these concepts, students will create an actual map of their room. Beginning with a sheet of construction paper as the floor, students will choose non-representational colors to cut from and map out the objects in their room like the bed, desk, rug, or life-size picture of Batman in the corner. These objects will be pasted to the floor in a blue-print rendering; however, we will leave hidden openings that create pockets. Consider the color palette that you are using. What designs can we find and/or create from magazine clippings that will help to elevate the composition? How is empty space important in both a room and in an artist composition? Finally, students will be asked to hide a few things in the room. Among the hidden objects, they should include their own heart and their own brain. The hiding place should make conceptual sense. For an added challenge, students can create a scavenger hunt list and/or a riddle clue for people to find the hidden objects.

Materials: Construction paper, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, magazines, collage kits, scissors

Class 4

Kindness Cookie Jar: First, students will personalize their cookie jar by finding thin and small paper clippings from magazines, newspapers, the collage kit and other sources. The student will compile a small collage to paste onto the jar-vessel. One thin layer of Mod Podge will be laid onto the jar. The small collage images will then be stuck onto the Mod Podge. Finally, one last layer of Mod Podge will cover the entire jar (Except the lid, rim of opening and inside of jar). The remainder of class will be spent creating "Kindness Cookies". Students will need a cup or other cylinder to trace circles onto construction paper. Construction paper circles will be carefully cut out with scissors and then decorated with other, special collage items. Finally, students should leave a kind message on each cookie, like "You're sweet!", "I am grateful for you." or "You have the power to do great things!" When the projects are dry, students will be equipped to spread kindness to anyone who crosses their path.

Materials: dollar store glass jar, Mod Podge, magazines, collage kit, scissors, markers, construction paper

Class 5

The FramesTriptych : The class will begin with a review of patterns, mandalas and graphic designs. Each student will create a world of wonder with negative space, translucency and a colorful variety of small dimensional objects. Each student will deconstruct a picture frame. The back is removed. The inside of the glass will be covered with a medium layer of Mod Podge. Students will strategically place individual 3D collage items into the mod podge (in a mosaic style), except students should consider the pattern, design and the way light passes through different media. Students should experiment with a range of materials, from beads and shells to tissue paper and fabric. When the Mod Podge dries, the product will be a two-way-window of unique beauty.

Materials: 3 Dollar store picture frames, Mod Podge, 3D collage kit, other found small found objects

Class 6

Abstract Theme Park: Discuss abstraction: Helen Frankenthaler - Mountains and Sea, Jorn Utzon- Sydney Opera House, Henry Moore- Reclining Figures. Paper manipulation techniques will be taught: 1. Folding 2. Rolling loops and tubes 3. Spiraling 4. Slot construction. Finally, students will use a piece of construction paper as the ground-plane and will build 3D abstractions of theme park attractions. Students should spend some time experimenting with paper manipulation and forms before pasting anything to the ground plane. Students must consider weight, stability and balance.

Materials: Construction paper (several pieces), collage kit, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, pencil, scissors