



BASIC COLLAGE VOCABULARY

Collage	a picture made by gluing different materials - like paper and fabric shapes - onto a flat background.
Mixed Media	a technique that uses two or more art materials in a single composition.
Assemblage	a collage created from more than one type of material.
Variety	when parts of an artwork are different to make the artwork more visually interesting.
Arrangement	an artwork made by placing parts together.
Materials	what something is made of.
Background	what collage materials are attached to.
Geometric Shapes	shapes that have names and are usually the same on both sides; examples include circles, squares, rectangles, triangles, diamonds, ovals, etc.
Organic Shapes	curvy shapes that usually look like things found in nature.

COLLAGE TECHNIQUES

Cutting	to create a crisp, clean edge on an art material with scissors, knife, or a saw.
Tearing	gives a softer, less-defined edge to an art material and is made by ripping the material with one's hands.
Assembly	to put different parts together.

COLLAGE TOOLS

Scissors	a tool used for cutting.
Adhesives	used for joining together parts; white glue, decoupage, Mod Podge, rubber cement, and paste are examples of adhesives.

COLLAGE MATERIALS

Papers	tissue, newsprint, cardboard, wrapping papers.
Fabrics	scraps of cloth, felt, wool, fur, burlap, lace, ribbon.
Fibers	yarn, string, floss.
Plastics	bags, straws, packing materials. yarn, string, floss.
Natural Things	leaves, flowers, sticks, seeds, feathers, seashells, stones, beans, grains, corks, raffia, bark, pine cones.
Recycled Materials	newspapers, magazines, bottle caps.
Man-Made Materials	buttons, sequins, aluminum foil.

