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Art Quest: Creative Collages

Art: [Zayamaca #4 by Al Loving](#)

[Untitled by Sam Middleton](#)

[Self-Portrait by Jack Whitten](#)

The works of art linked above show how three artists created collages using a variety of materials. They combined different art-making processes, including painting, cutting, and gluing. Create your own collage using different types of paper and found materials from around the house. Gather materials such as those listed below to get started.

Collage



Suggested materials

Plain white paper, tissue or decorative paper, magazines, newspapers, glue, scissors, crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint, heavier paper, cardboard, or empty cereal box.

Instructions for making your own creative collage:

Take a piece of plain white paper. Color the surface of the paper with paint, markers, crayons, or colored pencils. Cut the paper into strips, squares, and other shapes. Cut out more shapes from old magazines, tissue or wrapping paper, or other materials. Arrange your cut pieces on a firm backing, such as thick paper, a cereal box, or a piece of cardboard. Your collage can be any shape you like! Glue your arranged pieces to your backing to complete your collage.

