



# Portrait Collage

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# Background

A collage is a form of visual arts in which visual elements are combined to create a new image that conveys a message or idea. Collage comes from the French word "*collér*," which means "to glue," often the primary means of combining images in collage art. Collagers can draw these images from newspaper clippings or print advertisements, or cull them from different materials, like photographs, fabric, wood, and even ephemera.



# Examples





# Materials

- 1- background paper or surface
- 2 - assorted magazines
- 3 - scissors
- 4- gluestick
- 5 - markers (optional)

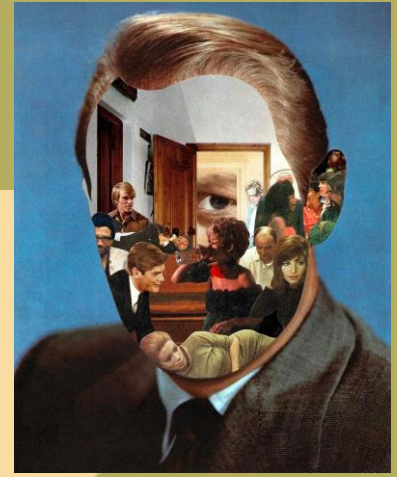
# Instructions

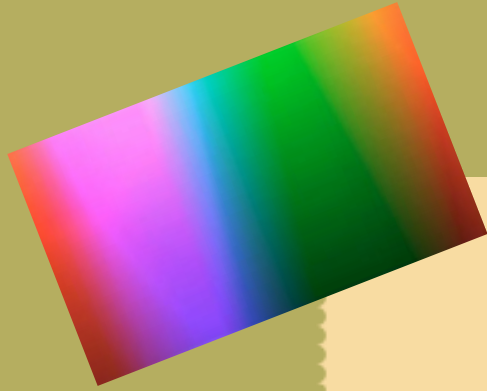
- First, decide if you are going to do a face, or a whole body
- Then, start sorting through the magazines. Look for items that could replace the literal elements of eyes, nose, mouth, hair, ears, arms, leg, torso, etc.
- Tear or cut them out and set them aside in a pile
- When you feel like you have most of what you need, start laying them out on your base paper, but DO NOT GLUE
- As soon as you feel happy with your arrangement, take a photo, then move all the pieces off of the base paper
- Now, thoughtfully glue the pieces down in an order that makes sense as you build your image.





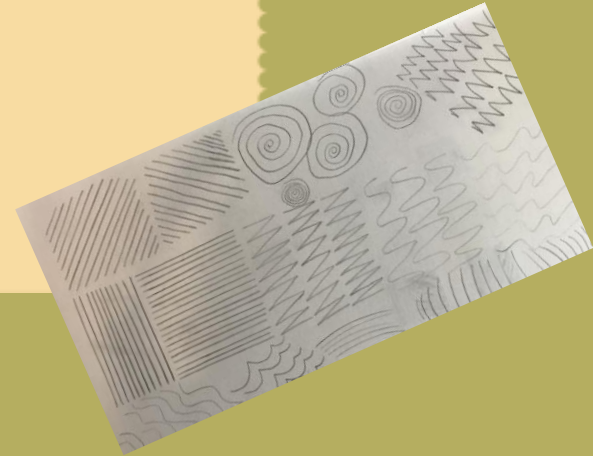
A picture is worth a  
thousand words





# What makes you unique???

*Defining your identity via color, line  
and motif*



A decorative floral border in the top-left corner, featuring dark green vines, red flowers, and small red berries.

# Art Making Time

Put the music on

Whatever is going to relax you and put you into a creative “flow”

Make your art

You can either follow the instructions strictly, or modify as it suits

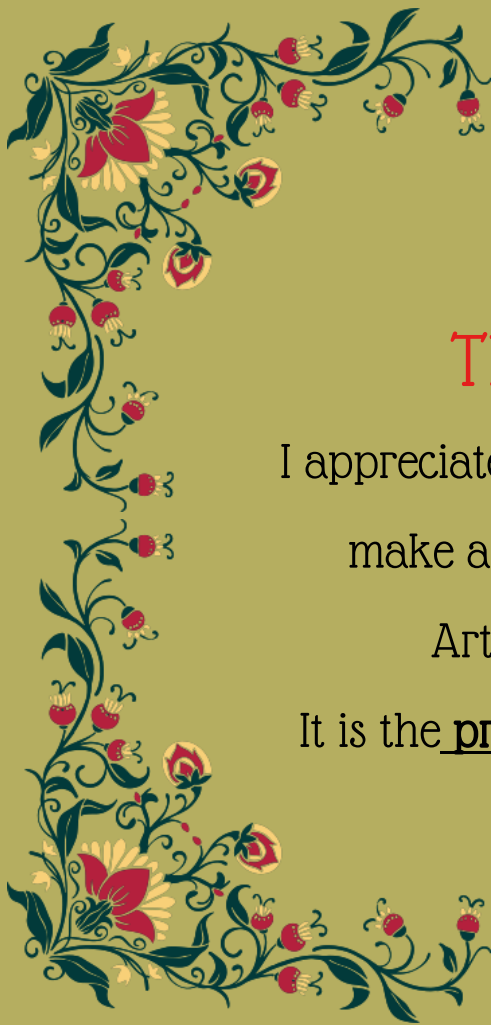




# Gallery Walk

Show your work and let us know which elements you thought were especially successful + share praise for others' creativity!





Thank you!

I appreciate you taking the time to  
make and behold art today.

Art is for everyone.

It is the process, not the product.

