



Matisse Cut Outs

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Background

Summary of Henri Matisse

Diagnosed with abdominal cancer in 1941, Matisse underwent surgery that left him reliant on a wheelchair and often bedbound. Painting and sculpture had become physical challenges, so he turned to a new type of medium. With the help of his assistants, he began creating cut paper collages, or decoupage. He would cut sheets of paper, pre-painted with gouache by his assistants, into shapes of varying colours and sizes, and arrange them to form lively compositions. Initially, these pieces were modest in size, but eventually transformed into murals or room-sized works.





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Materials

Construction paper in assorted colors

Scissors

Glue or glue sticks



Instructions

- Using your scissors, begin to cut out simple shapes
- Try using various types of lines...straight, curvy, jagged, etc.
- Cut out shapes of different sizes and colors of construction paper
- Play around with arranging them on a background
- When you are pleased with your arrangement, go ahead and glue them down



A picture is worth a
thousand words



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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!



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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.

