

Creative Collage

A chance to create, escape, relax, chat...and not worry about being too neat. This is a great way to get started on thinking about something creative and not be tied down by the notion of creating something perfect. It can be an expression of whatever you're thinking about or feeling.

Materials

Magazines Plain paper Glue stick

Rip pictures, words, blocks of colour or text and the like from magazines and glue them on to the paper to create a collage. Don't worry if you make a mistake or change your mind about anything, just stick something else over the top!



It can be a collection of things that appeal, favourite colours or things that remind you of someone or something (for example, a favourite place or holiday). Overlap, place things side-by-side, mix and match elements from different images to create something new...there's no right and wrong.

You can add all sorts into a collage...maps, letters, photos, stamps, tickets.

Ideas for collage themes

A specific colour

A favourite place

Holidays

Things beginning with...

In memory of someone



One step further

You could create collages over time, for example after a happy or special event, when you feel sad or even every day for a week. Add the date on to the collage so you can see when you created it. Does looking back at your collages remind you of a happy day or how you felt when you created it?

Try sharing your collages with others. Can they guess how you were feeling when you created it? Can they guess what your collage is about?

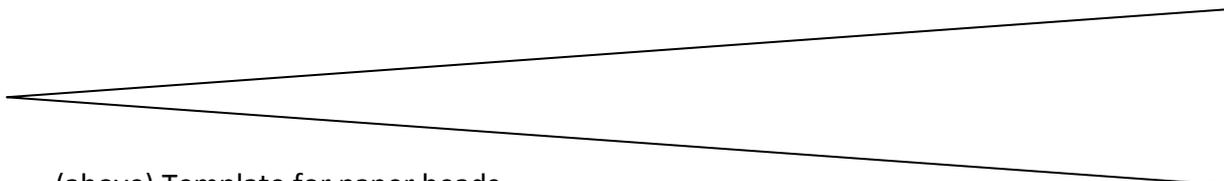
Instead of just sticking pictures on a page, try ripping up colours and text to create a picture, for example, a bowl of fruit, bunch of flowers or even a self portrait.

Paper beads

If you like working with paper, try making an assortment of paper beads. Once finished, they can be put on to a string and made into a necklace or strung up to make decorations.

To make the beads:

- Cut out thin triangles of paper (like the one below). The longer the triangle, the bigger the bead it will make.
- Roll the triangle around a pencil (or toothpick), from the thick end to the thin end.
- Secure the end in place with glue.
- Remove the pencil (or toothpick).



(above) Template for paper beads.