

Paper collage

Collage comes from the French word "coller", which means to stick. A paper collage is a picture made by sticking down scraps of paper, usually of different colours. Artists make collages from lots of different things, including newspapers, cardboard, fabric and even torn-up photographs.

Rip coloured paper out of magazines.



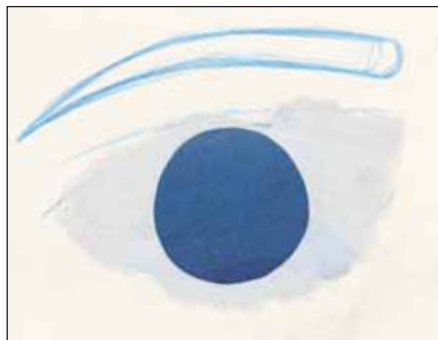
Sort papers by colour, so they're easier to use.

Keep scraps of wrapping paper, too.

A collage face

Look through old magazines for different coloured papers. Collect papers in the colours you need to make a face: flesh tones and

colours for the eyes, hair, background and clothes. You will need lighter and darker tones of each colour, to create a shaded effect.



1. Draw a face in pencil. Keep the shapes simple and don't shade it in. Decide what colours you are going to use.

2. For each eye, tear an almond shape in off-white paper. Stick it down. Cut out a coloured circle and glue it on top.

3. Tear a grey eyelid and a pale crescent to go under the eye. Trim the inner edges. Cut an eyebrow from dark paper.



4. Tear strips in light and dark skin tones for the nose. Fill in the forehead, cheeks and chin with more torn pieces.

5. Cut out a dark red upper lip. Cut out a lower lip in dark pink. Add some dark flesh tones around the lips.

6. Add small, white highlights on the eyes. Then fill in the clothes, background and hair with different colours.

For the hair, tear strips out of magazine pictures of real hair.



Use big, torn pieces for the background.

Use a contrasting colour for the clothes.