

## Creative Collage Series with Alexis

### Instructions:

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### Topics

Paper, magazines, glue, scissors, tape, paint, cardboard, newspaper

### Lesson Ideas

Lesson Title

Creative Collage Series

Duration

1 Hour

Lesson Plan

#### 1. Introduction to Collage Art (10 minutes)

- Briefly explain what collage art is and the materials used.
- Show examples of collage art to inspire students.

#### 2. Materials Exploration (10 minutes)

- Allow students to explore and touch materials such as paper, magazines, scissors, glue, tape, paint, cardboard, and newspaper.
- Discuss the textures and colors they observe.

#### 3. Planning the Collage (5 minutes)

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- Encourage students to think about a theme or subject for their collage.
- Discuss the arrangement and composition ideas.

## 4. Creating the Collage (25 minutes)

- Guide students to start cutting, tearing, and arranging their chosen materials.
- Assist them in gluing and taping pieces onto a base like cardboard or heavy paper.
- Encourage creativity and exploring mixed media by adding paint.

## 5. Sharing and Cleanup (10 minutes)

- Allow each student to share their collage with the group.
- Discuss what they found challenging or enjoyable.
- Assist students in cleaning up their workstations.

## Materials List

- Paper (variety of colors and textures)
- Magazines
- Scissors
- Glue sticks and liquid glue
- Tape
- Paint (acrylic or tempera)
- Paintbrushes
- Cardboard sheets or heavy paper
- Newspapers
- Aprons or old shirts (to protect clothing)

## Adaptations for Different Ages

- Younger children (4–6 years): Pre-cut shapes and provide larger collage pieces for easier handling.
- Older children (10+ years): Introduce more complex techniques such as layering and creating 3D effects.

## Movement Break

- Collage Dance Party (5 minutes):
  - Play upbeat music and let children dance around their chairs or have a mini-parade around the room carrying a favorite collage piece like gallery art.

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## Bonus Activities

- Texture Rubbing: Offer crayons and texture plates for additional collage elements.
- Storytelling: Encourage kids to create a short story or poem to accompany their collage piece.
- Group Collage: Provide a large piece of cardboard and let children collaborate on a communal artwork.

## Series Outline

### **\*\*Creative Collage Series: 10-Week Outline\*\***

#### **\*\*Week 1: Introduction to Collage Art\*\***

- Discuss the history and basic concepts of collage.
- Showcase famous collage artists and their work.
- Begin experimenting with simple paper cutouts to create basic designs.

#### **\*\*Week 2: Exploring Paper Varieties\*\***

- Explore different paper textures and weights found in art and craft stores.
- Create a collage using assorted papers, such as tissue paper, cardstock, and origami paper.
- Experiment with layering techniques for texture and depth.

#### **\*\*Week 3: Magazine Mash-Up\*\***

- Use old magazines to find images and text for collaging.
- Organize a scavenger hunt to find specific themes or colors in magazines.
- Assemble a narrative collage using magazine clippings to tell a story.

#### **\*\*Week 4: Glue Techniques 101\*\***

- Introduce various types of glue for different materials (glue sticks, liquid glue, glue dots).
- Practice using glue to adhere materials cleanly and effectively.
- Create a collage focusing on precise application and clean finish.

#### **\*\*Week 5: Precision with Scissors\*\***

- Conduct a workshop on cutting techniques, including straight, curved, and intricate cuts.
- Create a collage emphasizing cut shapes and silhouettes.

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- Host a "blind cut" challenge to stimulate creativity.

## **\*\*Week 6: Tactile and Functional: Tape\*\***

- Explore washi tape, masking tape, and decorative tapes for layering and borders.
- Create a tape-only collage exploring patterns and lines.
- Hold a group project to build a large-scale tape mural.

## **\*\*Week 7: Adding Depth with Paint\*\***

- Experiment with watercolor, acrylic, and spray paints for backgrounds.
- Teach techniques to blend paint with collage components.
- Create a mixed media collage combining paint with paper elements.

## **\*\*Week 8: Cardboard Creations\*\***

- Work with cardboard as a base for structural collages.
- Discuss using corrugated cardboard for texture and layers.
- Build a 3D collage using cardboard pieces to add dimension.

## **\*\*Week 9: Newspaper Narratives\*\***

- Use old newspapers to explore text-based and monochromatic collages.
- Introduce ink and charcoal for additional detailing on newspaper collages.
- Create a collage focusing on a social or environmental issue using newspaper clippings.

## **\*\*Week 10: Found Objects and Free Style\*\***

- Encourage students to bring found objects to incorporate into their collages.
- Create a collaborative class collage using materials contributed by everyone.
- Host a "gallery day" where students present their favorite piece from the series and discuss their process and inspiration.

For additional support, reference this [experience outline template](#) which includes tips and prompts to help you develop and lead an excellent Grasshopper Kids experience.

*Note: This lesson plan outline was drafted by Hopper. If you would like to see different results, you can [submit another idea](#), or text us with feedback so we can work to make the algorithm better. We built this tool to help save you time in bringing more kids enrichment experience ideas to life!*

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