



# 100 COLLAGE IDEAS

from Collage-Lab



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I started Collage-Lab in 2020 as a place to learn, share, experiment, and grow. I offer a variety of online classes, creative challenges, opportunities, free gatherings, and resources for the new or established Collage Maker.



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# GATHER YOUR SUPPLIES

If you're just starting out, you really don't need anything special. Grab some scissors and a glue stick and start collaging in a sketchbook!

Source materials can come from anywhere - old magazines, books, junk mail, packaging, brochures, catalogs, or your own photos or painted papers.



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- Add a moving part to a collage.
- Illustrate an odd collection.
- Add one element each day for 7 days.
- Use an unexpected material to make something familiar.
- Add one element, turn collage 90 degrees, add another, repeat.
- Use collage to illustrate a pun.
- Attach images with string or thread.
- Add collage to a piece of gift wrapping paper.
- Be bold.
- Create a new kind of animal.
- Be subtle.
- Challenge yourself in tiny, silly ways.
- Close your eyes and pick an image.
- Make a self-portrait from only painted papers.
- Collage a rainbow.
- Collage a frame.
- Collage on a book cover.
- How many different ways can you use circles in one collage?
- Collage on a deconstructed box.
- Illustrate a recent or recurring dream.
- Collage on a gameboard.
- Create an ad for your favorite color.
- Collage on a glass bottle.
- Add unusual textures.
- Collage on a leaf.



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- Collage on a playing card.
- Make a map of a fictional town.
- Create 2 collages at one time, going back and forth at each step.
- Create a checkerboard with images.
- Cut an existing collage into strips and reassemble.
- Create a collage from only items in the waste bin.
- Cut up text and create your own language.
- Create a collage upside down.
- Remove one letter from each word in a piece of text.
- Create a “quilt” of several square collages pieced together.
- Create as many small collages as you can in a set period of time.
- Cut 2 collages in half and reassemble with opposite halves
- Design a make-believe house.
- Cut out a section of your collage and reassemble without it.
- Cut up an old collage and use bits and pieces in a new composition.
- Deconstruct a word to leave a hidden message in your collage.
- Be a tourist in your hometown.
- Disconnect from all devices.
- Extend your collage beyond the edges.
- Fill every available space.
- Grab a random book, pick a random page.
- Illustrate a nursery rhyme.
- Draw or paint a cage over a collaged critter.
- Stack objects on top of one another.
- Leave empty spaces.



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- Create a collage to illustrate each day of the week.
- Pick up a tool and use it incorrectly.
- Use only kid's art supplies.
- Pick a random page from a magazine to start with.
- Make a humongous collage.
- Design a postcard for your favorite place.
- Make a very tiny collage.
- Use collage to illustrate 2 or more words that sound alike.
- Make hats out of unusual items.
- Tie something on to your collage.
- Make paper-doll style clothing for people in your collages.
- Only use images that start with the same letter.
- Punch holes in your substrate.
- Only use precision-cut papers.
- Use only words to create a person/portrait.
- Only use torn papers.
- Create a warning sign.
- Pick a random word from the dictionary.
- Create a person ignoring all rules of proportion.
- Fill in a grid with unique shapes and colors.
- Put eyes in unusual places.
- Collage with fabric.
- See how many layers you can put on one small collage.
- Set a time limit.
- Draw a shape on the back of some paper – collage the front and cut out.



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- Start on the outside edge, and move inward.
- Incorporate charts or graphs into a collage.
- Start with a song lyric.
- Build a new mode of transportation in a collage.
- Take a walk and pick up collage materials along the way.
- Dissect a picture of an animal.
- Take an entire month to create a collage, adding a bit each day.
- Use only red.
- Try to make an ugly mess.
- Use a color you don't like.
- Put a crown on a creature.
- Use a new color of paint.
- Create a landscape using only text.
- Use a new tool.
- Use an unusual shaped substrate.
- Start with a squiggle.
- Use only 2 colors.
- Use staples to hold your collage together.
- Focus on a number.
- Use your non-dominant hand.
- Write a haiku.
- Use only images from one magazine.
- Write a ransom note.
- Use the rhythm of a piece of music to create an abstract collage.
- Write a recipe for a collage, then try to follow it exactly.





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