

3D Collage with Anna Ray

Create your own collage with a twist. Enjoy playing with colour, pattern and reusing materials such as old magazines and wrapping paper too.

You will need:

- Glue, tape (masking tape if you have it)
- Paper or card (can be used or e.g. food packaging)
- Large paper (for displaying)
- Scissors
- Magazines, old wrapping paper or similar

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Begin by **collecting cuttings** from magazines. You could focus on pattern, texture and colour.

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Draw two shapes on a piece of heavy paper or light card and **cut them out**.

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Now **cut the paper you are using for collage**, this could be into strips for stripes, circles, triangles or other shapes. Working on the front of **the first shape**, **paste glue** onto the magazine pieces and onto the card when needed. You can use a brush, a glue spreader, glue stick or tape.

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When one side is covered with collage paper, **leave to dry and then trim back** around your original shape.

If you want to work quickly don't worry if things get a bit sticky, and the magazines peel a little. This can become part of the overall visual effect. You can always paste on top of areas that you are not happy with later.

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Now, **collage the other side** of the shape. Can you create a different pattern on this side or different colours? This will create a contrast between each surface. Repeat no. 4.

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Next begin working on **the second shape**. As before, you may want to choose contrasting colours, textures, or subject matter for each side. For example, one side could be covered with industrial imagery and the other with images of people. Repeat no. 4.

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Once both shapes are dry and trimmed, place a large piece of plain paper on a table and lay out your shapes, now you can play, turn them over, arrange them, enjoy making different arrangements, seeing different colours together and the visual relationships that occur.

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Now snip into the edges of the shapes with scissors, folding and curling back the elements to create a 3D effect or 3D 'relief'.

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Take it further: You could use photography on your phone as you go to document different combinations and viewpoints of the shapes. You could permanently attach the forms together with PVA or masking tape; you could roll up a piece and fix it into a tube shape or a box. If you make more shapes, add them together to create a more complex structure by slotting or gluing together.

