

Making collages

Making collages is a fun and interactive way of bringing other materials into artwork and can be done inside and outside.

Collages don't have to be permanent, children can gather the items together and adapt their pictures and change their minds as they go.

Learning aims

- Use senses to explore the world around them
- Be creative
- Handle a range of materials with increasing control
- Use a variety of materials for a purpose creating representations from experience
- Maintain focus and pay attention to detail
- Extend knowledge, understanding and use of descriptive language.



Resources

- Canvas for a collage, this can be an open space or a natural frame made from twigs
- Container to collect collage items in
- An outdoor area for children to collect their own items in or a selection of items to choose from, which could include:
 - Feathers, twigs, leaves, flowers, stones
 - Conkers, acorns, pine cones, fruit, vegetables
 - Seeds, lentils, rice, pasta
 - Ribbons, scraps of materials, lace
 - Newspaper and magazine
 - Sequins, glitter, cotton wool, pompoms
 - Lollipop sticks, straws
 - Paint, crayons, pens and chalks (just because it is a collage it doesn't mean children can't add their own drawings).

Activity outline

- Give children an individual container to collect their collage items in
- Explain to the children that they will need to collect items for their collage either from your resources or the outdoor area/nursery
- Show children their canvas space
- Encourage children to place their items in the frame or canvas space to make a picture
- Support children to change their picture by moving items around their image
- Ensure you support children to use descriptive language when placing their items e.g. this feather is soft, these flowers smell nice, this pine cone is spiky

Special considerations

- *Ensure all government guidance regarding coronavirus infection control is adhered to throughout this activity*
- *Supervise children when using small items.*