

How to Make a Collage

*Materials,
Composition,
and Tips*



**What Is
Collage?
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Definition of Collage

Collage, from the French verb *coller*, meaning 'to glue,' is the artistic process of gluing and assembling various materials to a flat surface.

Collage can refer to both the actual procedure of cutting and pasting (the verb), as well as to the final artistic product (the noun).

Think back to elementary school. Did you ever cut out magazine pages and glue them to a piece of paper for a homework project? Or maybe you made a scrapbook with vacation photos and stickers.

You may have been a budding collage artist and didn't even know it!

How Artists Used Collage

The process of affixing objects to a surface is probably as old as paper itself, but it didn't become popular in the art world until about the 1920s.

Artists including Pablo Picasso, Hannah Höch, Henri Matisse and Romare Bearden each implemented this method.

They began using collage as a more modern approach to making art. By cutting and pasting, they were able to deconstruct the subject they were depicting.

They could then reassemble and glue it back together again in an entirely new way.



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