



Torn Paper Collage

Supplies:

- Background sheet of paper, either cardstock, heavy watercolor paper, or kraft paper
- Magazines and other glossy collage materials (catalogs, sales flyers, etc...)
- Glue stick or liquid glue sponge box
- Pre-outlined templates, optional
- Blue tape to adhere background onto workboard, optional

Instructions:

1. Torn paper collage is a fun project that recreates the look of an ancient Roman mosaic. In this project we are using paper and glue instead of ceramic tiles and grout!
2. You can choose from:
 - a. creating a self-portrait
 - b. a still life (like a vase of flowers on a table, or a bowl of fruit)
 - c. a pre-outlined template with a famous piece of artwork (like Van Gogh's 'Starry Night' or Leonardo DaVinci's 'Mona Lisa')
 - d. or...you can make up your own design!
3. Start picking colors from your magazines depending on what color(s) you need, and where, on your artwork. As a way to trick your brain into seeing JUST the colors of an image, with all it's shades, turn your magazine upside down. This way, our brains are not automatically identifying what we're looking at, and instead we see more of an abstract image and can see the colors more obviously.
4. It's important to pick different shades of a single color - so if you want blue for a sky, for example, pick teals, and light blues, and navy, and when you glue them onto the background, mix them all together. This will create a sense of depth in your artwork.
5. Continue building your scene out of TORN paper chips, do NOT use scissors! If you do want to create a more traditional Roman mosaic artwork, you CAN use scissors to pre cut tiny squares of color.
6. Use glue under the chips as you place them on your backgrounds, and you can even go over the top with a coat of liquid glue to create a shiny glow. Hang your artwork up when it's done!