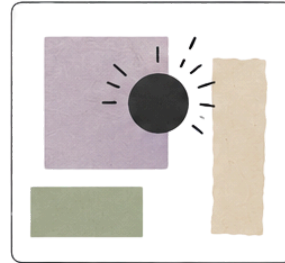


10 Collage Composition Ideas

Simple ways to arrange your pieces

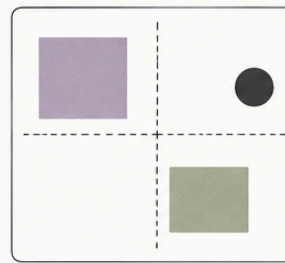
1. Choose a Focal Point

Make one element larger, use stronger contrast, or choose an interesting image or shape. Keep the surrounding area quieter.



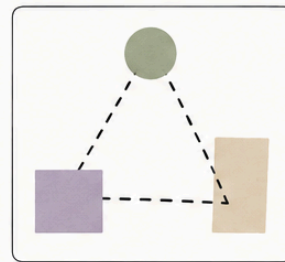
2. Try an Off-Center Placement

Instead of putting the main element directly in the middle, try placing it slightly left, right, above, or below center.



3. Create a Visual Triangle

Place three interesting elements so they loosely form a triangle. This helps move the eye around the collage.



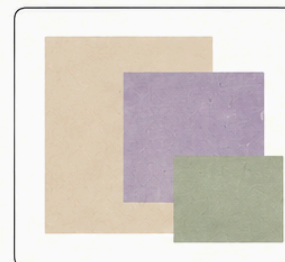
4. Balance Without Matching

Both sides don't need to look the same. A large quiet shape can balance several smaller, busier pieces.



5. Let Pieces Overlap

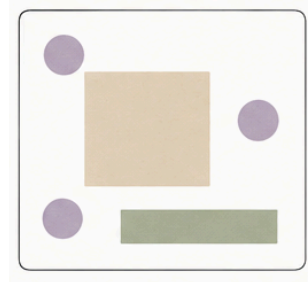
Overlap papers, images, marks, and shapes to create layers and make the composition feel connected.



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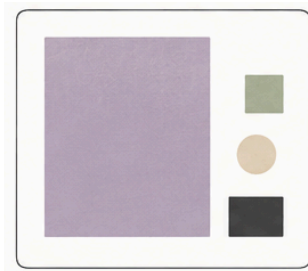
6. Repeat Something

Repeat a color, shape, line, texture, or type of paper in two or three places. Repetition helps everything belong together.



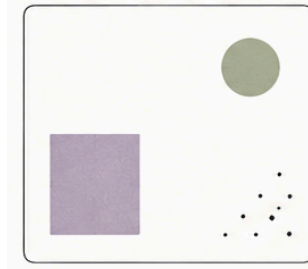
7. Mix Large + Small

Use a variety of sizes rather than making every piece equally important.



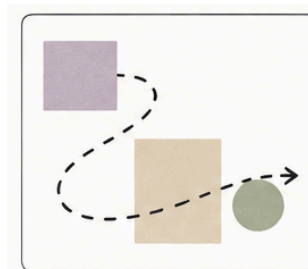
8. Leave Some Breathing Room

You don't have to fill every space. Quiet areas give the eye somewhere to rest.



9. Lead the Eye

Use lines, edges, shapes, or repeated colors to gently guide the viewer through the collage.



10. Let a Piece Go Off the Edge

Allowing an image, shape, or piece of paper to extend beyond the edge can make the composition feel larger and less contained.



Before You Glue

- What do I notice first?
- Is anything competing with my focal point?
- Do I have a mix of large and small elements?
- Have I repeated something?
- Is there enough contrast?
- Is there somewhere for the eye to rest?
- Would moving, removing, or cropping one piece make it stronger?

And the most important one:

Move things around before you glue.

Take a photo of arrangements you like so you can compare them.

Composition Examples

5 Simple examples to help plan your collage

1. Focal Point



2. Triangle



3. Asymmetrical Balance



4. Overlap



5. Breathing Room

