100+ Things You Can Use in a Collage

Look beyond magazines.
Collage materials are everywhere.

You don't need special supplies to make a collage. Look through your drawers, recycling bin, art supplies, old papers, and everyday objects. Use this list as inspiration—not a shopping list.

PAPER

- ◻ Magazine pages
- ◻ Newspaper
- ◻ Old book pages
- ◻ Dictionary pages
- ◻ Sheet music
- ◻ Maps
- ◻ Atlas pages
- ◻ Tissue paper
- ◻ Wrapping paper
- ◻ Kraft paper
- ◻ Paper bags
- ◻ Cardstock
- ◻ Construction paper
- ◻ Scrapbook paper
- ◻ Handmade paper
- ◻ Wallpaper samples
- ◻ Graph paper
- ◻ Ledger paper
- ◻ Tracing paper
- ◻ Vellum

FOUND PAPER

- ◻ Junk mail
- ◻ Envelopes
- ◻ Security envelopes
- ◻ Receipts
- ◻ Tickets
- ◻ Tags
- ◻ Labels
- ◻ Postcards
- ◻ Old letters
- ◻ Calendars
- ◻ Paper packaging
- ◻ Tea-bag papers
- ◻ Coffee filters
- ◻ Napkins
- ◻ Paper placemats
- ◻ Paint chips
- ◻ Sewing patterns
- ◻ Postage stamps
- ◻ Playing cards
- ◻ Fruit stickers

IMAGES + WORDS

- ◻ Magazine photographs
- ◻ Vintage photographs
- ◻ Copies of photos
- ◻ Botanical illustrations
- ◻ Bird and animal images
- ◻ Faces and figures
- ◻ Landscapes
- ◻ Architecture
- ◻ Clip art
- ◻ Copyright-free images
- ◻ Your own photographs
- ◻ Your own drawings
- ◻ Photocopies
- ◻ Stamped images
- ◻ Image transfers
- ◻ Headlines
- ◻ Magazine words
- ◻ Book text
- ◻ Handwriting
- ◻ Numbers



Beyond Paper

More Things to Try

FABRIC + FIBER

- ◻ Fabric scraps
- ◻ Lace
- ◻ Ribbon
- ◻ Thread
- ◻ Embroidery floss
- ◻ Yarn
- ◻ String
- ◻ Cheesecloth
- ◻ Gauze
- ◻ Burlap
- ◻ Denim
- ◻ Felt
- ◻ Stitched fabric
- ◻ Stitched paper
- ◻ Fabric labels

NATURAL + FOUND

- ◻ Pressed leaves
- ◻ Pressed flowers
- ◻ Grasses
- ◻ Ferns
- ◻ Seeds
- ◻ Bark
- ◻ Feathers
- ◻ Thin twigs
- ◻ Buttons
- ◻ Beads
- ◻ Sequins
- ◻ Foil
- ◻ Mesh
- ◻ Corrugated cardboard
- ◻ Sandpaper
- ◻ Metallic paper
- ◻ Stickers
- ◻ Washi tape
- ◻ Paper doilies
- ◻ Packaging materials

MAKE YOUR OWN

- ◻ Painted papers
- ◻ Gel prints
- ◻ Monoprints
- ◻ Stamped papers
- ◻ Stenciled papers
- ◻ Rubbings
- ◻ Ink experiments
- ◻ Watercolor experiments
- ◻ Doodles
- ◻ Scribbles
- ◻ Blind-contour drawings
- ◻ Hand lettering
- ◻ Mark-making sheets
- ◻ Cut-up old artwork
- ◻ Torn color swatches
- ◻ Altered magazine pages
- ◻ Paper punches
- ◻ Die-cut shapes
- ◻ Hand-painted patterns

ADD ANOTHER LAYER

◻ Paint ◻ Ink ◻ Colored pencil ◻ Graphite ◻ Crayon ◻ Oil pastel ◻ Gel pen
◻ Paint marker ◻ Charcoal ◻ Stitching ◻ Stamping ◻ Stenciling ◻ Hand-drawn lines

