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Cut. Paste. Construct. The Figure.

Medium: Collage & 3D Paper and Cardboard Constructions

Supplies List

Papers for collage You can use virtually any type of paper for collage. A non-exhaustive list includes:

- Construction paper
- Newspaper
- Wallpaper
- Scrapbooking paper
- Colored pastel paper
- Color-Aid paper
- Hand-painted paper (use water-based paint to paint sheets of acid-free copy paper)
- Old paintings on paper that you no longer want
- Tissue paper
- Wrapping paper
- Magazine pages
- Fabric scraps

Glue I use Lineco PH Neutral Adhesive (available at most art stores and online at Blick and Jerry's Artarama), which I apply with a brush. You can also use glue sticks, white glue, matte medium, or any other adhesive. (Some collage artists place their substrate on a piece of foam core and use straight pins to hold their collage pieces to the substrate while working out their compositions, then glue the pieces down to the substrate when they've finalized their composition.)

Substrates on which to glue your collage pieces This can be anything from bristol board to cardboard to watercolor paper, or even the paper you're using as collage paper.

Scissors You can tear collage paper, but you'll also want a pair of scissors to cut collage paper. I like a 5" sewing pair for cutting small shapes and an 8" pair for larger shapes. **YOU WILL ALSO NEED A HEAVY-DUTY PAIR THAT CAN CUT THROUGH CARDBOARD.** For this, I like Fiskars Crafts PowerCut Softgrip 8" shears, but any pair that is made for cardboard is fine. You can also use a box cutter on top of a cutting mat.

Cardboard Old boxes of any kind! Corrugated cardboard is preferred, as it will stand more easily than thin cardboard.

Paper for constructing sculptures Any paper with a bit of heft will work. The most cost-efficient paper is probably white or colored cardstock.

Paint or colored drawing materials You'll likely want to add color to your paper and cardboard constructions. You can do so with any materials on hand, including any water-based paint, color markers, color pencils, crayons, etc. You could also use your collage papers to do this if you're not interested in painting or drawing.