

Paper & Play

Suggested Supplies

Below are the basic materials for this lesson. Feel free to use what you already have on hand. Collage is a wonderful medium for experimenting with a wide variety of papers and tools.

1. A Variety of Papers

Gather an assortment of papers with different weights, textures, and finishes.

- book pages
- vintage paper
- newsprint
- construction paper
- handmade paper
- kraft paper
- tracing paper
- deli paper
- tissue paper
- magazine pages
- junk mail

2. Paint

Any paint that works well on paper will work.

- acrylic paint
- gouache
- chalk paint

3. Tools for Applying Paint

Use whatever tools you enjoy working with.

- paint brushes
- scrapers
- rollers
- palette knives

4. Mark Making Tools

These allow you to add expressive lines and textures to your papers.

- paint sticks
- markers
- crayons
- pastels
- colored pencils
- graphite pencils
- charcoal
- ink
- water soluble graphite
- erasers
- alternative tools (sticks, cardboard edges, sponges)

5. Cutting Tools

You can cut papers precisely or tear them for more organic edges.

- scissors
- X acto knife or craft knife
- straight edge (metal ruler)

6. Adhesive

Choose a glue that works well for paper collage.

- glue stick
- PVA glue
- acrylic medium

7. Substrate (Base Surface)

This is the surface you will build your collage on.

- cardboard
- book board
- wood panel
- thick watercolor paper
- mixed media paper

Note: You do not need every item on this list. Feel free to substitute materials you already have or prefer to work with.