

MEMORIES AND MEMENTOS

STEP 1: COLLECT AND ORGANIZE ALL OF YOUR MATERIALS

Gather the following materials:



- Heavy paper or illustration board
- Scrap paper (tissue paper, extra fabric, magazine clippings or newspaper)
- Pencil
- Glue (stick or liquid)
- Eraser
- Paint (acrylic, watercolour or ink)
- Paintbrush
- Crayons (wax or oil pastel)
- Water container
- Scissors
- An object with special personal significance to you

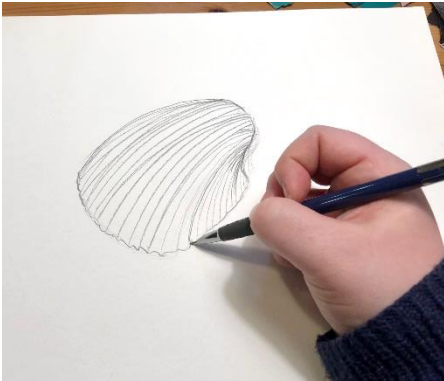
***SAFETY TIP:** Be sure to ask your parent/guardian for permission and help when handling scissors.*

STEP 2: PREPARE YOUR MATERIALS FOR THE COLLAGE

Before we begin to create our collage, we will need to take some time to prepare the materials for this project. Cut and rip your scrap paper into oddly shaped pieces. You can also add colours and designs to some sheets of plain paper. Using either paints or crayons, fill each sheet with colours of your choice. Once the paper is dry, rip or cut each sheet into different shapes. Making scrap papers with a greater variety of shapes and colours will allow your collage to have a greater variety of shapes and colour later on.

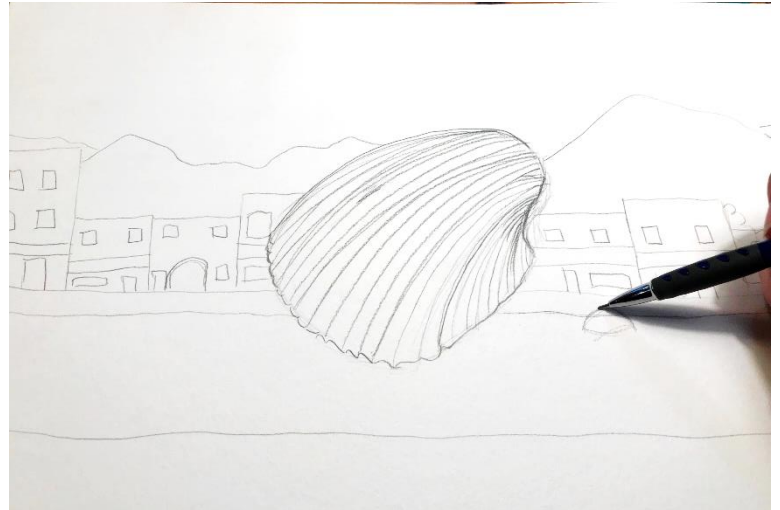


STEP 3: DRAW THE OBJECT FROM MEMORY



Take a sheet of heavy paper or illustration board and draw your special object from memory. Remember to include any characteristic markings, patterns, or shapes your object has. In the background, behind the object, be creative and draw a scene associated with a special memory the object is connected to. Remember, this project is not about achieving a realistic result, but the experience of drawing from a memory.

TIP: Create bigger shapes to make collaging easier. Try experimenting with proportions.



STEP 4: ADD COLOUR

Once you are happy with your sketch, you may begin to block out some areas with colour, using crayons. This will be helpful when you are adding paper scraps to the collage.

What colours do you associate with your chosen object? What background colours are appropriate for your scene? Once you've answered these questions, use your crayons to mark the colours on your sketch.

Your collage will be layered on top of this drawing, so don't worry about adding too much detail.



STEP 5: ADD YOUR SCRAPS

Begin to glue your pieces of scrap paper onto your background and object. You may need to adjust the sizes of the scraps as you go—you can rip or cut your bigger scraps into smaller pieces. Add additional layers of paper to give your artwork more texture. Have fun with your colour choices, be creative and take your time!

TIP: Leave some of your underpainting showing through and don't create all the fine details with paper collage—you will add those in the final step!



STEP 6: ADD FINER DETAILS

When you are comfortable with your collage, you can begin to add some finer details using paint, crayons or pastels! You can choose to add shadows and highlights to the objects, outline the shapes or add details using another technique based on your own imagination! Your artwork does not have to be a strict representation of the object or scene, so be as creative as you like!



CHALLENGE YOURSELF:

Create another collage from memory with other objects. Experiment with various items, using whatever you find around the house—string, beads, sand, rice or other material—and see how their textures and shapes can affect your final artwork. Remember to ask your parent or guardian for permission before using the items you find.

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