



Smithsonian Associates

**Collage and Mixed Media: Animals and Nature**

**Instructor: Marcie Wolf Hubbard**

Hello,

I'm looking forward to our Collage and Mixed Media: Animals and Nature class. No experience required, just plan to experiment, take chances, and have fun!

Wear something you don't mind getting paint on. If using existing art— Suggestions (depending on your background, preference in media, etc.) are drawings in charcoal or pencil; watercolor; photographs, prints on paper. You could also use photocopies (on regular copy paper or cover stock. Black copies work best.) Below is a list of miscellaneous items you may want to include in a mixed media painting. My website is above. You can get an idea of how I work, and what kinds of items I include in my mixed media paintings. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Marcie Wolf-Hubbard

*In addition to drawing, if you are working on a project or have thoughts about starting a mixed media artwork I am happy to offer suggestions while sharing techniques. If you have questions about the supplies, please contact me: [marcieplusart@gmail.com](mailto:marcieplusart@gmail.com)*

**For drawing references:** Work from objects of nature, photos, or images provided by instructor.

**Improvise with supplies you may have at home.**

Here are some items you could use:

- Drawing pencil (4B) or any pencil
- Eraser (options: kneaded eraser, white vinyl eraser, Factic mechanical eraser)
- Compressed charcoal sticks, (My preference- General's Compressed Charcoal - 6B, Pkg of 12.)
- Paper: options:
- Drawing paper & mixed media paper 9" x 12" (preferred), cover stock, watercolor paper or Junk Mail
- Watercolor pan set with brush (student, inexpensive)
- Acrylic paint\*, brushes, palette (could be large plastic food carry out containers)

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- Container for water (for example: reusing deli/food container)
- \*Student grade acrylics is fine- basic colors plus black and white. Additional colors if you desire. Suggestions include Dick Blick studio acrylics, Amsterdam Standard Series Acrylics or Liquitex Basics Acrylic Colors
- Glue stick (such as Elmer's, Avery, UHU etc.)
- Old magazines, books, newspapers, old calendars, junk mail.
- Mat board or cardboard scraps
- Mat board or surface to cut on
- paper clip
- Miscellaneous papers (scraps- think color, patterns, old book pages, food wrapping, etc.)
- Xacto knife, blades
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Clear contact paper, or clear packing tape
- Old photographs, photocopies, postcards

\*Warning- items used for this project may be altered, cut up, or painted over. Items (letter or photographs of significance) may be photocopied so as not to destroy.

#### Additional OPTIONAL items-

- YES glue
- Sandpaper
- Caran d'Ache Neocolor II Artists' Crayons (If you have these, or can purchase single colors if you're interested in experimenting with Caran d'Ache)
- Oil pastels (inexpensive or student grade is fine, such as Sakura Cray-Pas Junior Artist Oil Pastels, but NOT Artist's Loft brand)
- Colored pencils
- Vaseline
- Gelatin plate (I will give you a recipe if you'd like to make your own)
- Candle (wax)
- Bubble wrap/cushion Amazon mailing package
- Ink
- Transparencies or clear plastic sheets
- Existing artwork (recycle your old drawings, paintings, prints, etc.) OR anything that you're thinking of working with (REPURPOSING ITEMS, ETC.) I can give input, make suggestions, help w/planning.

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Even MORE supplies to consider:

**Below is a list of miscellaneous items.**

**Textures** you might find for making prints:

*Packaging materials, bubble wrap, corrugated cardboard, Cardboard coffee protectors (Starbucks, etc), Old shoes, basket, leaves*

**Found objects & small items from home, or nature:**

Items that "catch your eye" (shiny, colorful, or drab) - Items with texture (not flat, but having ridges)

### Additional items to look for at home for Art

Cardboard- various thicknesses

Deli trays or styrofoam plates

newspaper

paper bags

paper clips

twist ties

old books, old instructions you don't need anymore- schematics, different languages, etc.

plastic sheet protectors

saran wrap

potatoes

potato or rice sacks

netted bags for onions, clementines

netting from fruits and vegetables

old make-up brushes

hair gel

bubble wrap including mail or amazon packaging

packing tape

scrap wood

rope, string

house paint

spray paint

old doormat

duct tape

wire

old jewelry/beads

old scarves, curtains, clothes

shoes

hot glue, super glue, any glue, clear caulking

ribbon

Fabric scraps, (old clothes), trim,

tissue paper

old toys

candle wax

any old art supplies

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Bling—broken jewelry, orphaned earrings, game pieces, etc

Bottle caps

(Clean) food or candy wrappers

Postcards or maps

Postage stamps (used)

Small vacation souvenirs (Used train tickets, airline, bus passes, transfers)

(Stray) buttons, scrabble letters, domino, chess pieces

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