



Smithsonian Associates

## **Collage and Mixed Media**

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Hello,

I'm looking forward to our Collage and Mixed Media 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

*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)*

**Our first project will be a reactive mixed media booklet. Following sessions include altered photos, photo transfers and more.**

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

Here are some items you could use:

- Drawing pencil (4B) or any pencil
- Eraser

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- 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)
- 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)

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- 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. 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

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

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- 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
- Photographs or photocopies ((letter or photographs of significance) may be photocopied so as not to destroy.