



# 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, have fun. Wear old clothes (including old pants and old shoes). 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. (See my #time travel/ journey series too.)

Let me know if you have any questions.

*Thank you, Marcie Wolf-Hubbard*

Our first project will be a redactive mixed media booklet. Following sessions include Altered photos, photo transfers and more.

Working on a project or have thoughts about starting a mixed media artwork? I'm happy to offer suggestions while sharing techniques. *If you have questions about any of the supplies, please contact me:* [marcieplusart@gmail.com](mailto:marcieplusart@gmail.com)

Improvise with supplies you may have at home.

### **Here are some items you could use:**

- 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
- Drawing pencil or any pencil
- Ballpoint pen or ink

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- Paper: options: Mixed media paper 9" x 12" (preferred) , cover stock, watercolor paper or drawing 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.
- Eraser
- 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
- Vaseline
- Gelatin plate
- 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:**

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*This is from a list I've given out to students (adults and children)*

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Here are some suggestions for items to use in collage/mixed media art - do not limit yourself to this list! It is best to have MORE items than you need to make choices of what to include in your collages!

- Found objects: Items that 'catch your eye" (shiny, colorful, or drab) as you are walking outside.
- Items with texture (not flat, but having ridges)
- Broken jewelry, or old jewelry
- Handmade papers, or interesting papers
- Old letters
- Found objects & small items from home, or nature
- String or ribbon
- Packing materials (anything interesting, w/ridges, or possibly use to stencil, such as clementine packaging)
- Cardboard coffee protectors (for ex. Starbucks)
- Bottle caps, (flattened in the street is fine)
- Candy or gum wrappers
- Postcards & maps
- Twigs, leaves, or dried flowers
- Postage stamps (used)
- Old medals from pets
- Small vacation souvenirs (Used train tickets, airline, bus passes, transfers)
- Old workplace, or home memorabilia
- Key chains or magnets of miniature objects, icons
- (Stray) buttons, game pieces, scrabble letters, domino, chess pieces
- Sea shells
- Decals, stickers, labels
- Beads
- Fabric
- Photographs or photocopies

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