

Playful Shapes Abstract Collage

Materials

Fabric Scraps
Paper Scraps
Colored Pencils
Scissors
Glue
Mat Board
Shape Template
Sharpie

Thousands of colors, shapes, textures, patterns and lines are all around us! Collage is a great way to combine these elements into a beautiful creation. Follow these steps using scraps of fabric and paper to make a unique, abstract composition!



1 Select Paper & Fabric

Select paper and fabric pieces that catch your eye and bring you joy. Look for your favorite colors, patterns, and textures and put them in a pile to work with. Make those choices quickly - don't overthink it!

Abstract art uses shapes, color, forms, and lines to create a composition which doesn't look like anything that exists in our everyday world.

2 Cut Out Shapes

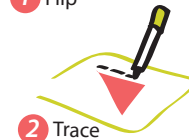


Print the "shapes template" onto heavy cardstock. Next cut out the shapes. Feel free to make your own shapes by cutting up those basic shapes or re-cutting the leftover scraps.

3 Trace Shapes



1 Flip



2 Trace

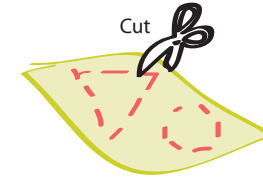
① Flip the fabric or paper over to the wrong side (the side you don't like).

② Place a shape template down on the fabric or paper. Trace along the outside edge with a pen or dark pencil. Trace many shapes so you have several options to pick from.



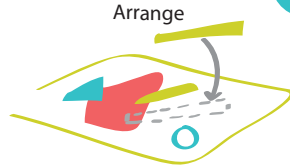
4 Cut Fabric & Paper

Carefully following the lines you have drawn, cut out the fabric and paper shapes. If you don't want to use the templates, just cut the material directly into any shape you want



5 Plan Your Composition

Pick your favorite shapes and arrange them on the mat board. Pay attention to how colors and patterns look together. Play with different groupings until you like the overall design.



6 Glue Pieces on the Board

Once you are happy with your design, start gluing pieces down to the matboard one piece at a time!



7 Add Lines

Add lines using colored pencils or a sharpie to make one part stand out or unify things that look really different.



Options

Leave gaps - you don't have to fill the whole board!

Stack pieces one on top of another

Place pieces edge to edge.

Re-cut the shapes to make new ones!



Watch the how-to video!

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