

# COLLAGE

## with Paper

This book includes helpful information, techniques, and lessons on a few types of collage, plus some basics of “how to” reduce, reuse, recycle, and develop productive work habits. Happy learning!



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# The Awesome Artist Pledge

**I am an awesome artist.**

**I am not afraid to try new things.**

**I will not let frustration stop me  
from trying again and again,  
until I succeed.**

**If I practice long enough,  
I can learn anything.**

**It's okay if I do not like the new thing  
I am learning.**

**Trying new things improves  
what I already know;  
it stretches me  
and causes me to grow.**

I am a huge believer in the power of positive affirmations. Please check out “Keys to Success”, a book of success principles to build character for champions of all ages.

# Vocabulary

**Collage** = Collage is a technique of composing a work of art by pasting on a single surface various materials not usually associated with each other.

**Mosaic** = A mosaic is a surface decoration made by inlaying small pieces of variously colored material to form pictures or patterns.

**Molas** = Molas are a traditional folk art made by the Kuna Indians of Panama. Molas are made of brightly colored fabrics layered and stitched one on top of the other. For a quick, easy substitute for awesome artists, use brightly colored paper and glue.

**Media** = Media is a material through which we communicate a message. Some examples of media are drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, video (movies & T.V.), audio (radio & concerts), to mention a few.

**Mixed Media** = Mixed media is an art term used to describe when two or more medias are combined to create a work of art.

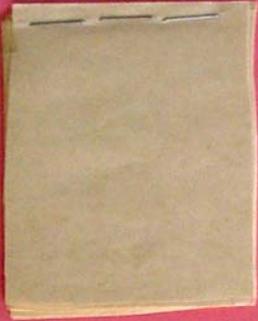
**Reduce** = Reduce means to make smaller in size, amount, or number.

**Reuse** = Reuse means to use again.

**Recycle** = Recycle means to pass again through a series of changes or treatments to regain material for human use.

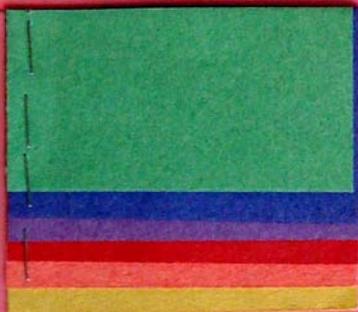
# KNOW YOUR PAPER

## Newsprint (inexpensive)



- = soft, absorbent, not very strong
- = good practice / test paper for trying out new media, drawing skills, and cutting / folding skills.
- = good for making books... sketch books, journals, scrap books.

## Construction Paper



- = slightly rough, absorbent, medium strength.
- = good for many uses.... collages, dry media, drawing, book covers, soft paper sculpture.  
(Save scraps... use when small pieces needed)

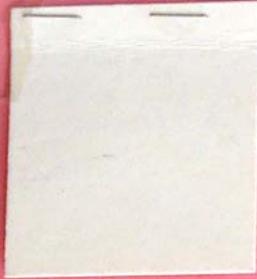
## Cardstock



- = smooth, not very absorbent, stronger than the above.. will hold a fold / crease.
- = good for simple construction and especially good for making special cards or book marks.

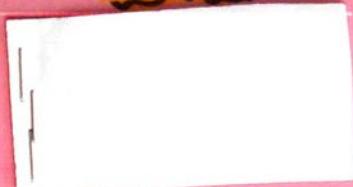
# KNOW YOUR PAPER

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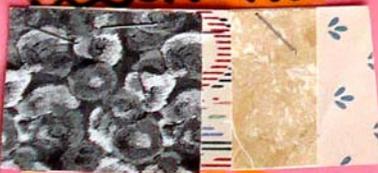
- = very strong, somewhat absorbent, thick, hard.
- = good for many things... puzzles, sculpture, pendants, stand-up characters, mobiles, folders (see posterboard poster)
- = comes in many colors.
- = good frame for artwork.

## White Drawing Paper



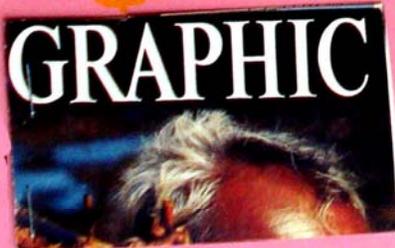
- = medium absorbency, roughness and strength.
- = good for finished artwork... painting, markers and other media.

## Wall paper



- = strong, not absorbent.
- = good for collage, mixed media (free when past date at paint and home decorating stores.)

## Magazines



- = smooth, not strong (lightweight)
- = can use brightly colored pieces from magazines as well as images for collage.

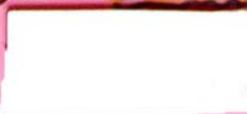
## Reuse Paper

- = develop an eye for value. Throw away items.

### Paper Bags



### Envelopes



### Etc.



**Know Your Paper** – People throw away good collage paper everyday. It's just a matter of keeping eyes open for reusable paper and having a way of storing it so it's ready to use.

# TRASH or TREASURE???

I am an artist with imagination free.  
All around I see value that others might not see.  
Beautiful possibilities of what might be.  
I can make it happen if I use my energy.



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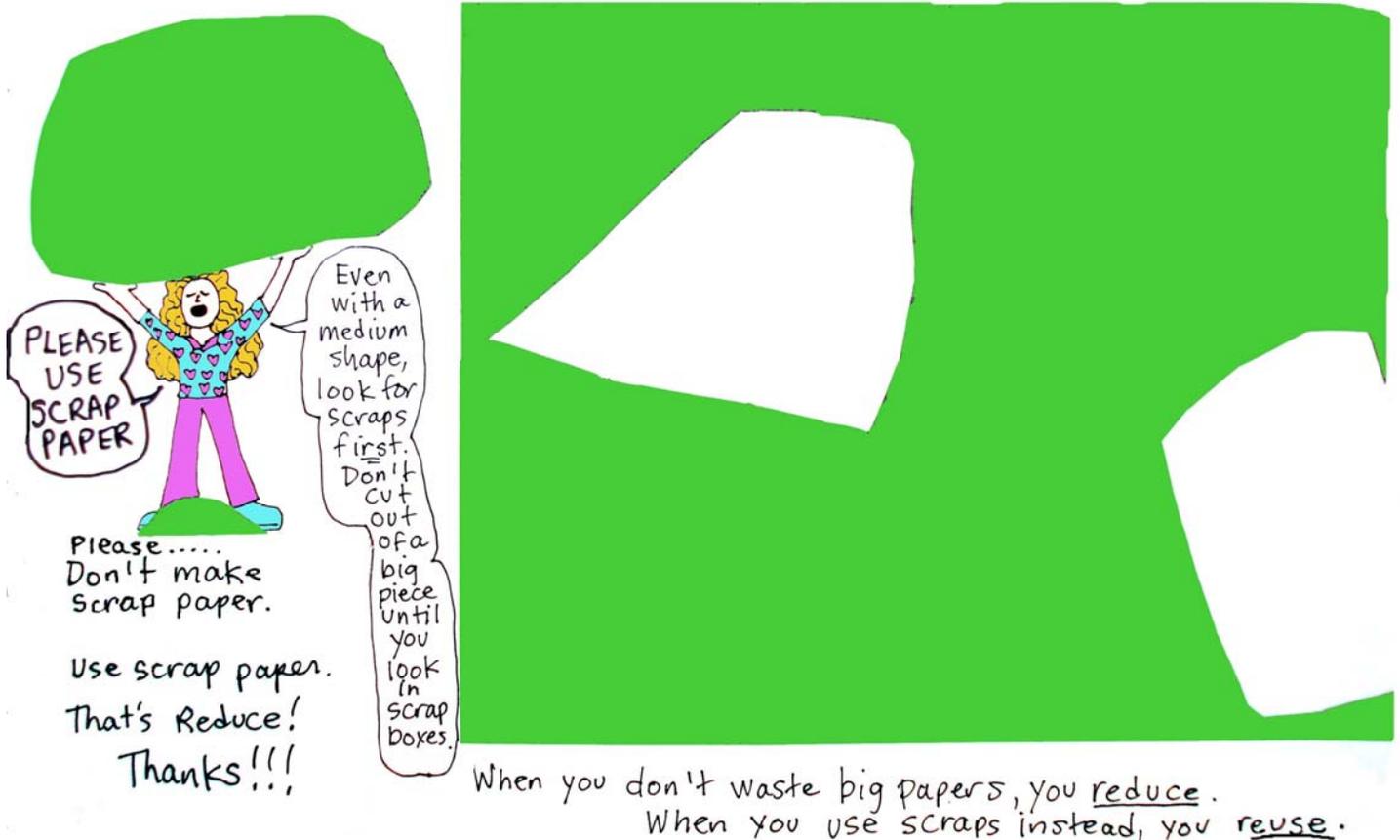
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## Information - Reduce Paper Waste - Reuse Paper Scraps

“Reduce! Reuse! Recycle!” begins with me.

Being an artist gives me a great opportunity to use my imagination and create works of art with reusable materials. There is also plenty of opportunity to reduce waste by saving good materials for use later.

See the small cartoon below, and the next few pages that illustrate the same ideas of “how to” reduce & reuse paper.



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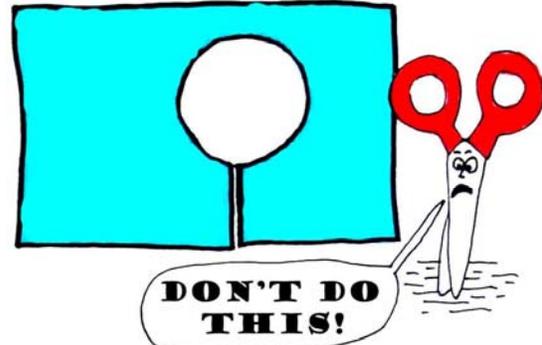
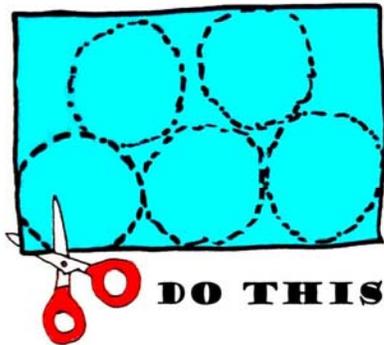
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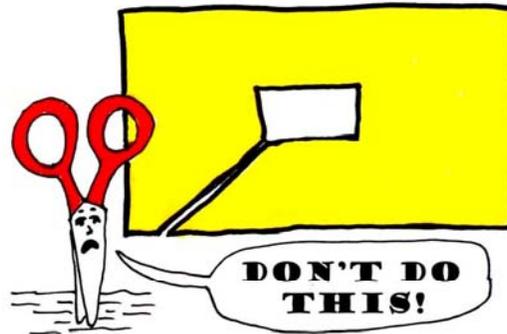
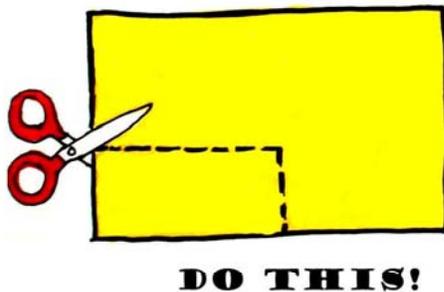
Even More Reduce & Reuse Information

# **CUT SHAPES FROM THE EDGE OF THE MATERIAL (NOT THE CENTER).**

**THIS APPLIES TO ALL MATERIAL:  
PAPER, WALLPAPER, CLOTH, & OTHER.**



**USE THE EDGE OF THE MATERIAL  
AS THE SIDE OF THE SHAPE.  
(THERE'S LESS CUTTING THAT WAY.)**



## **USE REUSE SCRAPS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.**



**EVEN WHEN USING REUSE SCRAPS,  
CUT FROM THE EDGE.**

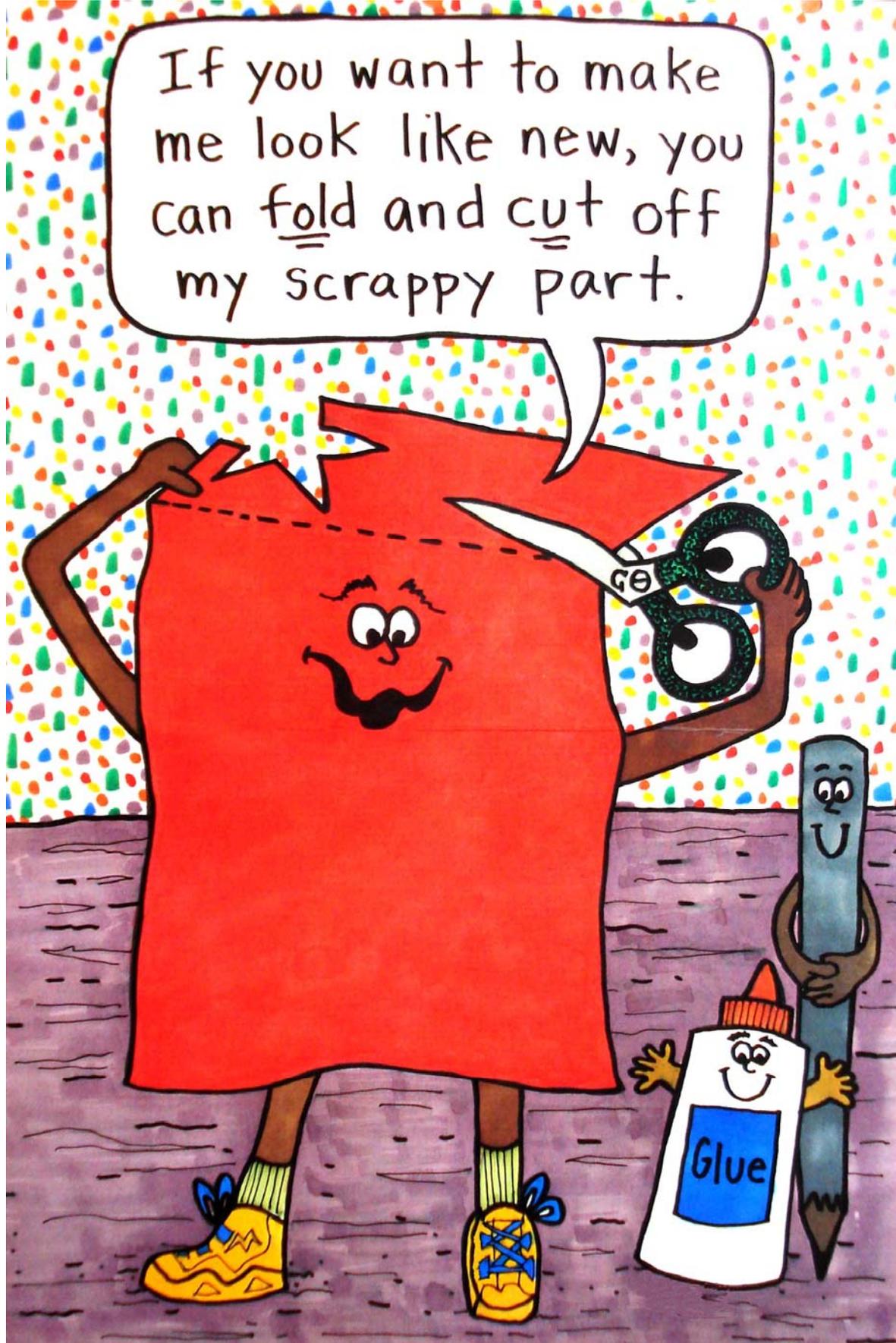
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# Cartoon (2 of 3) - Reduce Paper Waste! Reuse Paper Scraps!

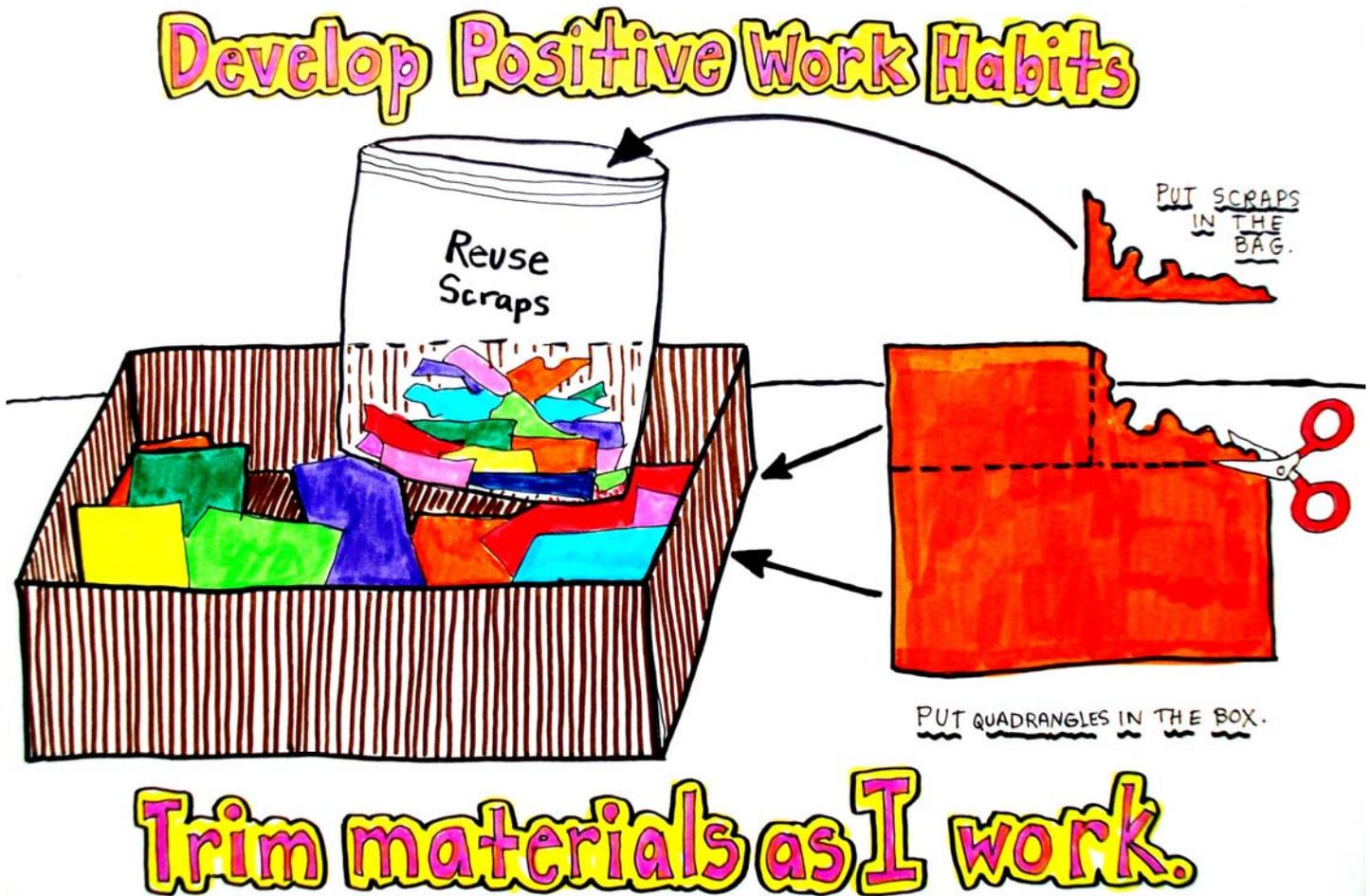


## Cartoon (3 of 3) - Reduce Paper Waste! Reuse Paper Scraps!



## Information - Reuse Paper Scraps

Awesome Artists are resourceful. Reusable boxes and plastic bags can be used to store reusable material for another day. If I care for materials as I work, clean up is quick and easy.



## Me & My Materials - Taking Care of Glue

Awesome Artists are conscious and caring. They take good care of their tools and materials so they will be ready to use for another day.



Awesome Artists keep their glue tops clean and closed.  
Awesome Artists are careful when using scissors.

# Information & Collage Examples



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# Collage & Mosaic Examples



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# Lesson on Paper Molas



1. Fold Paper 

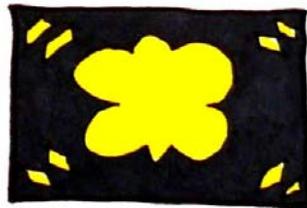
2. Draw and cut shapes.



3. Fold and cut more shapes.



4. Glue to contrasting color.



5. More cut and glue.



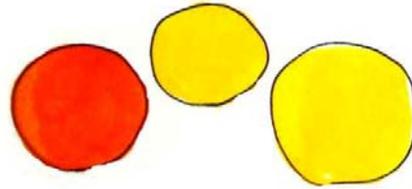
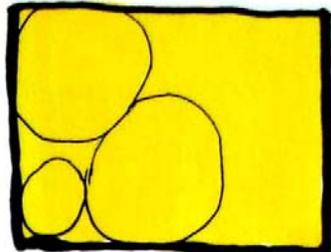
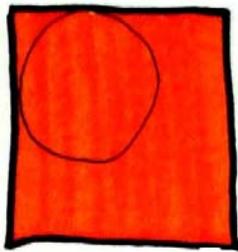
# Basic Lesson - Divide the Circle Paper Collage

## PAPER TECHNIQUES:

- THE MATH CONNECTION -

I can create designs by cutting and dividing circles.

1. I trace circles with a simple templet and cut them out.



**Reduce Waste** by tracing from the edge of the paper (not from the middle).

2. I divide and cut the circles to make more shapes.



3. Create designs with shapes.

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# Divide the Circle Paper Collage Examples

## PAPER TECHNIQUE EXAMPLES:

-THE MATH CONNECTION-

I CAN CREATE  
DESIGNS  
BY DIVIDING  
AND CUTTING  
CIRCLES.

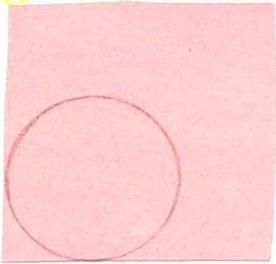


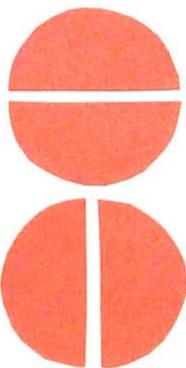
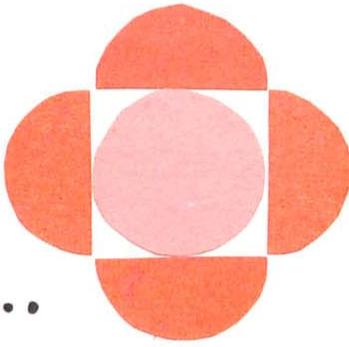
THE POSSIBILITIES  
ARE AS INFINITE  
AS MY IMAGINATION.

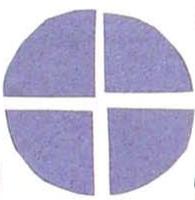
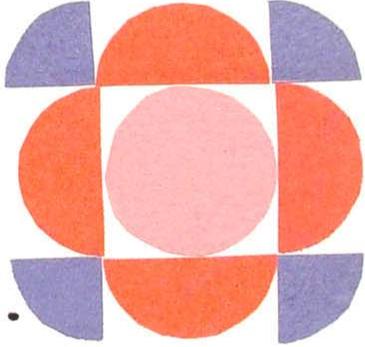


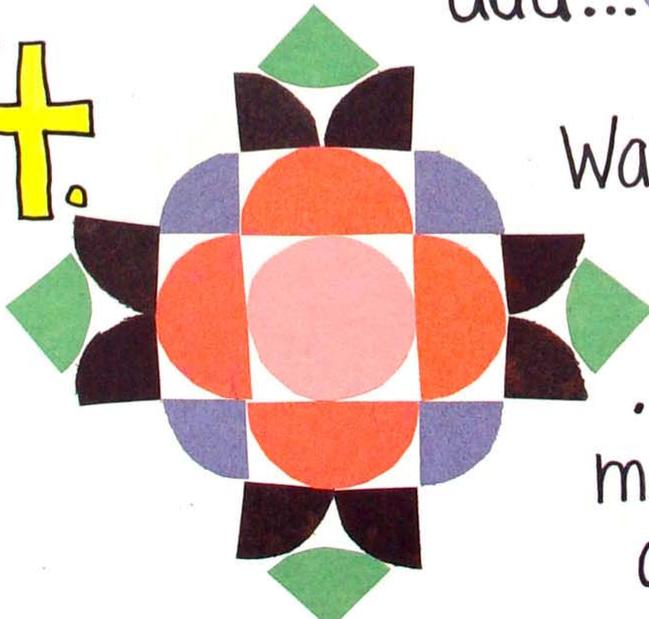
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# ✪ Divide the Pie Design

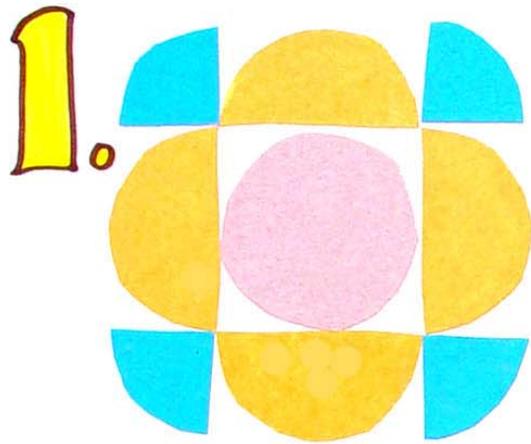
1.  Draw circle and cut... 

2.  Cut two circles in half... add... 

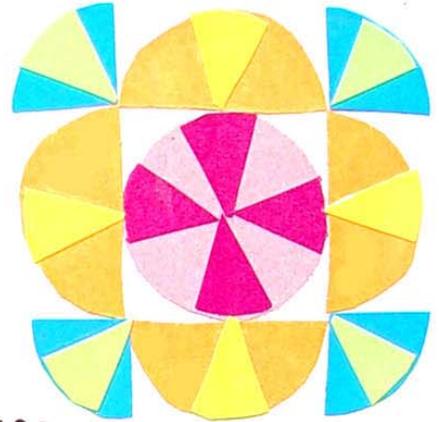
3.  Cut one circle in quarters... add... 

4.  Want to make it bigger?  
...divide more circles and add.

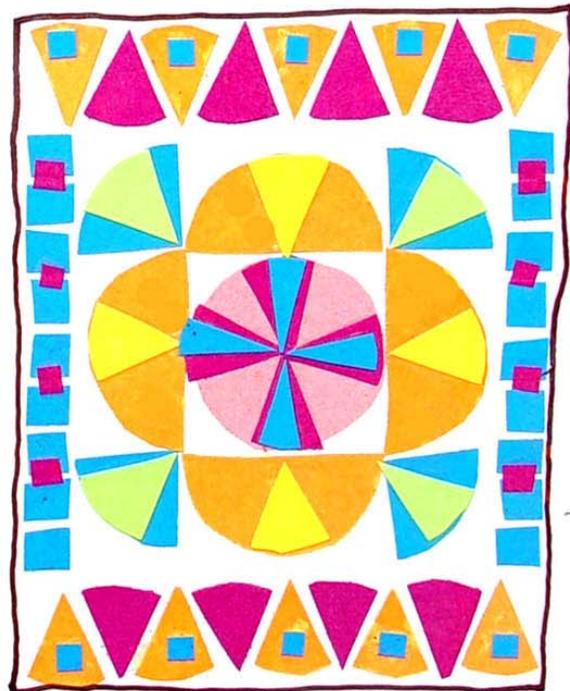
# Divide the Pie Design 2



Cut  
more  
shapes  
and  
overlap...



2. Make  
border  
use variety  
and  
overlapping...



# Divide the Circle Student Collage Examples



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# Divide the Circle Paper Collage Lesson & Examples

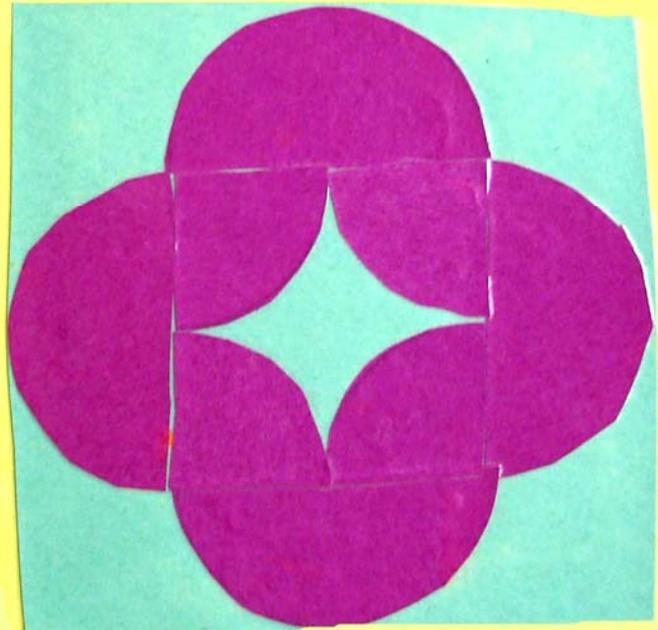
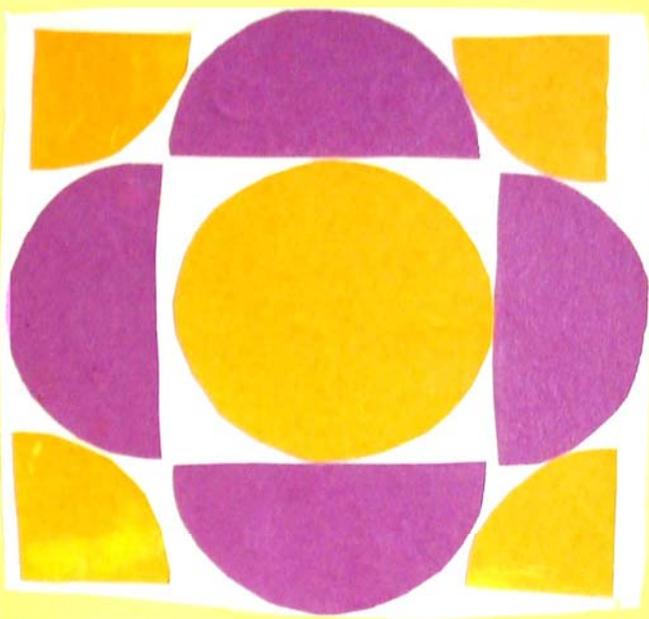
## Paper Technique Examples: The Math Connection

I can create designs by

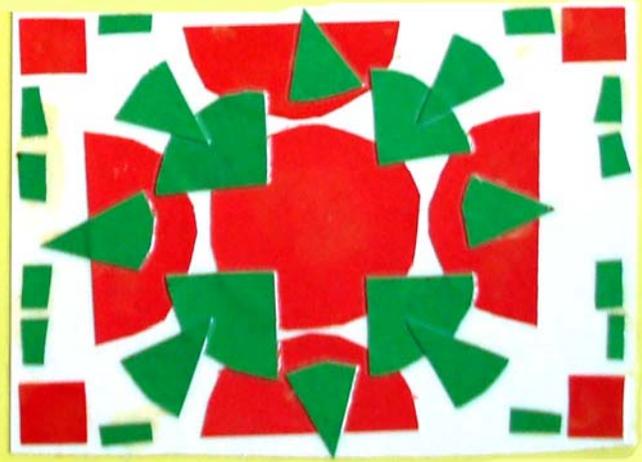
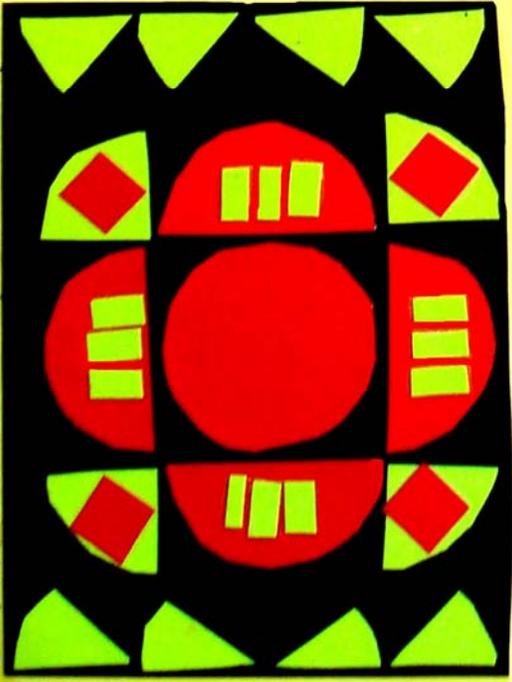
### Divide the Circle

1. Draw circle and cut...
2. Cut two circles in half... add...
3. Cut one circle in quarters... add...
4. Want to make it bigger? ...divide more circles and add.

dividing and cutting circles. I begin in the center and evenly work my way out to the edges. I can make a border with the extra pieces.



Source: Picture Pie by Ed Emberly



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# Collage Posters Inspired by Ed Emberly - Radial Designs



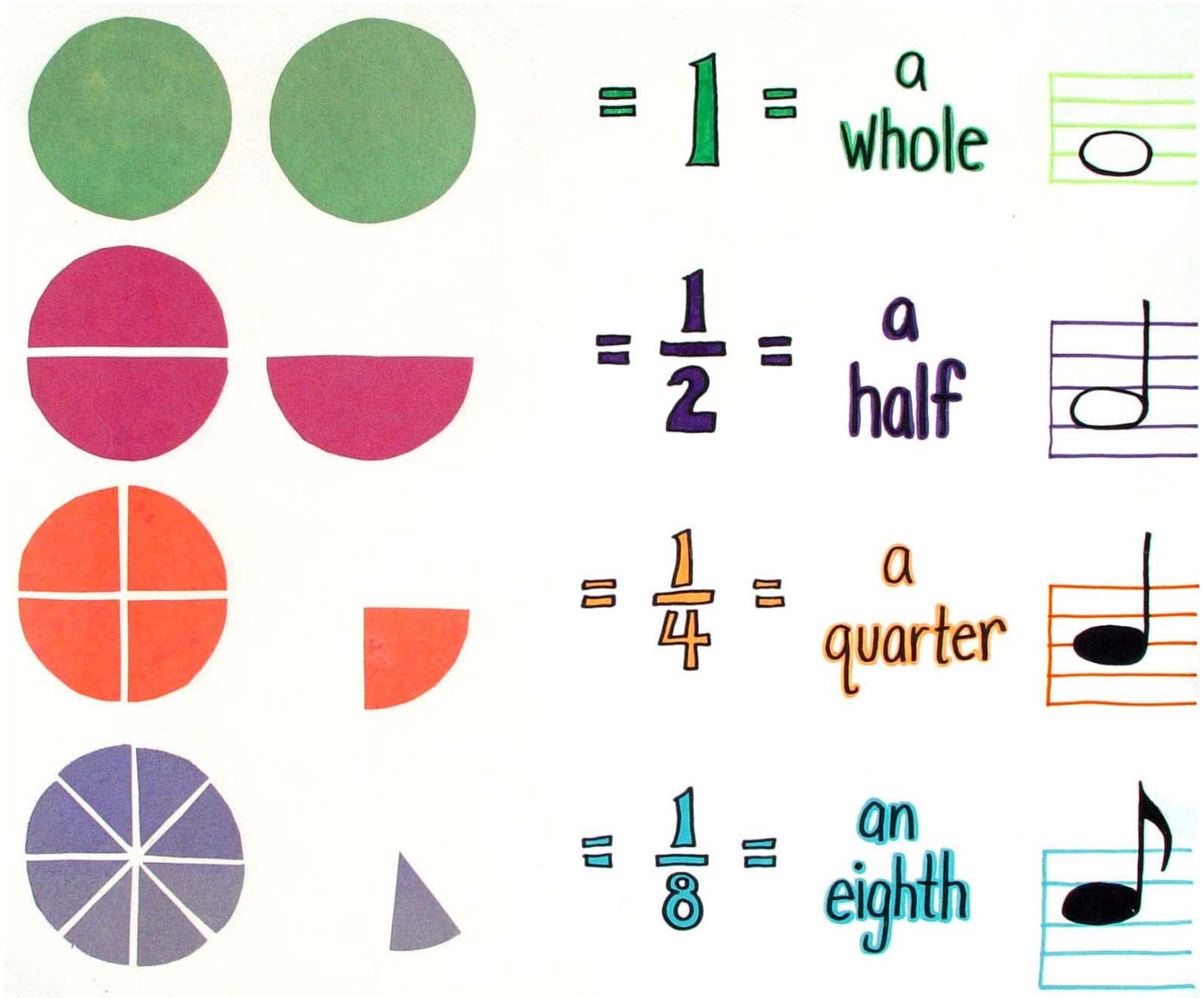
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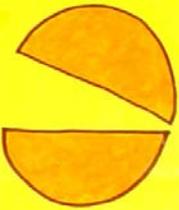
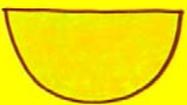
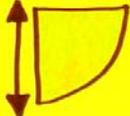
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# Collage Posters Inspired by Ed Emberly: The Math & Music Connection



# Collage Posters Inspired by Ed Emberly: Cutting Basic Shapes

You need to know how to  
make these 4 basic shapes 

1. Start	2. Fold in half	3. Crease (Press down)	4. Unfold	5. Cut along line
				
				
				

# Basic Lesson - Divide the Rectangle Paper Collage

## PAPER TECHNIQUE



Reduce Waste: Use the whole paper.

**OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE: TO DEVELOP..** ☆ BRAIN, HAND, EYE CO-ORDINATION  
☆ PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS ☆ VISUAL MATH ☆ CONSCIOUSNESS/PRACTICE OF  
REDUCING WASTE ☆ AND MUCH MORE

1. Use two colors  
(contrasting suggested).

2. Cut many shapes  
from each paper.  
(Some large..some small)

★ If I cut ovals, circles, semi-circles,  
or diamonds, I will use all the "scraps"  
as well. This is a simple way I can help  
reduce waste.

3. Create designs and images  
with the shapes.

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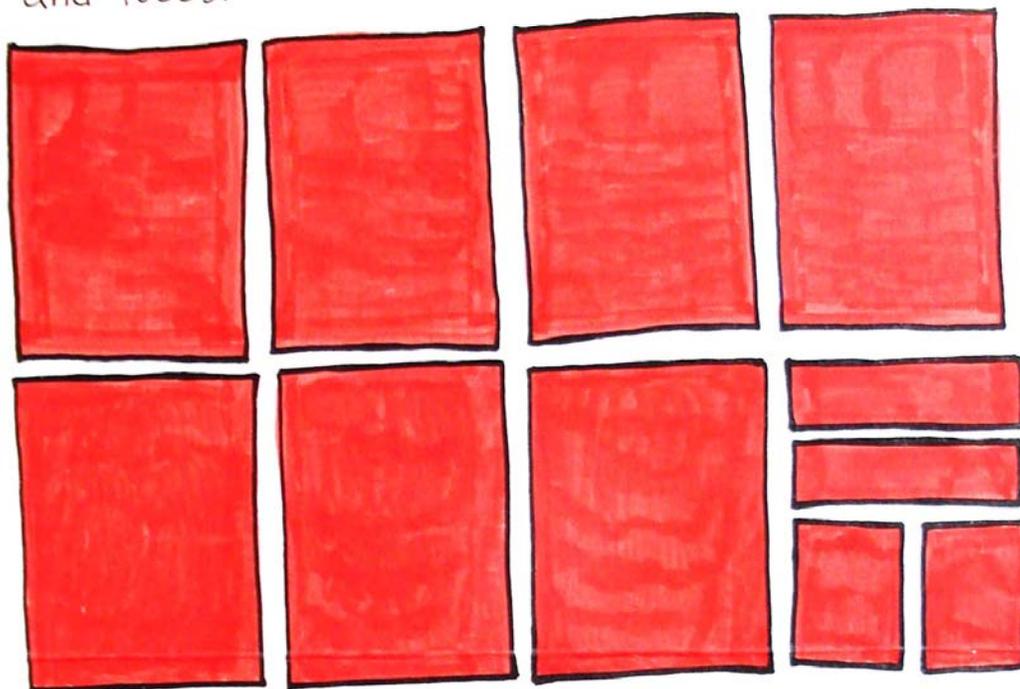
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# One Way to Divide the Rectangle Collage Papers

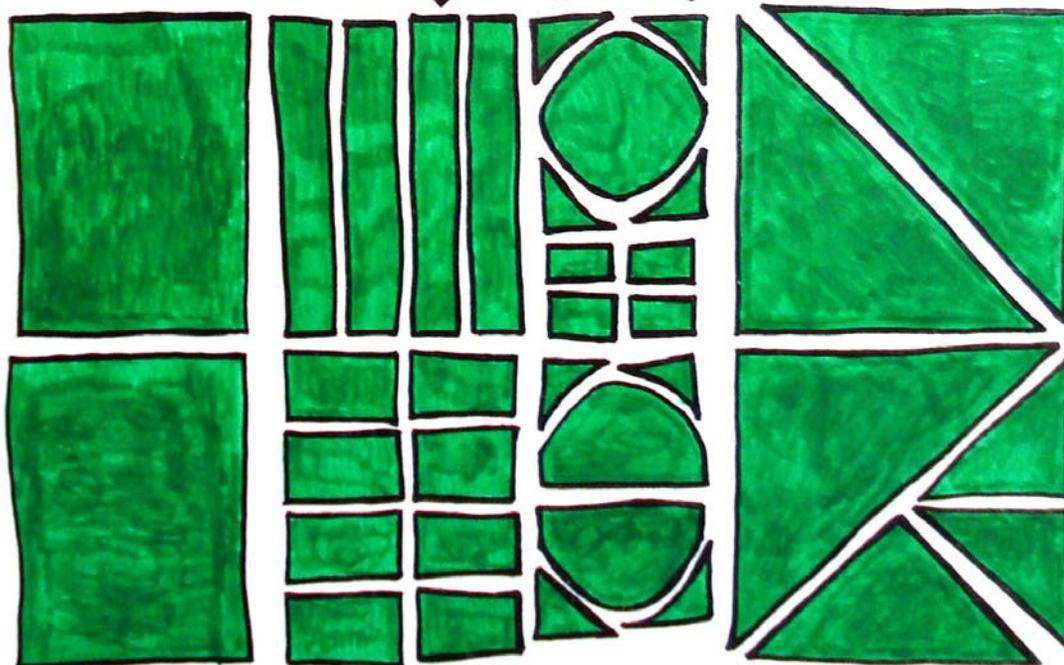
## PAPER TECHNIQUE

The dividing of my paper (folding and cutting) can be simple (easy) or complex (difficult). It depends on desire, patience, detail-mindedness, and focus.



Simple

Complex

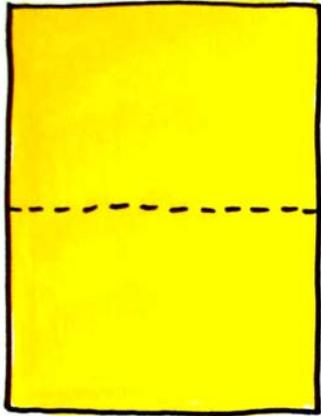
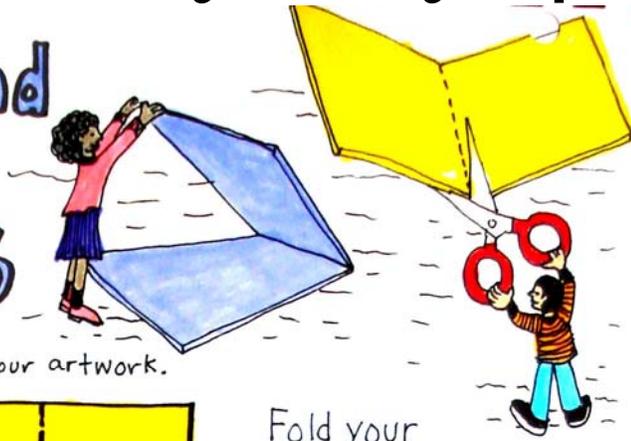


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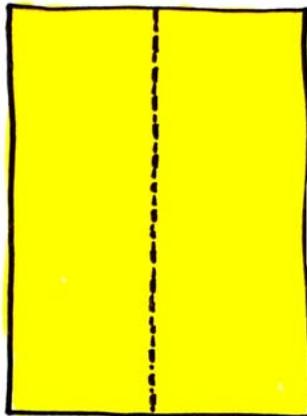
# "How to" Divide the Rectangle Collage Papers

## FOLDING and CUTTING TECHNIQUES

The reduce waste challenge is to use all the shapes, even "scraps", in your artwork.



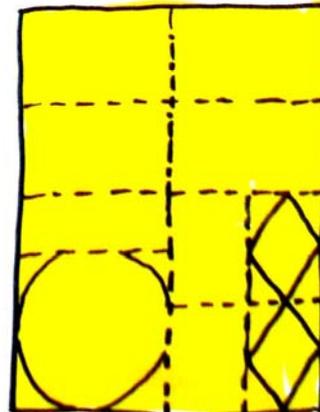
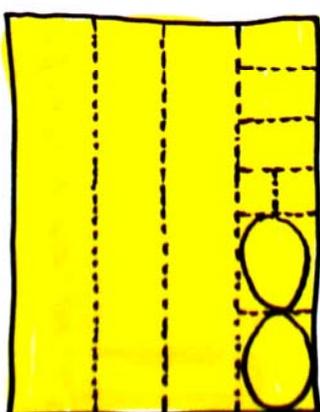
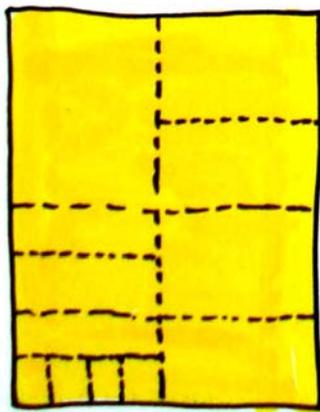
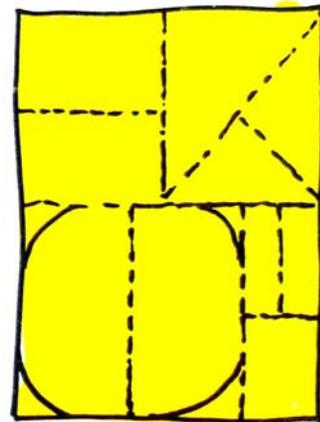
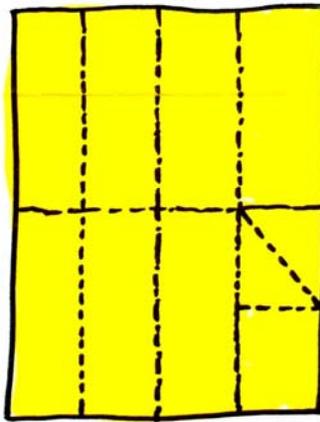
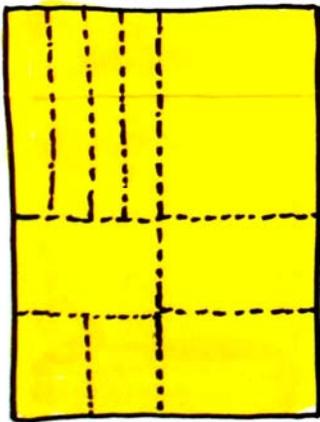
Horizontal



Vertical

Fold your paper horizontally or vertically and cut. Continue folding and cutting. The possibilities are probably endless.

[This can be done with any size rectangular paper...6"x9" suggested.]



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# Divide the Rectangle Paper Collage Examples



# Information & Mosaic Examples



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## More Mosaic Examples



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# Even More Mosaic Examples



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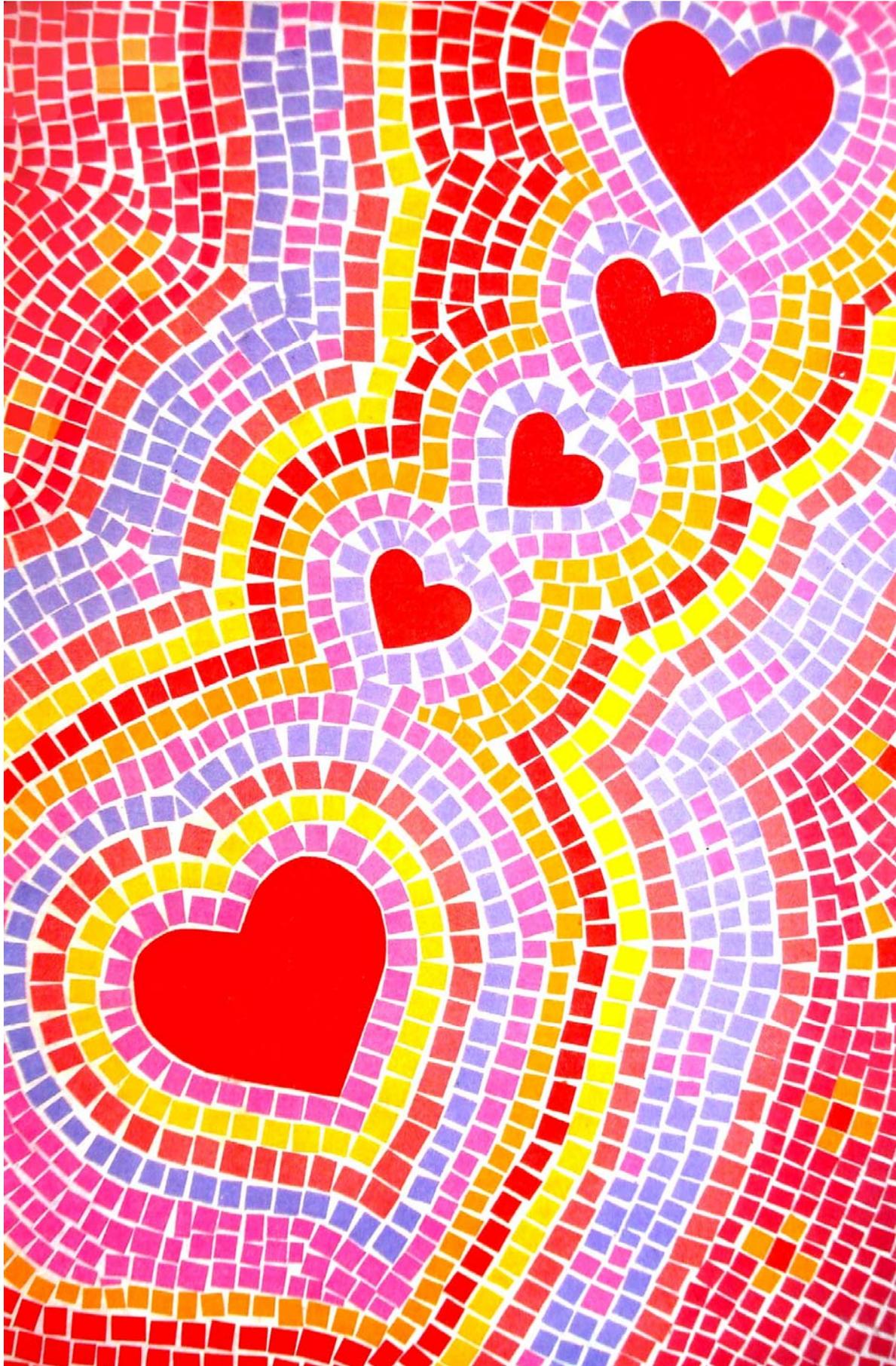
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# Reuse Mosaic Material - Colored Envelopes



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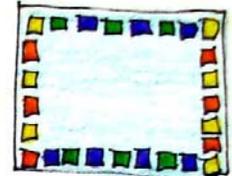
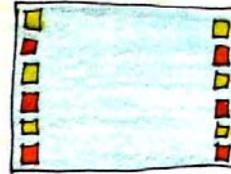
## Mosaic example made with reuse envelopes.



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# Mixed Media Collage with Mosaic Border

1. I cut squares to make a mosaic patterned border.



Verticals first, then horizontals or vice versa

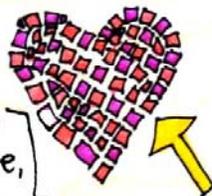
2. I create a main idea using collage or mosaic.



- Mosaic "Don'ts"
- too much overlap
  - too much space
  - too many colors
  - squares too big
- (BIG shapes are for COLLAGE, not MOSAIC)



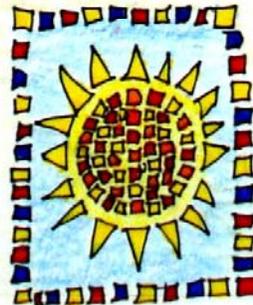
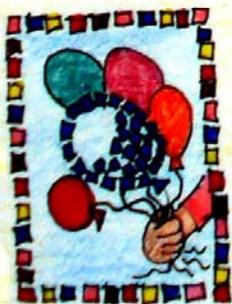
Mosaic  
Lightly draw a large shape, then fill it in with small mosaic pieces.



Larger shapes first, then smaller shapes on top for details

Leave space between squares when making a mosaic.

3. I finish the background using a drawing media. [If unsure, use a pencil first]



# COLLAGE with MAGAZINES

## PROCEDURE... [USING REUSE MAGAZINES]

1. Find needed image.



2. Tear out the whole page.



3. Cut a clean image. (No distracting imagery.)



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