

# Collage Craft Plan

A fun and creative project for kids!



## Materials

- Old kid paintings or painted scrap paper
- Magazines, tissue paper, wrapping scraps
- Scissors, glue stick or white glue, washi tape
- Base: cardstock or cereal-box panel
- Optional add-ons: straw pieces, yarn/thread, stickers, buttons, sequins

## 5-Minute Prep

- Cover the table and set out a 'yes' pile (ok to cut/tear) and a 'save' pile.
- Pre-cut a few big background shapes and a handful of straw pieces.
- Pick a color palette (e.g., pink/teal + a pop color) to make choices easier.

## Make the Collage (8 steps)

- 1 Choose a theme (see ideas below).
- 2 Background first: Glue 2–4 big shapes from old paintings to cover most of the base.
- 3 Build the scene: Add medium shapes (hills, sky, buildings, animals, etc.).
- 4 Details & texture: Tear small bits for shadows, patterns, and highlights.
- 5 3D moment (optional): Glue on straw pieces for lines, borders, flower stems, robot arms, etc.
- 6 Words & labels: Cut out letters or write a title/date.
- 7 Press & dry: Place another sheet on top and smooth so corners stick.
- 8 Seal (optional): Light Mod Podge or a thinned glue wash for durability.

## Kid-Friendly Composition Tips

- Big–Medium–Small: add in that order.
- Three friends: repeat a color/shape in 3 places to make it feel finished.
- Off the center: place the main thing slightly left/right for energy.

## Theme Prompts

- Magic Garden
- Dream Pet
- Ocean Creatures
- City of Shapes
- Self-Portrait in Scraps
- Favorite Snack
- Robot Parade
- Autumn Leaves

## Age Tweaks

- Ages 3–5: Pre-torn shapes, glue sticks, washi tape borders; adults cut straws.
- Ages 6–9: Safe scissors, try symmetry vs. zig-zag, make 1–2 3D details.

- Ages 10–12: Add words from magazines, try a grid or silhouette, trim edges flush.

### Safety & Sensory Notes

- Supervise scissors; no straw bits for under 3 (choking risk).
- Tearing = great fine-motor work; offer glue dots if glue fatigue sets in.

### Quick Finish Line

Set a timer for 20–30 minutes; when it dings, everyone adds just 3 more pieces, signs, and titles their art.

### Display Ideas

- Mini gallery with painter's tape; turn extras into cards or bookmarks.
- Hole-punch the top and hang with yarn; or clip to a string line.