



Collage Sensorial

Ages: 4-7, 8-12

What are we going to do?

This activity offers children a collage experience that stimulates more senses than sight, allowing them to appreciate the final work through touch and exploring the texture, what it represents, and how children react to it.

Furthermore, it opens the door to collage to more participants, especially children with visual impairments.

Materials you will need:

- Thick, sturdy sheets of paper or cardboard
- Child-safe scissors
- Liquid glue
- Paints and markers
- A wide variety of collage materials, such as:
- Old magazines and newspapers
- Different types of paper:
- Crepe paper
- Foil
- Tissue paper
- Printed paper
- Pom-poms



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- Sequins
- Corrugated paperboard
- Feathers
- Fabric scraps (felt, velvet, denim, etc.)
- Iridescent cellophane
- Cotton balls
- Stickers, especially textured ones (padded, soft, rough...)
- Essentially: any material that offers an interesting texture!

Duration: 1.5 hours

Instructions:

Preparation (10 minutes)

Cover the table or work surface with newspaper or a tablecloth to protect it from the glue and materials.

Organizing the material (5 minutes)

Arrange all materials in an orderly fashion so that children can easily see and choose them.



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Exploration and cutting (15-20 minutes)

Allow children to browse magazines and newspapers, choosing and cutting out shapes, pictures, or words that catch their attention.

Collage design (5-10 minutes)

Invite the children to plan their composition before gluing:

It can be a quick sketch or simply placing the materials on the base to see how they combine.

Creating the collage (20-25 minutes)

Encourage them to gradually add materials, starting with the flattest and then the more voluminous ones.

(Pom-poms stick best on top of flat cutouts, not the other way around!) Help them glue on heavier materials to ensure good adhesion.

Final details (10-15 minutes)

Complete the artwork with added details using paint or markers.

Drying time (variable) May take up to a full day to dry completely, depending on the materials used.

Make sure it is completely dry before encouraging children to tactilely explore each other's artwork.

Sharing and collection (10-15 minutes)

Gather the group to share and discuss the collages.

Talk about the different textures, materials, and creative decisions.

Finally, tidy and clean your workspace.



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TIP:

Each child progresses at their own pace: some will jump right in, while others will need more guidance. If they need ideas, you can suggest:

- Scenes with corresponding textures, such as:
 - A coral reef with wrinkled algae, soft corals, smooth shells...
 - A house with fluffy clouds, rippling water, a corrugated cardboard roof...
- A rainbow, organizing the materials by colors or similar textures.

The collages should be tailored to each child.

[Video of the activity \(in English\): Sensory Collage](#)



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