



Art Kits for all ages – expressive art

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This is Me Collage – Guided Collage

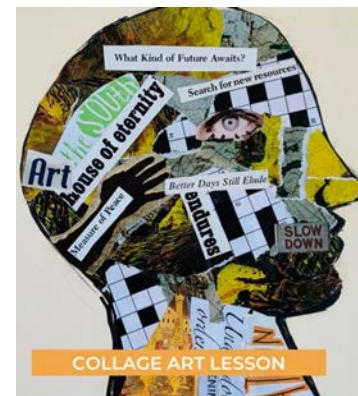
Purpose: to use images, words, shapes, cutouts of leaves and flowers, textures, and bling to create a feeling encompassing who they are. As they see themselves.

1. Use cut out of the head as a first layer base on the poster board. The front face concept is for younger kids (however, older kids can use it).

* cutouts of hair are okay if the user wants to add them. Construction paper cut into strips are provided, or they can use construction paper to make their own.

2. The goal is not to focus on hair but to add the concepts to float on the head and above like a hat. Think Carmen Miranda. Younger kids can add eyes, draw mouth and nose. Or choose to fill the space. They can also add drawings or items anywhere. It's up to them! There is no wrong or right.

Note: A side profile face card stock outline is provided for older kids who want prompts and a different face perspective, similar to the bottom examples for tracing.



In and out of control tree - Guided collage

- Trace the child's hand or use the caregivers hand if they want a larger tree.
- Brainstorm things that they can control – write them inside the hand. Color and decorate
- Add leaves to fingertips and ask the child about things they cannot control and add them in the leaves. The kids can add décor around the leaves. These are the things we must let go of. They fall off like leaves.
- They can add images as well to decorate the space
- Leaves included in kit



Extension Activity: "If you practice mindfulness in your home, you can help your child develop a mantra that your child can recite each morning based on the items they listed that are within their control. An example might sound like this":

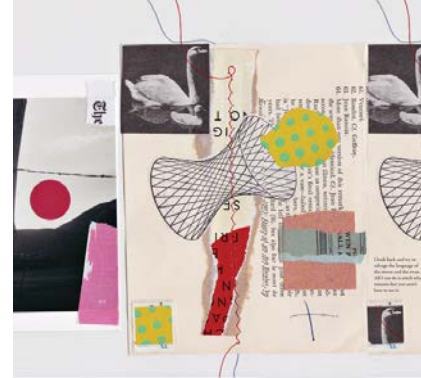
"I may feel scared or anxious about what I can't control, but I can do my part to keep me and my family safe. I can wash my hands. I can go to school. I can eat well. I can rest. And I can BREATHE! "

Adapted during COVID

General collages

Prompts - if needed:

- Freedom looks like
- Feelings board (things that make me feel)
- This is me
- What is home
- Draw a heart and fill it with your feelings
- My perfect day or place is
- Take a quote or word and create an expression of it with items
- What matters to me
- Past, present, and future me
- My safe space is
- What a feeling looks like
- Express an important event
- Words to live by collage
- Spontaneous images board
- My inner circle (draw a circle and put things in and out of circle)
- Build the collage around Blackout poetry pages or Found magazine words – see book and newspaper pages and description page on found and blackout poetry.



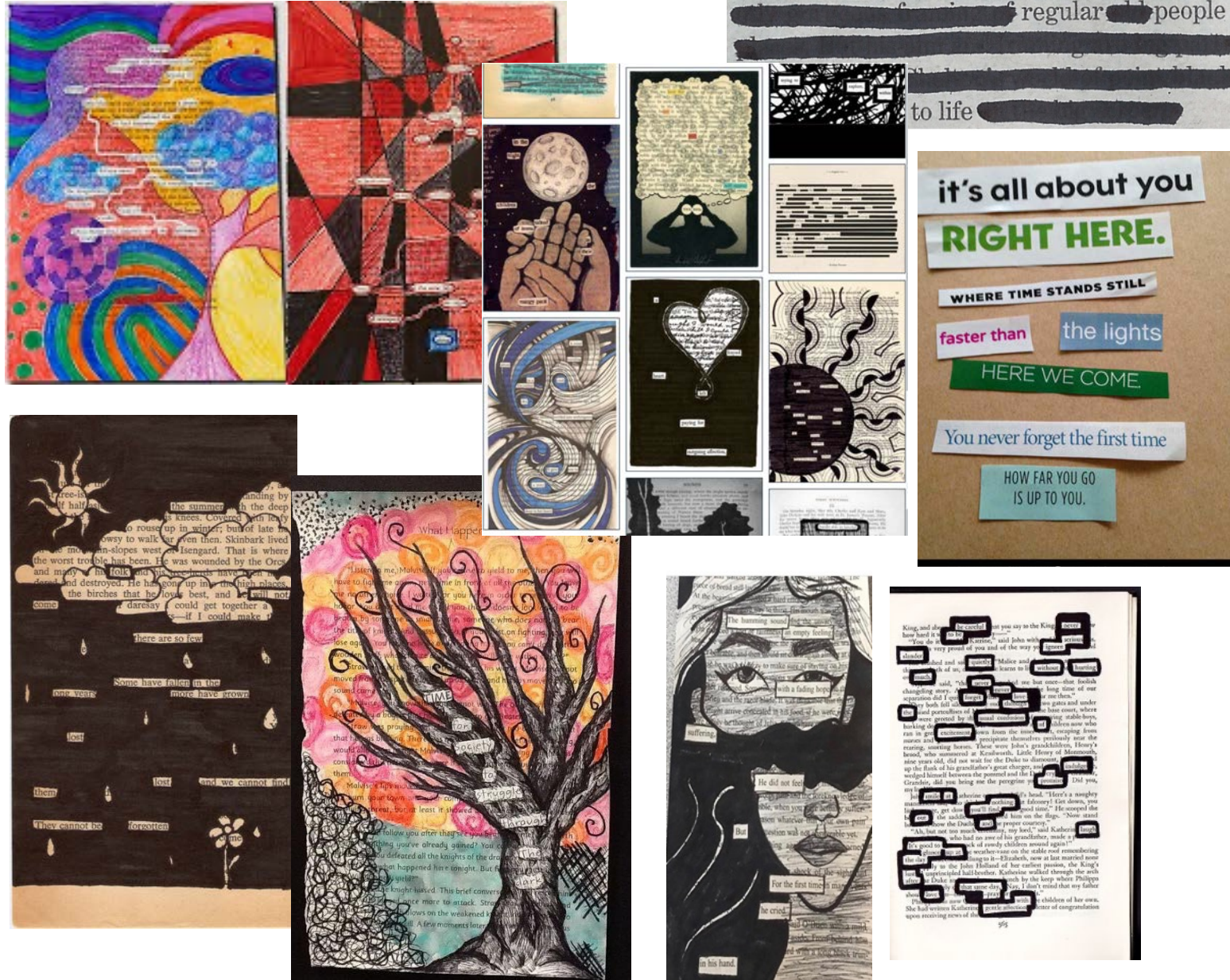
Blackout Poetry & Found Poetry

Blackout poetry

- Find a short story or article (a printed page from a newspaper, magazine, an old book, or something you have written).
- Read through the text and select an anchor word. Pick something that catches your attention. Use a pencil to circle each item.
- String together a few other words to form a thought or sentence. Be sure they read as traditional writing does. Left to right or top to bottom.
- Blackout the words outside of the words you circled, and you've got a poem. Or a series of "words" or thoughts for your collage.
- Blackout poetry is a form of Found Poetry – with blackout poetry, you are using text in a book, magazine, or newspaper & creating your own poem or statements & you are erasing or covering the other words and often turning it into art. It can be inserted into your collage, or it can be the focus of it with art around it.

Found poetry

- A process of taking words or phrases and reframing them as poetry. You can use words you find anywhere (such as cut out of a magazine) or work in the original book or magazine to circle and draw lines without canceling or blocking the other items. You can make art around it, cut it out, or use it in your collage.



Hints for using pattern paper in your collage

The pattern paper is cut in large sections so you can be creative

Ideas (but do anything you want):

- Cut them into squares and place your images on them
- Use larger pieces as your background
- Use them as trim on edges
- Cut them into rays – see left
- Cut them into shapes to make something with them or to make art out of an image



Recycle please



- The concept behind the art boxes is for the user to choose items they want to cut down on waste
- Anything in kits can be reused – if they don't use something or the kids cut part of something, it can be reused. For ex: I cut things out from partly used paper.
- Magazines and old books are key
- Tearing things from magazine, construction paper or newspaper gives the collage an artistic look if scissors are an issue
- Kit Bags, glue sticks etc. can all be used for future projects
- Ways to gather supplies: reach out to me: if you have my email or at my project at *themindfullproject24@gmail.com to see when we are running recycling efforts again
- Other tips: we used Nextdoor, social media and we placed collection boxes with a “needs list” for items on the box.
- Please save your bags, including your kit bags to restock supplies.

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