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.
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**Newspaper**

- 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, scrapbooks.

**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 bookmarks.
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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.

REUSE PAPER - IS GREAT FOR COLLAGE AND MIXED MEDIA.

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“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.
USE REUSE PAPER (WHEN POSSIBLE)!!

If you need a small shape, don't use a new paper. Please use a piece of scrap (reuse) paper.

Si necesitas una forma pequeña, no uses una hoja nueva. Por favor, usa una hoja de papel usada (pezoaz de usar un otra vez).

Overhere... please use a scrap piece like this instead. Thanks!

YES!
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.

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Reduce waste... cut your shape out of my corner. The boys and girls did a fine job of not wasting me!
Cartoon (2 of 3) - Reduce Paper Waste! Reuse Paper Scraps!

If you want to make me look like new, you can fold and cut off my scrappy part.

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If you have a scrap paper box (reuse box), save the scraps to use later! Good work!
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.
“Collage = a technique of composing a work of art by pasting on a single surface various materials not normally associated with one another.”

-Websters

Collage involves gluing or pasting. Tearing and cutting can also be involved.

You are the Best!!

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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.

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Basic Lesson - Divide the Circle Paper Collage

PAPER TECHNIQUES: I can create designs by cutting and dividing circles.

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

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

3. I create designs with shapes.

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Divide the Circle Paper Collage Examples

PAPER TECHNIQUE EXAMPLES: - THE MATH CONNECTION -

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE AS INFINITE AS MY IMAGINATION.

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Lesson Inspired by Ed Emberly - Part A

*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.

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Lesson Inspired by Ed Emberly - Part B

Divide the Pie Design 2

1. Cut more shapes and overlap...

2. Make border use variety and overlapping...

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Divide the Circle Paper Collage Lesson & Examples

Paper Technique Examples: The Math Connection

I can create designs by 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 A by Ed Emberly

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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

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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.
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 “scrap”, in your artwork.

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

EXAMPLES: PAPER CUTTING TECHNIQUE FROM RECTANGLES

Reduce Waste: Use the Whole Paper

The Possibilities Are Infinite!

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Looks like trash???

To the artist this is
not trash or recycle
paper yet. It is reuse
Paper. Good scraps cut
can be used for mosaic
and collage.

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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.
   - **Collage**
     - 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]
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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.)

or

or

or

more like.... these...
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