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Activity: Birch Tree Magazine Collage

Create a colorful forest landscape using marker, glue, and collage.



Neil G. Welliver, Deer on East Bank, 1980. Oil on canvas, 96 in. x 96 in. (243.84 cm x 243.84 cm)

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Materials:

- Two sheets white paper
- Black coloring tool such as a marker, crayon, pen, or colored pencil
- Scissors
- Glue or tape
- Magazines, newspapers, or junk mail to cut into collage pieces

Directions:

- Use your black coloring tool to add horizontal lines to one piece of white paper, representing the black marks on the bark of a birch tree. Set aside
- Look through the magazines, newspaper, and junk mail for colors, objects, and scenes to create a colorful background for the birch forest
- Cut out the areas of color, objects, and scenes and arrange them on your other piece of white paper. Overlap and rearrange them until you have created a background that covers the whole paper.
- Use glue or tape to attach the background collage pieces.
- Cut long strips out of the black and white paper to create shapes that will represent the trunks of the birch trees
- Use glue or tape to attach the birch pieces over the background.

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