



Inspired by the book “Henri’s Scissors”, featuring the great artist Henri Matisse, and our own wonderful collage by artist Elizabeth Murray whose colorful shapes relate to Matisse’s cutouts, you will be using colored paper to create your own dynamic collage. Become inspired by Murray and Matisse’s use of bold color and shape and create your very own abstract masterpiece.

For more information about this artwork click [here](#).

Elizabeth Murray, Depot, Summer, 1992.
Casein, collage, colored pencil and
graphite on paper, 11 3/8 in. x 11 in.
Bequest of May B. Gruber.

Activity: Abstract Collage

Materials:

- Paper (brightly colored or anything you have around)
- Paper for the background (any color is fine)
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Crayons or markers (optional)

Directions:

- Cut your paper into different shapes. They can be geometric or organic.
- Lay out your shapes on your background paper to create your design.
- Use your glue stick to glue down your shapes.
- Once you have completed your collage, you can use a crayon or marker to add details and patterns to your shapes.

Tips:

- Don’t overthink! Allow yourself to let go and be creative.
- You can use a pencil if you would like to trace out your shapes first.

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- Experiment with different colors and what happens when certain colors are placed next to one another.



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