

Collage Creations with Zara the Zebra

Learning objective: To understand the techniques, vocabulary, and artistic principles behind creating a collage.

Read each flashcard to learn about the art of collage. Use these cards to test your knowledge or to help you plan your next mixed-media masterpiece!

What is a 'Collage'?

An artistic technique where different materials are stuck onto a backing surface to create a new image.

Define 'Composition' in the context of collage.

The way an artist arranges the different fragments on the page to create balance and interest.

What is 'Mixed Media'?

An artwork that uses a variety of different materials, such as paper, fabric, photographs, and natural items, all in one piece.

Explain 'Texture' in collage.

The way a surface feels or looks; in collage, it is created by layering different materials like rough cardboard, smooth foil, or soft wool.

What is an 'Overlay'?

Placing one material or shape on top of another to create depth or hide parts of the layer underneath.

Define 'Juxtaposition'.

Placing two very different things side-by-side to highlight their contrast, such as a smooth magazine clipping next to a piece of jagged bark.

What is an 'Adhesive'?

A substance used to stick materials together, such as glue, paste, or double-sided tape.

Why do artists use a 'Base' in collage?

It provides the sturdy foundation or background upon which all other decorative elements are built.

What does 'Fragment' mean in art?

A small part or piece of a whole object, such as a torn piece of coloured paper or a snippet of text.

Explain 'Ephemeral' materials.

Materials that are short-lived or not meant to last forever, such as old tickets, newspapers, or dried leaves used in a collage.