Creating Masterpieces: The Art of Collage

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Encourage your child to look for textures in the home, such as bubble wrap, corrugated cardboard, or fabric scraps, before they start their collage.

Follow these steps to build your own collage: 1. Choose a base material like card or thick paper. 2. Select materials with different textures (e.g., fabric, shiny foil, or newspaper). 3. Arrange your pieces to create a focal point. 4. Use glue sparingly to stick them down. Example: If making a seaside scene, use torn blue tissue paper for the sea and rough, brown sandpaper for the sand.

- **What is the primary purpose of layering different materials in a collage?**
- **Explain why choosing a sturdy base is important for a 3D collage.**
- **How can you use colour to create a focal point in your artwork?**
- **Why might an artist choose to overlap materials rather than placing them side-by-side?**
- **Describe the effect of using contrasting textures in a single composition.**

Did you know? Did you know that the word 'collage' comes from the French verb 'coller', which literally means 'to glue'? Famous artists in the early 20th century were the first to make it a popular fine art form, rather than just a hobby for scrapbooks!

Key vocabulary: Texture · Composition · Layering · Focal point · Overlay