

Designing with Collage - Working with papers and fabrics

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REQUIREMENTS LIST

When you are gathering your supplies it helps to consider these three things:

1) Blank Paper to paint

2) Extra papers to decorate

3) Pencils pens markers to enhance

- A pad of A4 paper Drawing weight paper
- Packet of A4 or A5 Cardstock paper
- Target has a well priced pack for cardmaking in A5 in their stationary section in white, brown kraft or black.
- Riot Art and Craft and Officeworks can help with lots of gorgeous paper as well.
- We will be painting papers so don't go out and buy too much if you have odds and ends of sketchbooks, etc., that you could use. You can even paint over discarded sketches.
- Magazine cuttings – this can be just the colour, it need not be specific images, text is often good to collect
- Any interesting papers - small amounts of each, you won't need a huge quantity – aim for variety eg: an old letter, handmade paper, some loose sketches or doodles that haven't found a home, sheet music , old dictionary or street directory pages
- A few fabrics you'd like to incorporate with the papers you have chosen
- Couple of embroidery threads and sharp embroidery needles
- 1" wide flat brush for glue – not too expensive and with bristles that move easily – Taklon or nylon or any synthetic will wash out well
- An extra brush for smaller areas
- Pair of disposable gloves
- Acrylic Brushes or sponge brushes for painting
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Acrylic paints – variety of colours ((bring as many as you like)

- Pencils, markers, pens - I will have some for use in class as well. My favourites are Posca pens which are liquid paint, a white pen and a permanent black marker, Sharpie pens are great as they are all permanent - available at Officeworks, Target etc.
- Container for glue
- Water container
- Paper towels
- Bottle of Mod Podge - available at Riot stores etc., A small bottle (230ml)
- APRON!

I will have packets of my painted papers available and some outline images of birds, trees and other images that you might like to incorporate into your work.

These packets are priced around \$20 - \$25

I will also be bringing some **A3 size paper for large projects at \$2.00 sheet**. It saves everyone bringing one!

Day 1 we will be painting and working on papers in a variety of ways in readiness for 1 large project or a series of three smaller pieces (if you prefer) that will be assembled and finished on **Day 2**.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries about this workshop. Think about a subject that you might like to explore in your collage. It could be anything from foliage to animals, people, architecture, etc.

I look forward to seeing you in class!

Cheers until August!

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