

# Make-it & Take-it Activity – Paper Landscape Collage

## Background

Collage from the French word "to glue" or "to stick together" is a technique of art creation which results in an assemblage of different forms, thus creating a new whole.

A collage may sometimes include magazine and newspaper clippings, ribbons, paint, bits of colored or handmade papers, portions of other artwork, texts, photographs and other found objects, glued to a piece of paper or canvas.

The origins of collage can be traced back hundreds of years, but this technique made a dramatic reappearance in the early 20th century as an art form of novelty.

The term *Papier collé* was coined by both Georges Braque and Pablo Picasso in the beginning of the 20th century when collage became a distinctive part of modern art.

## Materials

- Magazine pages
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Card stock

## Directions

Watch the video to see the process: <https://amesburycarriagemuseum.org/makeitactivities>

Your collage will have 4 horizontal sections going across: sky, mountains, water, and ground. You tear or cut each piece to take up about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the card stock, adding a little extra to overlap each piece.

1. Begin by going through magazines for images that remind you of sky, mountains, a body of water, and ground (grassy, sandy, rocky, or whatever).
2. Select a page for the sky and cut or rip a horizontal piece and glue to the top of the cardstock. Use the scissors to trim the magazine paper even with the edges of the cardstock.
3. Next, select a page for mountains and rip with a jagged / hilly edge on the top. Adhere with glue, overlapping slightly over the sky, so there is no gap between the two papers.
4. Next, is the water which can go straight across or undulating like a coastline. Adhere with glue, again overlapping slightly with the previous piece.
5. Finally, is the foreground which you will also tear unevenly to creating the ground overlapping the water.
6. Trim all around so that the glued papers are even with the edge of the card stock.

7. Your landscape is now complete. But feel free to add stickers, stamps, and other collaged items to enhance your piece of art!