

Crafts week 14

My name's first letter as a collage

With your parents, design your first name's first letter using shapes you've cut out of newspaper or coloured paper!

First, look in newspapers, magazines or coloured paper for colours, pictures, and surfaces that interest you. You may also just look for a colour you like, e.g., yellow, and see how many shades of the colour you can find.

Practice cutting simple shapes such as a circle, square, triangle and rectangle. If you like, you can first use a pen to draw the shape on the paper and then cut it out. Ask your parents to help and show you how it is done. Also, cut out plenty of your own imaginary shapes! You can also cut out pictures that you like out of the magazines.

Some of the shapes can be small, and some can be bigger. In other words, cut out shapes of different sizes. Once you've collected at least 15 shapes, you can start laying the shapes out onto a single-colour sheet of paper so that they form the shape of your first name. The shapes can also be on top of each other, so that some of the shapes are behind others. When you are satisfied with your letter design, glue the shapes to the paper using, for example, stick glue.

The paper you use can be an A4-sized copy paper, or larger, for example, an A3 sheet or two A4-sized papers taped together (ask your parents to help you with this).

DESIGN
5-6years

What you need

- Newspaper, magazines, and/or coloured paper.
- Stick glue or other glue.
- Single-coloured paper to use as a base to glue the letter, for example A4 or A3 sized



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Goal

In this exercise,

- you train your imagination and skills of observation by looking for interesting colours, pictures and surfaces in magazines, and by inventing your own imaginary shapes.
- you familiarize yourself with basic shapes such as circles, squares, triangles and rectangles.
- you practice making layouts which means combining things and organizing them in an interesting fashion.
- you develop your fine motorskills by, amongst other things, using scissors try out collage technique

Background information

Typography, or in other words, the design of letters, is an area within the field of graphic design, and it involves the planning and design of letters. There are many different types of letters, and they are called fonts.

Collage-making is a technique where different materials are combined to make one piece. The name comes from the French 'coller' (to glue) and the technique was born during the art movement called Cubism in the early 1900s. Anything that can be glued on to a work can form part of a collage, but the most common material, is, nonetheless, paper. A collage can also be a 3D sculpture, which is then called an Assemblage.

