

Collage Series Ages 4 and Up



With the mat...



Without the mat...

Good things come in threes. Why just do one collage when you can do three? This Collage Series project is guaranteed to provide an eye-catching work of art for your home.

Just like the Tied Paper Bundle project, you first need to find the frame for this project. Look for a frame that can accommodate at least a ¼" thickness. I found some frames in Walmart that were perfect for this project. You can also look for "Scrapbook Frames" or "Shadow Boxes." Those are usually about 1" deep.

Don't get too fussy with this project (like I did above). Let your child assemble her collages as she wishes. Provide some interesting found objects to go along with color-coordinated paper, and you'll have a great end result. Including her first initial will add a nice personal touch.

Materials:

20"x 10" Frame – Holds 3 - 4x6 photos, can be used with or without the included mat.

Mat Board – one piece 18"x 8" and three pieces 4"x 6" (dimensions will vary depending on the frame.)

Coordinating Patterned Paper

Letter Stencil – you just need your child's first initial

Glue Stick

White Glue

Any of the following: raffia, burlap, cloth scraps, ribbon, buttons, scrabble letters, safety pins, toothpicks, feathers, leaves, dried flowers, beads, embroidery thread, paper tags, bottle caps, glitter glue, sequins, etc.

Directions:

1. Cut the patterned paper into various shapes and sizes. Have your child glue the paper shapes to the three 4x6 pieces of mat board with glue stick.
2. After you have emptied out your junk drawer (a great place to look for doo-dads), instruct your child to add objects to her collages with *small* dots of white glue. Don't let the collages get too thick or they may not fit in the frame! Remember to include the letter stencil in one of the collages.
3. Allow to dry.
4. Mount the three collages to the larger piece of mat board.
5. Frame as desired.