

BLINK AT HOME

FOUND ART

What art can you make using found items?

Skills to Develop

- + Color identification
- + Shape identification
- + Creative thinking
- + Fine motor skills

Materials

- + Recycled materials such as junk mail, old greeting cards, wrapping paper, googly eyes, puff balls
- + Glue
- + Scissors
- + Paper (thicker preferred)
- + Cereal box & duct tape (optional)

WHAT TO DO

Prepare the Previous Night

1. Collect materials. Alternatively, you can take your child on a found material scavenger hunt to locate appropriate materials together.
2. To create a 3D collage, cut cereal box top off. Cover the box with duct tape to strengthen it (optional).

During the Learning Activity

1. Explain that a collage is made out of everyday objects pieced together to create a work of art. Today, we are going to make our own collages.
2. Provide materials and talk with children about their work as they glue their found objects to paper or cereal box. Discuss the shapes and colors they are choosing and why they are choosing to use those materials.
3. Praise the process over the product. Have children describe their collage and record their description on a separate piece of paper. Hang this description along with the collage as a label like those you see at the Anchorage Museum.
4. Share children's art using digital means and tags us at @anchagemuseum #museumfromhome.

Extend the Fun

- + Can you create a collage using shades of one color?
- + Search the Anchorage Museum's website for collages
<http://onlinecollections.anchagemuseum.org/>