Mixed Media Collage

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Mixed Media Collage
Age Level: 4 and up | Learning Zone: Art Garden
Subject: STEAM Activity (Mixed Media Collage)
Lesson Duration: 30-45 minutes

Watch the video lesson here!

Materials Needed:
- Large piece of matte board (hard board)
- Pieces of paper, map, smaller geometric shapes of matte board
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue
- Paper, photographs or other materials found around the home

Louisiana Standards:

Louisiana's Birth to 5 Early Learning & Development Standards:
AL1, AL2, AL3, AL4, CC2, CM2, CM4, CSS3, PM2
Additional Information:

A **collage** is a piece of art made by sticking different materials such as pieces of paper, photographs, drawings, magazines, geometric shapes or fabrics on to a backing.

The **mixed media** part means the artist uses different items such as paper, matte board, photographs, markers, paint, magazines, or fabric, even feathers!

**Geometric shapes** are circles, squares, triangles, rectangles and polygons. There are many geometric shapes in the world. Artists often find inspiration by looking at shapes in nature.

Steps:

- Open your bag and take out the big piece of matte board and scraps of paper, shapes of matte board and map (they are mostly inside the red envelope) and markers.
- You need to think about how you want to arrange the pieces of paper, shapes and map on to your matte board. You may also look around your house for photographs, magazines or whatever else you want to include in your collage.
- You may use your scissors to cut the paper, map, and other materials to create new geometric shapes.
- You may make a pattern, your own map, or arrange the paper however makes you happy.

- Take out your glue stick and apply glue to the back of each piece of material and place on the large piece of matte board.
- You may glue materials on top of each other to create layers.
- Use your markers to add color to your creation.