Silhouette Collages

What makes you, you? These silhouette collages are a fun way to capture your identity, both physically and metaphorically. Start by having a buddy trace your profile by casting its shadow onto a sheet of paper. Cut out words or images from magazines, newspapers, and books that you feel resonate with your personality and interests. Place these inside the silhouette and contour them to fit your face shape. Glue with mod podge or glue/water mixture. Add a black outline or decorate the negative space as desired.

Paper Tab Sculptures

Create a colorful composition with paper! Start by cutting strips of color construction paper. These can be a uniform width or vary based on how high you want the strips to stand on the paper. Cut 1 inch by 1 inch slits in one side of each of the strips, and fold out perpendicular to your base sheet, reversing the direction of the fold each time (left, right, left, right, etc). Glue your paper tabs onto your base sheet making fun shapes, lines, and spirals as you go.

Mosaic Sidewalk Chalk

Want to enjoy the beautiful weather but avoid the crowded beaches today? Grab some sidewalk chalk and painters tape and make a masterpiece of your driveway! Start by taping off the entire shape you’d like - square, rectangle, heart, etc. Then add strips of tape in different directions to create shapes within the larger shape - think of a stained glass window. Color in each shape with a different color chalk until it’s fully saturated. After you color in each section, remove the tape. Share your finished mosaics with us!
Recreating Art History

This challenge from the Getty museum in LA has been one of our favorite things to follow during our closure. What’s your favorite work of art? Can you recreate it at home? Find objects with similar colors, pose with your animals, wrap yourself in similar fabrics... get creative! We’d love to see your rendition of art history!

https://mymodernmet.com/recreate-art-history-challenge

Potato Printing

You can make prints with almost anything, even potatoes! Start by selecting acrylic paints you want to use and cutting your potatoes in half. To create a simple design, use a cookie cutter and press it into the center of the potato. While the cutter is still in the potato, use a knife to cut about 1/2 inch around it using the cookie cutter as a buffer, and then pull the cutter out, leaving the raised design as a stamp. If you’re feeling brave, you can also cut a design into the potato yourself with a small knife or X-Acto. Let your potato dry, and then dip it into a light, even layer of paint. Press the inked potato onto your paper and watch the printed masterpiece unfold.

Nature Collages

You can find all colors in nature, even in your own backyard! Take advantage of new Spring blooms by making your own color wheel or rainbow out of natural materials. Start by cutting out a rainbow shape or circle out of cardboard and draw 8 different sections of color. Create bands of color for the rainbow or slices for the circle. Gather things in your yard or a local park that match the 8 colors of the rainbow - Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, and Violet. Add these to your cardboard piece with glue in the order listed above.