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# **COLLAGE MAKING**

## AIM

To study the technique and assemble the different mediums and materials to create a work of art.

#### INTRODUCTION

Collage is a technique of pasting or assembling different mediums and materials to create art. There are different ways of collage-like photomontage, 3D collage and Digitial collage. Most of the collages we see were generally made from bits and press of text and pictures from newspapers, magazines, and even, to some extent, things and picture originally made by the people. This art practice got selected when the term 'Photomontage' was coined. Here only the selection of photographs or the part of photographs was used to make a composite picture. This method now-a-days can be done using image editing software digitally.

Another dimension of collage making is the use of three-diamensional objects to create a new object as a whole, also known as 3-dimensional collage. Due to the digital revolution and widespread software, another perspective of doing collages can be seen, which is becoming more accessible due to computer software, i.e. the technique of using a computer in collage creations. In this practical chapter, we will do and learn about the method of three types of collage making process.



On completion of this practical lesson, you will be able to:

- differentiate between the various types of collage-making processes;
- arrange a composition with different types of photographs and other materials;



- handle different kind of 3D material and different subjects for the composition;
- create the tonal values and quality by using coloured paper from a magazine, newspaper etc.
- analyse three-dimensional arrangement technique and pasting technique on different medium and space.

#### PAPER PASTING COLLAGE

**Step 1:** To create your paper collage, draw the objects as per your choice through pen, pencil or marker as shown in the picture (Fig. 7.1).



Fig. 7.1

**Step 2:** Apply colours to your figure, and you can write the name of the colours in their desired area making it easier to paste the coloured paper to make a beautiful collage. Now take coloured paper from a magazine, newspaper etc. After that, make your collage surface sticky by applying glue, then stick your pieces of paper on your drawing area as shown in the Fig. 7.2.



Fig. 7.2

**Step 3:** We should paste coloured paper and apply it on the remaining space as per the requirement of the composition. Now the figures of the collage are ready (See Fig. 7.3).



Fig. 7.3

Notes



**Step 4:** In this step, paste the pieces of coloured paper on the background to complete the collage (See Fig. 7.4).



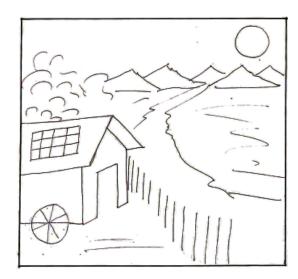
Fig. 7.4

## MIX MATERIAL COLLAGE

Now let us prepare a collage with mixed material.

For mixed material collage, you will need an HB pencil, glue, waste materials, cloth, soft board, hardboard, plastic leaves, wooden sticks, and other decorative items as require.

**Step 1:** Draw the figure of a mountain, river, sky, hut etc., as per your theme with pen or pencil, as shown in the Fig. 7.5.



**Fig. 7.5** 

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**Step 2:** Now you will spread the glue on the collage surface and then paste the waste materials (like soft board, plastic, leaf, house and mountains) on the drawing sheet (See Fig. 7.6).





Fig. 7.6

**Step 3:** Now cover the land area with cloth and jute material as shown in the Fig. 7.7. You can also use straw pieces as per the requirement of the collage.



Fig. 7.7

**Step 4:** Complete the collage by pasting waste materials and colours on the remaining collage spaces. Paste the plastic poly paper as shown in the collage and the wooden stick at the bank of the river. Now give the final touch to complete your collage (See Fig. 7.8).



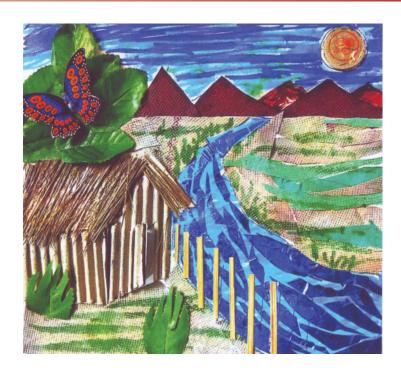


Fig. 7.8

# PHOTO/IMAGE COLLAGE

You will need newspaper, magazine paper, books, glue, different images and photos for the photo collage.

**Step 1:** Paste the newspaper pieces on the surface of the collage, then paste the pieces of paper to show the barren land.



Fig. 7.9

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**Step 2:** To complete the background area in the collage, paste all the pieces of paper showing barren land (See Fig. 7.10).





Fig. 7.10

**Step 3:** After completing the background area, paste the pictures and make the outlines of the collage.



Fig. 7.11

**Step 4:** Finally, paste all the remaining pictures to complete the collage (See Fig. 7.12).





Fig. 7.12

You should paste the things so that the composition becomes balanced.



# WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT

- In general, we made a collage with the help of pits and paste of photos, texts etc.
- Due to digital resolution, collage can be created easier.
- Preparation of paper pasting collage.
- Method of creating image collage.



## TERMINAL QUESTIONS

- 1. Make a collage by using materials available at your home.
- 2. Create a paper collage with the help of only black and white paper.
- 3. Make a colourful collage using coloured photographs of humans and animals.
- 4. What is photomontage? Give details with examples.