

Make an Animal Collage

Review Megan Coyle's collages – pay close attention to the different colors and settings that appear in her work. Plan to make your own animal collage.

Before getting started, think about the way you want to depict your animal:

- Will it be in a natural or man-made habitat? Will there be a setting, or will you only use solid colors for the background?
- What artistic style will you use? Do you want the animal to look realistic?
- Will you use natural colors for the animal? Or will you use colors that aren't natural?
- What will the animal do? Is it standing still or in motion?
- Is it in a scene of a story you've imagined?
- What will the mood be? Will the setting or background be cheerful or dark? How about the animal?

Once you have an idea of how you want your animal to look, go ahead and begin the collage.



Megan Coyle
Blue Beaver (detail)



Megan Coyle
King of the Jungle (detail)



Megan Coyle
Purple Meerkat (detail)

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You will need: paper, pencils, magazines/construction paper, scissors, and glue sticks

1. Think of an animal you'd like to collage. Keep in mind that you will write a science report on that animal once you complete your artwork.
2. Sketch the animal and its habitat on a piece of paper.
3. Once you decide how the animal will look, select the colors for your collage.
4. Cut the pieces of paper into different shapes based on the shapes of highlights and shadows you'd like to include.
5. Arrange the pieces of paper on top of the sketch. Once you find an arrangement that you like, glue down the paper.
6. Continue to cut and paste paper until you cover the entire page.