

LOOKING FORWARD

Create a collage inspired by somewhere you're looking forward to going.

You will need: card, scissors, glue, old magazines, newspapers, interesting bits of paper or card etc.

1. Think of somewhere you'd like to go soon. This could be somewhere nearby, somewhere familiar, somewhere far away or somewhere you've never been.

2. Imagine being in the place you've chosen. Close your eyes and think about what you can see, hear, smell and touch while you're there. Is it warm or cold? Are you there alone or with other people? Are you moving around and doing things, or are you sitting peacefully? Notice how imagining this place makes you feel.

3. Using these feelings and images, start to think about your collage. You might want to create a realistic picture of the place, or you might want to make an abstract expression of how the place makes you feel. Pay attention to the picture you have in your mind.

4. Spend some time leafing through your old newspapers, magazines and other materials. Cut or tear out anything that you're drawn to, even if you're not sure how it might fit into your collage yet. You might find colours or patterns that make you think of your chosen place, and you might be drawn to pictures and words – there aren't any rules here!

5. You might want to use lots of small bits of paper to create a bigger image, like a mosaic, or you might want to arrange lots of different images together. It's up to you – why not experiment with different ways of making?

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6. Arrange all your chosen materials on a piece of card. Play around with different ways of placing them on the paper – you could experiment with layers, and with contrasting or similar colours and patterns. Not everything has to be glued flat – what happens if you crumple or fold your materials? Take your time with this and notice how the picture slowly comes together.

7. When you're happy with how it looks, begin glueing everything down. Start with the background and work forward. Then when you're finished, let your collage dry flat before proudly displaying it!

