



MUSEUM FROM HOME

Edition 3: Family Collage
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Look!

What do you see in this picture?
Is the woman happy?

What colors do you see? Name them all!

Notice how different things look as though they are laying on top of each other.

Learn!

Roger Shimomura created this artwork in honor of his grandmother and his own life. He mixed different things that reminded him of her life and his life to create this image. His grandparents and parents were born in a different country, so this artwork puts together things from where they were born, Japan, and where he was born, America.



Roger Shimomura, *American Muse*, 2017. Reifschlager Fund, 2019.1.3

Do!

Create a family collage together! This activity will work best with caregivers working alongside their little ones. This is a great way to let loved ones know you are thinking about them when you're not able to visit each other, and to remind little ones about family members they might not be able to see.

Materials:

- Family photos. If you don't have any hard copy photos that already live in frames, can a family member or friend mail some to you? Or, print photos if you have a printer.
- Plain paper, any color. 8 ½ x 11 inches is a good size to start.
- Glue stick
- Scissors
- Magazines, newspapers, any paper with usable and interesting images
- Magic Marker

Steps to Create Your Family Collage

1. Choose one family member to dedicate your collage to. Talk about things this family member likes, their career, and some favorite memories with them.
2. Look through your paper material for things related to what you have talked about – maybe your family member loves coffee and you can find pictures of mugs and advertisements for Starbucks. Maybe they love hiking and you can find pictures of mountains.
3. Cut out the images of things your family member loves. If your little one is mastering scissors, show them how to cut with a wide berth around the actual image you want. It's a great idea to help them learn how to cut with scissors rather than cutting it perfectly yourself!
4. Arrange and paste the images on your plain paper. Make sure things overlap.
5. Place your family member's photo in a place of honor! Outline their photo with marker so they really stand out.
6. Share your family collage creation on social media using #KIDSRockwell, then mail it to your family member to brighten their day from afar!