



Collaborative Collage



Standards:
CA.VA.PS.1 - 5



Materials:

- *Peter's Chair*
- construction paper, recycled, and natural materials
- small cups
- paintbrushes
- glue or glue sticks
- large sheets of paper
- children's collages

Vocabulary:

- collage: art made by attaching materials to a flat surface
- illustrate: create a picture
- collaborate: work together

Preparation: Set up materials.

Intro to Centers:

"Ezra Jack Keats used **collage**--art made by attaching materials to a flat surface--to **illustrate** *Peter's Chair*. What do you notice?"

"You made **collages** in the Art Studio. How are your collages the same as or different from Ezra Jack Keats'?"

"Today in the Art Studio, you can create one large **collage** with friends. What are some ways you can **collaborate**--work together?"

Show illustrations.
Children respond.

Show children's work.
Children respond.

Children respond.

During Centers:

Encourage children to try different materials from their individual collages. Compare and contrast children's collages with Ezra Jack Keats's illustrations in *Peter's Chair*. If working with several friends is too overwhelming for children, encourage children to collaborate in pairs on smaller pieces of paper. Allow children to work on a variety of surfaces, i.e., on a table, at the easel, on the floor.

Guiding Questions during Centers:

- How is creating a collaborative collage similar to or different from creating a collage by yourself?
- What shapes are you using in your collage? How do you know this is a (square, triangle, etc.)?
- How are you and your friend(s) collaborating?
- What are other ways that you and your friends could collaborate in the classroom?

Thinking & Feedback: Invite children to share their processes. Encourage children to describe the challenges they might have encountered.

Documentation: Collect samples of the children's work as well as photographs and/or video of their process; use the documentation to launch a discussion during Thinking and Feedback.

Provocation:

Encourage children to use collage with another art technique, i.e., add collage material to their *Line, Dot, and Squiggle Paintings* and/or paint with line, squiggles, and dots on their collages. Use collaborative collages as backdrops in Dramatization.