



## **COLLAGE SELF-PORTRAIT**

This activity is intended to take the pressure off of creating a realistic self-portrait. It's a fun way to represent ourselves in a different and revealing format. It can be a figurative or symbolic self-portrait.

**Materials needed:** Magazines, photos, fabrics, laces, papers, buttons, natural elements, glue, glitter, markers, paints, stamps, [there are so many possibilities for collage!] scissors, and paper or cardstock for support.

### **Procedure:**

1. Each participant will need a piece of paper to create their collage upon, along with glue and scissors to work with.
2. Gather the materials that appeal to you, including photos in magazines which can include figures and elements of faces. These can be constructed to simulate your face. Or, make an abstract "portrait", using other images from the human or natural world that "represent" you.
3. When you have collected a group of images, you can begin creating a composition on the paper, gluing the elements in place and using markers, paints, glitter, and other materials to embellish your collage. You can even sew onto the paper.
4. Another possibility is to include text: words that have meaning for you, such as a poem or quotation, or a single word.
5. Hang up your collage, and write down what it reveals about you.

### **Possible learning areas:**

Self-expression, two-dimensional art making, composition, variety and emphasis