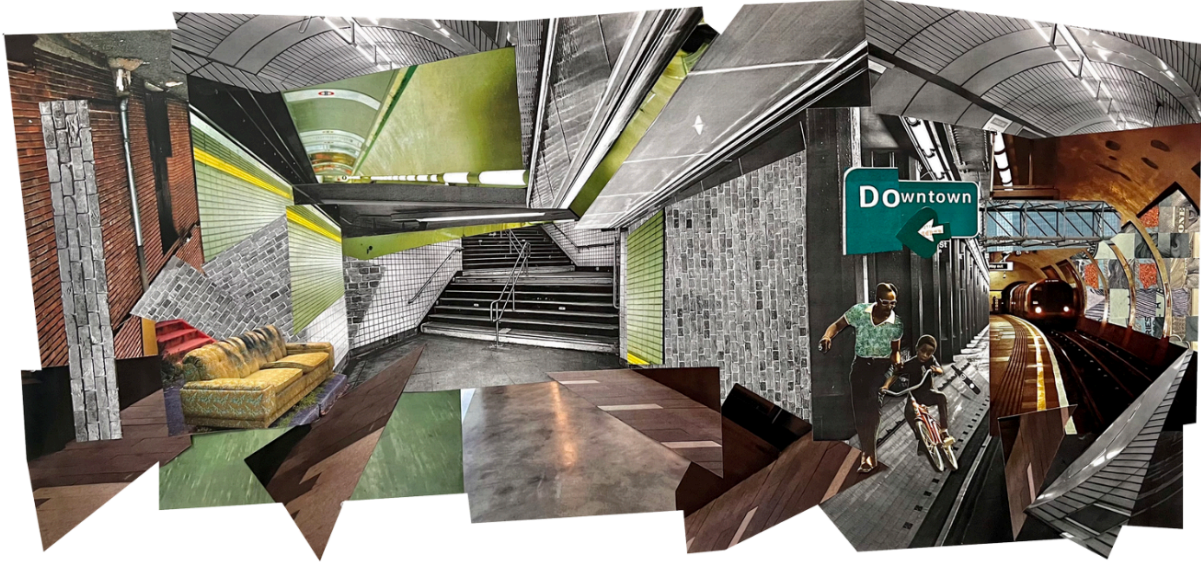


Bending Light

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Duration: 30 min

Materials Needed:

- Scissors
- Paper
- Colored Pencils
- Pen
- Photos
- Magazines
- Print outs

Introduction:

A collage is an image composed by cutting, assembling, and gluing images, photos, or other materials onto a surface. It is an artistic method that uses composition and overlapping of items to create new meanings based on the relationships between the materials. A collaged image can be made from many types of materials. It can use hand drawings and sketches, cut outs from photographs and magazines, or even splashes of paint. The sizes of the images can distort reality or play with perspective. A collage can also convey an argument, idea, or story. Sometimes a collage is more abstract.

Activity:

In this activity we will use the tools of collage to imagine where and how you would like to live.

1. Explore [Bending Light](#) and take a look at **Kaima Marie Akarue** work

- a. Discuss your impressions of the artist's work
 - i. How is **Kaima Marie Akarue** using collage in this exhibition to tell a story?
 - ii. How do the overlapping of images relate to one another? What elements stand out to you?
 - iii. What story is the artist trying to tell?
2. To begin, create room backgrounds by cutting out images that feature a texture—a background can be long, tall, whatever you wish. Cut out images of things you like.



3. Start at the center of a blank sheet of paper and imagine how you would like your personal space to look and feel. Is this space neutral or colorful? Is it somewhere you play or where you do your homework?
4. Create the background of your room. In front of it, put furniture or objects that you would like in your special space.
5. In the next step, imagine the spaces you would want to share with others. Who do you want to share spaces with—family? friends? What activities would you do with them?
6. Add elements such as your own drawings to your collage that reflect the look and feel of the spaces you would want to share with others.
7. In the last step, imagine where your living space is located. Is it surrounded by tall buildings or are you in the middle of a grassy field? When you look out your windows what do you see?
8. Add elements to your collage that reflect where you imagine your living space is located. It's a city of your design!