

Our hands-on activity pays homage to the Mithras Bookstore's cherished and colorful floor – a collage of old prints suggesting the map of Paris – create your own collage tiles inspired by the Darling's daring design.

Materials

- paper
- magazines
- newspaper
- images
- glue
- scissors
- crayons
- markers
- colored pencils

What is collage?

Collage techniques in various form have existed for centuries, however the term was officially adopted by artists Georges Braque and Pablo Picasso in the early 20th century. They coined the term, as derived from the French word *coller* (to glue), to describe their experimental pastings, combining fragments of diverse materials into their artworks.

In this Family Day project, kids will learn to layer magazine images, drawings and markers on paper to piece together a work of art that tells the story of their inner and outer self.

Process

1. **Set up a collage-making station.** Gather up your art-making materials. Now it is time to get started!
2. **Pick images.** Go through magazines, newspapers, images and clipping that you may want to include for your floor tile. Look for images, shapes, colors or whatever inspires you. Using your scissors, cut out desired shapes and images.
3. **Consider your design.** Before you glue images down, think about the overall feeling you want you collage to have. Explore what colors and textures you could add to make your feelings come to life. There is no right or wrong answer, just explore the art-making process with your materials.
4. **Time to glue!** Once you've considered your design and are satisfied with your cut out layers, begin to secure them into place with glue.
5. **Enhance your image.** After you finish adding all of your layers, use crayons, markers or whatever drawing materials you have to enhance your collage with fun details. The fun part is it is up to you!

