

Stitched Paper Collage

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Paper collage meets quilting in this fun and adventurous online workshop

YES, YOU CAN STITCH PAPER WITH YOUR HOME SEWING MACHINE!

3 hours: Using your home sewing machine, create immediate creative collages with paper and thread. No waiting around for glue to dry! I will guide you through a series of hands-on exercises and share my 20+ years of experience as a paper collage artist, including all my tips and ideas for simple but striking compositions.

This workshop is a 3-hour live-stream event, conducted on Zoom, consisting of live instruction plus a few videos (no recording, please). You should have the current version of Zoom installed on your computer or laptop. Guidance for getting started will be sent in advance of the workshop.

ZOOM WORKSHOP OUTLINE

Discuss what papers work best, from art store purchases to junk mail

Cut base paper into standard 6" x 6" shapes or print templates from supplied PDF

Mark off composition area with drafting tape guides

Test your sewing machine stitch length and tension

Cut and/or tear up paper to be added to your composition

Sew strips of paper onto base paper, building as you go

Carefully remove tape guides

Review options for framing and additional construction ideas

A complete PDF supply list, plus step-by-step notes and templates will be emailed to each participant. Class sizes are limited to ensure one-on-one time. Tips will be given for choosing papers that work best for this technique.

This is a beginning to intermediate level class. You should be comfortable using your sewing machine, and it should be in good working order. I look forward to sharing and sewing with you!

SUPPLY LIST

- Sewing machine
- Magazine or junk mail to cut up
- Base paper cut into 6" x 6" squares: This can be anything from laser paper to something nicer. I like to use BFK Rives printmaking paper. You can also cut up a brown kraft paper bag to use as your base paper. Iron if wrinkly, but don't iron over the glued parts, as the glue will leak through and stain. Make 8 to 10.
- Sewing thread: any color, cotton, poly or rayon
- Drafting tape or blue painter's tape

- X-Acto knife or box cutter
- Scissors for paper
- Scissors for trimming threads
- Metal-edged ruler or straight edge tool from your kitchen or garage
- Self-healing cutting mat or flattened cardboard for a cutting surface
- *Optional:* Handmade paper, craft paper, watercolor paper: any paper with color, texture or pattern that you like can be stitched into a paper collage, as long as it is not too heavy like cardstock