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You Can Make A Collage: A Very Simple How-To Book With Other (Klutz)



Synopsis

A complete how-to package from beloved children's book illustrator Eric Carle. Bound into the book are 72 'pages' of beautifully printed tissue, ready to cut and paste - each of them an original design by Carle himself. Under his friendly direction, the art of collage becomes entirely and miraculously failure-proof.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Beside instructions and illustrations on how to do a collage, the book also contains 72 printed tissue papers to make finished pictures that look enough like Eric Carle's work to please any child. My five year old was delighted with her projects.

I was looking for a very elementary, how-to collage book for myself and this is a good one. Because Carle wrote and stocked this book for children, it is very basic, but that was what I needed to get me over my fear of trying a collage of my own. His explanation of the format and process was very simple but very thorough. There are enough colors and designs of tissue papers to get anyone off to a good start in creating several different collages. I think this would be a great gift for children and even for an adult who yearns to find the artist within!

Have you ever read an Eric Carle book to someone and marveled at his artwork? Now your child, or

you, can do similar work! This is not so much an instruction book on collage as it is an instruction book and supplies for artwork in the style of Eric Carle (which is collage, but in his own style). If you aren't familiar with his work, go to any library or bookstore and you will find his books. They are very popular and have endured (his first books were written and illustrated in the 1960's). You get basic instructions, 72 sheets of beautiful tissue paper (sized 9" x 6.5" to 9" by 11") and four pieces of blank white boards (heavier than poster board and slick). Supplies you will need: scissors, a brush for glue, glue or paste. You may also want to use crayons or colored pencils. The basic instructions include information on what a collage is (two sentences) followed by simple instructions on how Eric Carle makes his collages: outline the shape, cut the shapes from the tissue paper and glue down. He then discusses adding details with pencils, crayons (water-soluble ones). He discusses how to glue down big pieces of paper (for background) and how he makes abstract designs with left-over shapes (by stapling rather than gluing). In addition to the instructions, there are examples of his collages from some of his books. You don't really need any more instruction than that! He ends with, "Good teachers don't want to be imitated; they want to inspire." The tissue paper is really an important part of this book and as I said, it is beautiful. No two pieces are alike. Eric Carle painted the papers and then the printer reproduced them and bound them into the book. (The blank white boards are bound in, also.)

this book assumes that you already know how to use scissors and glue. the rest is up to you! without giving heavy handed instruction, it lets kids (and adults) use their imagination to make what ever they like. the paper included is beautiful. in my mind, it's the whole reason for buying the book. you can make illustrations (collages) just like eric carle's. thanks to him for providing all his fans with this great pad of paper.

I had this book as a kid and used it to create my own collages and saw it on TV and decided to do it again! Don't treat the book as a "how to" but rather a great art supply! It is beautiful paper and makes wonderful art.

I am an art teacher and this book is a simple yet thorough example of how Eric Carle produces his artwork. The tissue paper samples are a great hands-on visual. Wonderful book.

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