

Peeling Back the Layers:
A Deeper Dive Into Decollage

Thursdays, November 16 – December 7, 2023

10am – 1pm

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Student Materials List

CORE Materials

- Pencils and erasers
- Ruler
- colour wheel
- Scissors
- Your choice of knives and cutting mat
- Gluestick. I recommend UHU! (Have at least a couple of extra — you go through them fast)

Substrates

decently-heavy paper to use as bases for exercises: My go-to is an inexpensive block of watercolour or mixed-media paper such as Canson XL (140 lb) 9x12" – 12x18".

You can use any light cardstock, heavier drawing paper, mat board, bristol board, mayfair cover stock, illustration or mat board, etc. If you want to use canvases and/or wood panels for your weekly projects, by all means go for it.

Collage Materials

Decollage thrives on burying interesting layers to possibly be revealed later – so be sure to collect varied and interesting colours, textures, patterns, painted surfaces, drawings, diagrams, text and most of all – images! Be sure to have many bold, full-page compelling images. The kind you'd find in calendars, National Geographic, photography or nature books, beauty/fashion magazines, sports, travel, etc.

Can include: images, patterns, colours, textures, magazines, newspapers, books, maps and diagrams, packaging, painted papers, gelli prints, gift wrap, specialty papers, coloured papers (from cheap construction paper to fancier Japanese papers, etc)...

OPTIONAL Materials

Ink-jet printer. While this is *definitely* optional, they are so inexpensive these days, and there is SO MUCH visual material available on the internet just a quick search away. Add to that the fact that you can print it at whatever size you might need, as many times as you need, on different kinds of paper...

I like to buy scrapbooking paper pads at Wal-mart or Michaels — you can find some great solid colours, textures, patterns, etc. and they're often acid-free

Thrift stores can be great places to find old books and magazines

Online Image Sources:

If you have a printer, you can search for images online and print them out for collaging. If you're going to re-work any image enough, copyright no longer applies — but if you want copyright-free images, here are a few good resources:

Flickr Commons

Copyright-free images from dozens of Archives, Libraries, museums, and other organizations around the world.

Pixabay

1.6 million high-quality copyright-free images.

Pexels

Unsplash