**Henri Matisse**

“Cutting directly into color reminds me of a sculptor’s carving into stone.”

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**Balloon Collage**

**Supply List**

- **15 Sheets of Cardstock**
  - Walmart: Colorblock, bright, smooth cardstock.  
    10 Colors, 50 Sheets/$5.00  
  - Amazon: 6 of Astrobrights Colored Cardstock,  
    8.5” x 11”, 65 lb/176 gsm, “Bright” 5-Color Assortment, 250 Sheets (99904), $15.99

- **Pencil**

- **Scissors**

- **Elmers Glue**
  - Walmart: Elmer’s Washable Liquid School Glue, White,  
    1.25 oz Bottle. .63 cents  
  - Amazon: Elmer's Liquid School Glue, Washable,  
    4 Ounces Each, 12 Count, $6.00

- **Balloon**
  - Walmart: Latex Balloons, Assorted Neon, 12inch  
    10ct, $2.10  
  - Amazon: 100PCS Premium Balloons for Birthday Parties, Latex Party Rainbow Balloons,  
    10 Assorted Colors 12 Inches, $8.29
Interesting facts about Henri Matisse

- Occupation: Artist, Painter
- Born: December 31, 1869 in Le Cateau-Cambrésis, France
- Died: November 3, 1954 in Nice, France
- He is mainly known as a painter, but he was also a draughtsman, printmaker and sculptor. Matisse was one of the main artists who helped to create modern art early in the 20th century.
- Henri Matisse grew up in France
- Henri went to school is Parish
- In 1888 he passed the bar exam and took a job as a law clerk
- In 1990 Henri came down with appendicitis. During his recovery, his mother got him art supplies. He fell in love with art. Henri decided he wanted to leave law and pursue art. His father was very disappointed.
- Henri's mother encouraged him to try new things and paint with emotion.
- In his early years, he was influenced by Van Gogh.
- In the early 1900's Matisse began to experiment with new colors. He painted with colors that expressed great emotion.
- As Matisse become older, he began to experiment with cutouts. He would cut out colored paper and make collages. Matisse released a book of these cutouts called" Jazz".
- This link will take you to a visual of the book "Jazz" on You Tube. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MGAsizxpES0
- Matisse would cut paper and then direct his assistants in arranging the composition. Larger arrangements were placed directly onto the walls of his studio, and reconfigured until he was happy with their placement.
- Henri was known as one of the founding figures of Modern Art. To see 812 pieces of his work, see You Tube video below. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1wume443zY
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Matisse’s studio, Hôtel Régina, Nice, c. 1953.

Still Life with a Checkered Tablecloth, 1903

Blue Nude II, 1952

Bouquet of Sunflowers, 1897

The Green Line, 1905

Jeannette I, 1910-1913

Madame Yvonne Lansberg, 1914

The Snail, 1953
1. Cut out the template on page 6 of this packet.

2. Lay the 3 pieces you cut-out on top of the cardstock and trace around them. Cut 15 pieces of each size.

3. Blow up the balloon. Draw a line around the top of the balloon with a pen or marker. This is a guide. When gluing your paper onto the balloon, you will stop at this point. This will be the top of the balloon-collage. The top is the tied side.

4. Mix together 1 part glue, 1 part water. In a large bowl, use half the glue bottle. (Add more glue & water, as needed) Dip 3-4 pieces, of your cardstock cut outs into the glue-water, in the large bowl.

5. Bring out one piece, at a time. Begin adding your pieces to the bottom of your balloon first.

6. Continue covering your balloon with the wet pieces. Use all three sizes of the template pieces. When overlapping the pieces, you may choose to have holes in your collage or you may want it solid.

Note: Colors may vary

Very Important Tip! Lay down towels or newspapers before you begin. You will thank me later.
7. When you have completely covered your balloon, to the line you drew, flip it upside down to dry. This will take 24 hours.

8. Allow your piece to DRY COMPLETELY. With your scissors, cut a small hole in the top of the balloon to let the air out. This is my FAVORITE PART OF THE PROCESS!

9. Your balloon collage is complete. Don't forget to sign and date your art piece. *Try this same project with fabric!!!

OPTION 2- Rectangle Pattern
This pattern is easier to cut out.
Follow direction 1 & 2 below, then go to direction above 3-7 to complete this project.

1. Lay template, on page 7 of this packet, on top of your colored paper.

2. Cut out 10-15 pages of strips from your colored cardstock paper. Follow steps 3-8 above for your collage. Then skip to #9 for your finished project.

9. Your balloon collage is complete. Don't forget to sign and date your collage.
Cut each of these shapes out. Then lay these shapes onto your cardstock and trace around them. You will then need to cut 15 pieces, of each of size, on this page.
For the RECTANGLE COLLAGE, lay this template on top of your colored cardstock. You will need to cut 10-15 pages of this pattern.
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La gerbe, 1953 (The Sheaf)