

Collage

Extend the Moment

- ❖ Use the activity to talk about shapes and colors.
- ❖ Visit the library to investigate picture books that use collage for illustrations check out authors like
 - Sims Taback
 - Lois Ehlert
 - Eric Carle
 - Leo Lionni
- ❖ What other materials can you add to your collage? Try using things from inside and outside of the house.

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Meet Mixed Media Artist Chanel Thervil

Meet mixed-media artist and educator Chanel Thervil as she works with a group of children to create collages in this video from PINKALICIOUS & PETERRIFIC®.

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THE CAT IN THE HAT

Make a Shape Collage

If you look closely at the things around you — both inside and outside your home — you may be surprised by how many shapes you can find. There are shapes in food, shapes in the architectural features of buildings, and shapes in road signs. There are even shapes in people, like round or oval faces and eyes. Shapes are all around you!

Before You Play

When you are spending time with your child, point out the shapes in everyday objects and ask your child to do the same. Most objects are made up of shapes — sometimes a single shape and sometimes many shapes put together. A bee’s eye, for example, is made up of many hexagons connected together. You can see shapes in many of the things you eat. A pizza is round, and when you cut it into slices, the slices are triangles. Brownies are often cut into squares. Fruits like oranges and grapes are round, but a watermelon can be either round or oval.

Talk with your child about the characteristics of different kinds of shapes, like how many sides and corners they have. Focus on circles, squares, rectangles, hexagons, octagons, and pentagons. Point out that some shapes have the same number of sides, but they are not

always the same length. Spend time together pointing out and talking about the shapes in everyday objects like furniture, food, road signs, and the patterns in rugs and floors.

Materials

- A magazine with lots of pictures
- Child-safe scissors
- Heavy paper such as construction paper or poster board
- Glue

Directions

- 1** Look through the magazine with your child and find as many shapes as you can. You'll be surprised by how many shapes are in the pictures and decorative elements of the magazine (e.g., circles: a picture of a cake, pizza, or even a person's face; triangles: a slice of pizza, a mountain; oval: an egg, a watermelon, a football; rectangle: a building, a box of cereal). Cooking magazines are particularly good for this activity because they contain pictures of items very familiar to your child.

- 2** Cut out all the pictures that contain shapes, and glue them onto a sheet of paper to create a colorful shape collage.

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