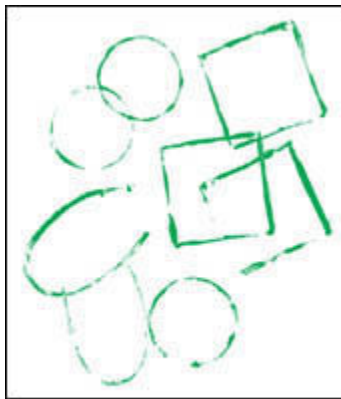
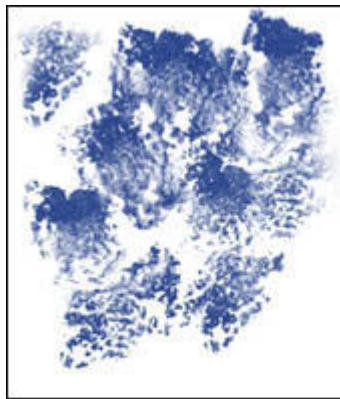


CREATING COLORFUL TISSUE PAPER COLLAGE ART

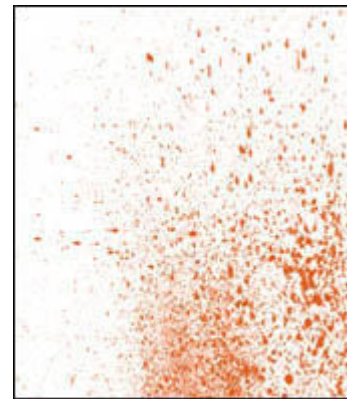
The first thing I do when creating my collage artwork, is to make my hand colored tissue papers. I love the challenge of coming up with new ways to make the textured paper look like animal fur or antlers, or perhaps the rough skin of a snake or iguana. Most of the tools I use to do this are all things I have found around my home such as a sponge, an old toothbrush or even tops off of milk bottles.



bottle tops



sponge



toothbrush splatters

Follow the steps below to see how I make my collage artwork. Then try making some of your own colorful papers and glue them onto one of your drawings or print out the line drawing of the boa I made for you and then paste your beautiful papers right onto that. *(You will find the link to the line drawing at the bottom of this page.)*

What you'll need:

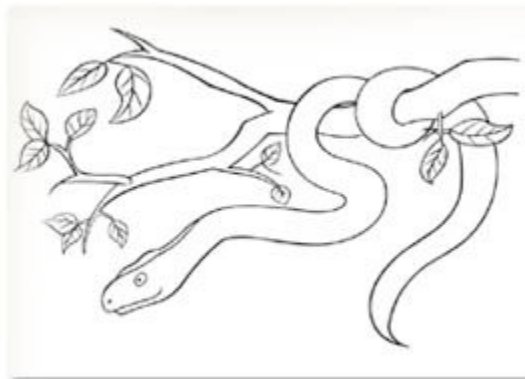
- * Newspaper
- * Plain uncolored tracing paper
- * Acrylic paint in assorted colors
- * White glue
- * Containers for paint and glue mixing
- * Tools for making textures:
 - sponge
 - old toothbrush
 - tops from container to make circle, square and oval shapes
 - burlap or any object with a bumpy surface
- * Large sheets of white cardboard (railroad board)
- * masking or artist tape
- * 2 containers of water. One for use with your paints and the other for cleaning your brushes.
- * Paper plates
- * Scissors
- * Pencil

What you'll do:

1. Create a pencil drawing of your favorite animal, or print out the boa line art provided.

2. Cover your work surface with the newspapers
3. Lay a piece of tracing paper down on your railroad board and tape the edges down with the masking tape.
4. Squeeze some paint onto the tracing paper and start pushing the paint around with brushes or your hands, like finger painting
5. Next use your texture making tools. Start by putting some paint on a paper plate. Next you can dab the tool into the paint to coat it or you can use a brush to apply the paint to the tool.
6. Take the coated tool and dab it onto the tracing paper. You can dab a little or a lot.
7. Repeat the process with other tools and other colors to create some fun and interesting papers.
8. Set the tissue aside to dry.
9. While your tissues are drying, use another piece of tracing paper to trace all the shapes in your drawing that you will want to color with your colored papers.
10. When your papers are dry, place your tracing paper with the shapes of your animal on top and use it as a template to cut out all the shapes.
11. Mix the glue with water (equal parts) in a cup. With a brush, apply the glue mixture to your cut out papers and glue down onto your drawing. Repeat this process until your picture is complete.
12. If desired, you can then mount your picture onto another sheet of paper or cardboard to make it sturdier for display.

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