



Key Knowledge

Mixed Media

The term **mixed media** describes a piece of artwork that uses more than one medium such as pens, fabric, photographs and 3-D objects like buttons.



Collage

The word **collage** means 'to glue'. A collage is made by sticking different materials onto one surface to make one piece of artwork. Materials used might include: newspaper, photos and fabric.

Collage is a type of mixed media art but mixed media art isn't always collage!

Different types of collage

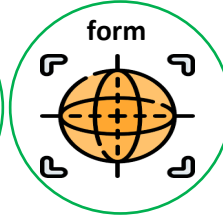
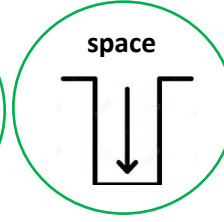
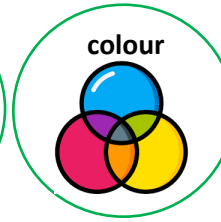
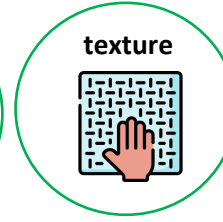
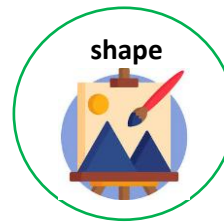
Paper collage is made by sticking different types of paper to a background. This can be torn, cut, folded, crumpled, or layered to create texture. Henry Matisse is well known for his paper collage art.



Sorrow of the King by Henri Matisse, 1952



Fabric collage is made using scraps of fabric. The artwork can be **embellished** using buttons, sequins or embroidery stitches.



Key Vocabulary	Meaning
abstract	art that uses shape, line, colour and texture to express emotions or ideas rather than real things
medium	the materials an artwork is made from
embellish	to decorate something by adding detail
texture	how the surface of something feels, or how it looks like it would feel to touch
layering	material, colour or texture placed on top of another to create depth

Key Questions

How can you create your own mixed media art? [Find out more!](#)



Did you know...

Mixed media was invented over 100 years ago, that's before your grandparents were even born!



In 1912, an artist called **Pablo Picasso** became bored with using the same oil paints. He decided to glue cloth, paper and rope onto his canvas to make a picture!

Years later mixed media is still being created and can now even be digital!

