

AGES 8–11

Shape & Story Collage

Build a tiny world from cut and torn shapes.

A small studio invitation from Palmina

Use what you already have. There is no single right result.

MATERIALS TO GATHER

- ☐ Paper scraps, reused magazines, or packaging
- ☐ Plain paper or cardboard
- ☐ Glue stick or tape
- ☐ Pencil and child-safe scissors

A NOTE BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Adult note: Use child-safe scissors and supervise cutting when extra support is helpful.

YOUR STARTING PROMPT

What are you curious to notice, try, or change today? Write a word or draw a first mark here. _____

MAKE / NOTICE / TRY AGAIN

Four moves for your studio time

1

Collect a cast

Choose 8–12 shapes. Tear some; cut some. Look for circles, windows, pathways, and surprising edges.

2

Set a scene

Arrange your shapes without glue first. Where does your story take place?

3

Add a character

Make one character from at least three shapes. Give them a place to stand, float, or hide.

4

Make a plot twist

Add one small shape that changes the story. Glue when the arrangement feels right.

PAUSE + LOOK

Bonus: Write a three-sentence caption for the moment shown in your collage.

Use the next page to collect your ideas, tests, and notes.

Make room for your version

Use this space to draw a plan, test a mark, or record what happened.

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FINISH + SHARE

A few questions to carry forward

What part felt easiest to begin?

What surprised you while you worked?

What would you change, repeat, or explore next time?

MAKE IT YOURS

There is no finish line for a creative practice. Keep this sheet with your work, make another version, or pass the invitation to someone who wants to try.

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Art materials for every age and every beginning.