

Materials:

- sheet of paper
- glue
- pencil
- construction paper, newspaper, magazines, any type of paper you like



Process:

- Find a work space that can get potentially messy!
- Lay out all of your materials.
- Take your white piece of paper and your pencil and lightly sketch something that you enjoy. It can be realistic or an abstract design. Make sure that your design is big and has abundant space to fill in.
- Develop a color scheme for your project. What colored paper are you going to use and where? Are you going to add some different types of paper to your project, like newspaper?
- Begin ripping your colored paper into pieces. Try to add a variety of big, medium and small pieces to your pile so that you have plenty to work with.
- Start filling in your work. Lay some glue down on the spot you want to fill in first and add a piece of ripped paper. Put a little bit of glue on the top of the ripped paper to flatten it out and secure it to your white sheet. Add another piece and another and another until it is all filled in. You can overlap your pieces you or you can leave small amounts of white in between to make it feel like a mosaic. It's up to you.
- Keep gluing down ripped pieces of paper until your WHOLE sheet is covered. You will find that finishing it completely really has some stunning results.
 - If your child is younger, consider doing a half sheet or even a quarter sheet drawing so that completing it in its entirety is not so hard.
- This collage may take some time. You may find that you need to do a little bit and come back to it. Enjoy the process and see it through to the end.

Experiment

- Don't be afraid to use any and all different (adult approved) paper. Food wrappers, old phonebooks, junk mail, newspapers, and magazines will all give it a different look.
- Try creating depth by adding pieces on top of each other in certain areas.
- Draw something that you fill in with torn paper and paint or color the background or vice versa.

Artists with a Similar Style:

- Kurt Schwitters
- Eileen Downes (<http://www.eileendownes.com/artwork/animals.html>)
- Madeline Rector (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65oW28LHfcc>)



Kurt Schwitters



Madeline Rector

About the Art for the Heart Program

Art for the Heart is a program of the Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority.

All returned projects will be displayed in our outdoor kiosk located in between Coopersmith's Pub and Poolside restaurants.

Each art project returned will earn you a punch on our "Frequent Artists" punch card. Artists with consistent participation will be awarded art supplies at the end of the summer.

All projects will be saved and returned to the artist.

You can find all of our past projects and more information about the program at <https://downtownfortcollins.org/art-for-the-heart/>