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Pattern and Collage

Materials needed

- Thick white paper or card – I like to use watercolour paper
- Coloured paper for the background- black looks dramatic and makes the colours stand out
- A selection of Sharpie pens or any number of felt tip pens
- Pritt Stick
- Scissors

Start by getting a piece of the white paper or card and making a series of simple, colourful patterns with the felt tips/ Sharpie pens. These patterns should look like a patchwork quilt, keep them simple, bright and carry on until the whole page is full of pattern.

You can use crosses, wiggly lines, grids, dots, triangles. Just keep the colours bright and bold. Use clashing colours to create depth and life!

Then use the scissors to start cutting out simple shapes like arch shapes, circles, strips and squares .

Start to place these cut out shapes onto your coloured background paper until you are happy with the result. You can obviously keep moving all these cut out shapes before you fix them down.

Then start to glue down these shapes, frame the picture and enjoy!

Alternative ideas

You can use just a black pen for the patterned sheet and use a coloured background to add a bit of pop to the picture!

Try cutting out a page of thin strips and then weaving them onto the background paper to get some depth to the image.

If you are using watercolour paper, you can glue some of the shapes together to make a free form shape that you can wear!

Enjoy experimenting!

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