

Patterned Bird Collage

Hi everyone! For this project we are going to create a collaged bird stack, using different patterned paper and card. You can use anything (with permission). i.e food boxes, old magazines, calendars or wrapping paper.

The goal is to create an interesting collaged masterpiece!

You will need :

- A6 piece of card (the size of a postcard)
- Found Patterns, A6 or larger.
- A pencil.
- A black pen.
- Scissors.
- A3 piece of paper
- Glue



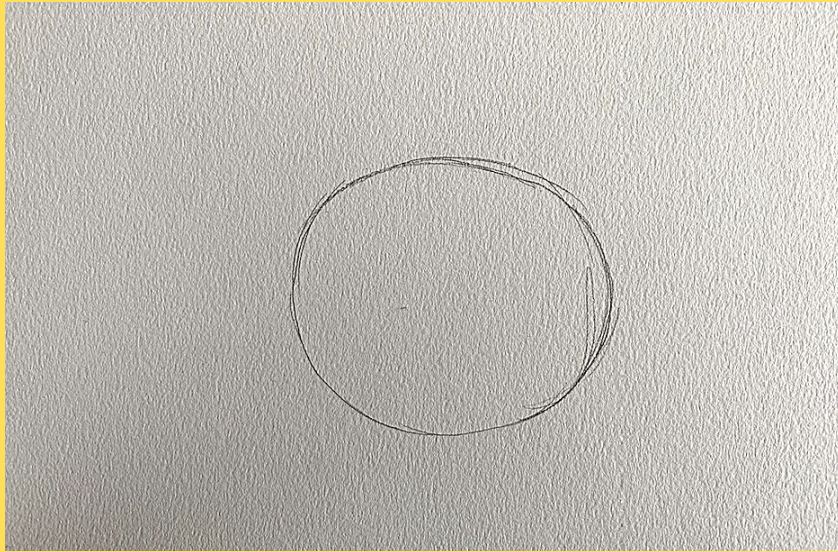
COLLAGE IS AN ART TERM. IT MEANS CREATING A WORK RATHER LIKE A PAINTING, BUT WITH PIECES OF PAPER AND FABRIC ('FOUND OBJECTS') STUCK TOGETHER ON A SURFACE TO MAKE A WORK OF ART.

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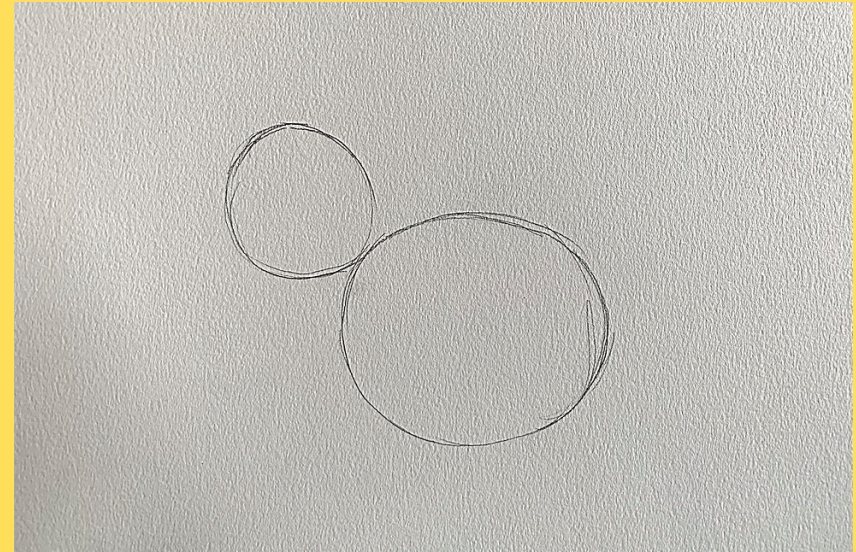
IT IS STILL UNKNOWN WHO INVENTED COLLAGE: BRAQUE OR PICASSO. BOTH ARTISTS LEFT A LOT OF WORKS MADE BETWEEN 1907 AND 1914 WHICH WERE NOT DATED OR SIGNED.

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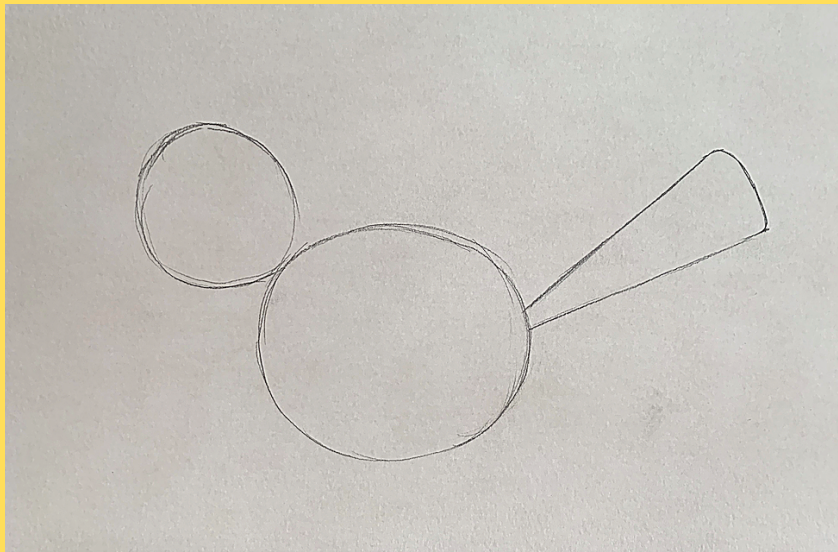
Before we begin cutting, we need to make a template. It's good to make out of card, it is stronger than paper, so will hold its shape better, making it easier to draw around.



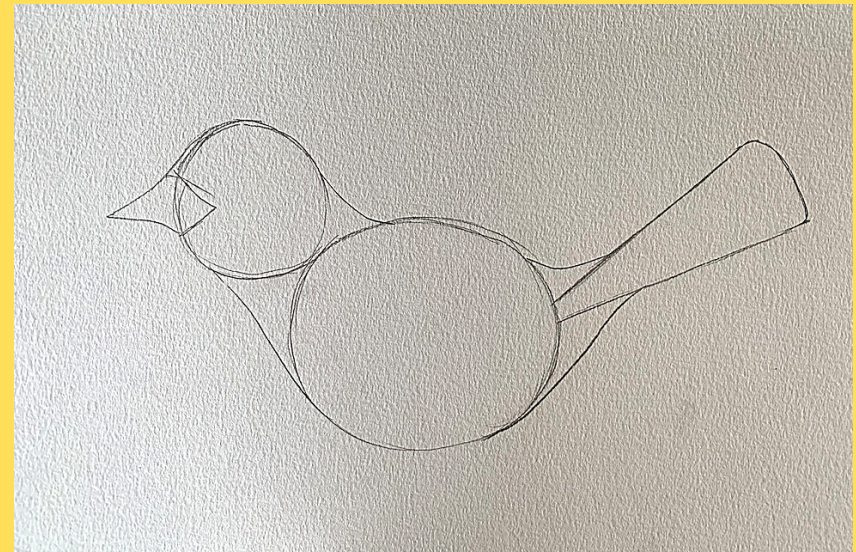
1. Draw an oval in the centre of your A6 piece of card.



2. Then a smaller circle, that joins onto the larger circle, on the top left (for the head).



3. For the tail, draw two diagonal lines away from the circle, and join the end together with a curve. The shape looks a bit like a wafer.



4. Smooth the shapes together with lines, and then rub out any lines inside the body, so you're left with an outline of a bird. Finally, carefully cut it out.



Using your template, place it on your chosen surface. Take your time and make sure it fits before drawing around it.

Draw in either pencil or pen, whichever you can see easily. Then cut out and put to one side.

Repeat this three more times. Making sure you have 2 birds facing left and 2 birds facing right.

Save your scrap pieces of paper and card for later.



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Once you have your four birds, arrange them on your A3 paper. Switching between left and right facing birds. Then carefully stick them down.

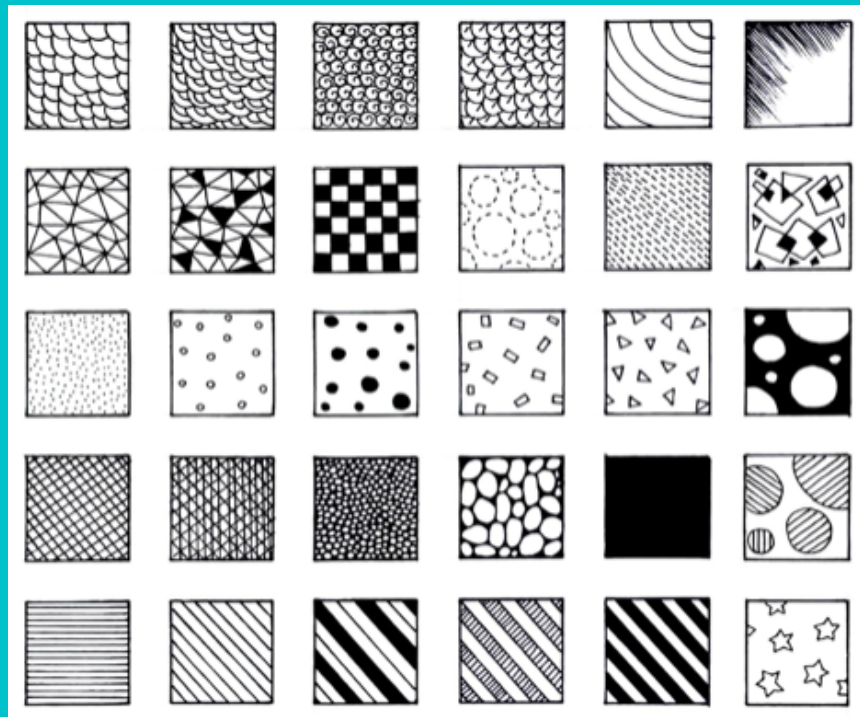


For the eyes, cut out four white circles, and four slightly smaller black circles. Stick them on the birds head's, just above the beaks.
After this with a pencil lightly draw the birds legs. Look carefully at the angles and where they start and finish.

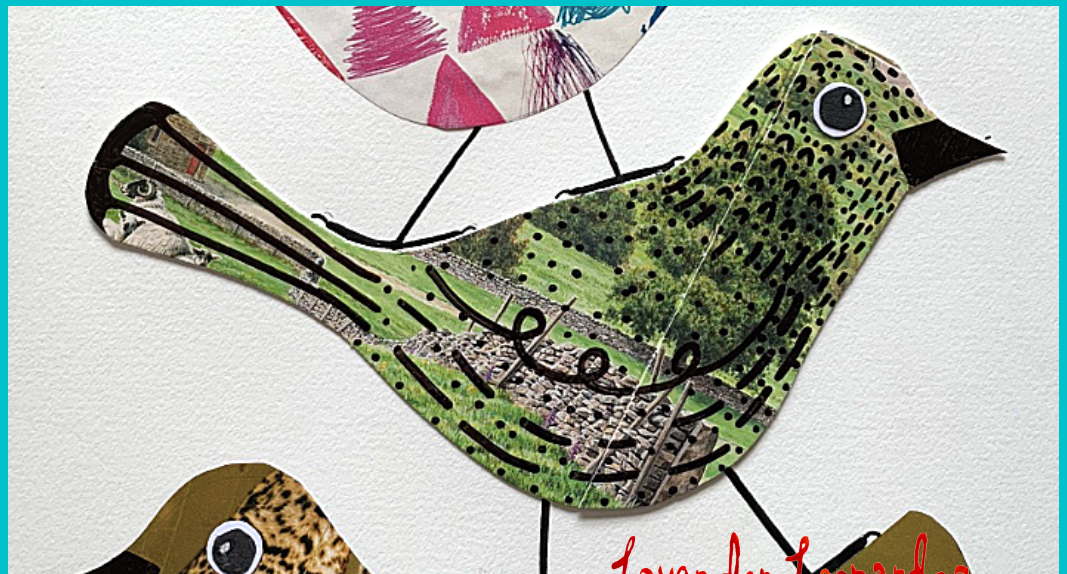


Once you are happy with the legs, draw on top of them with a black pen, you can even add some curves for claws.

With your black pen, colour in the beaks.



Start creating patterns on each bird. We don't want to add too many, we still want to be able to see the original patterns on the found paper and card too.



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Try and make every bird a little bit different. Making each bird unique will make for a far more interesting piece of art.



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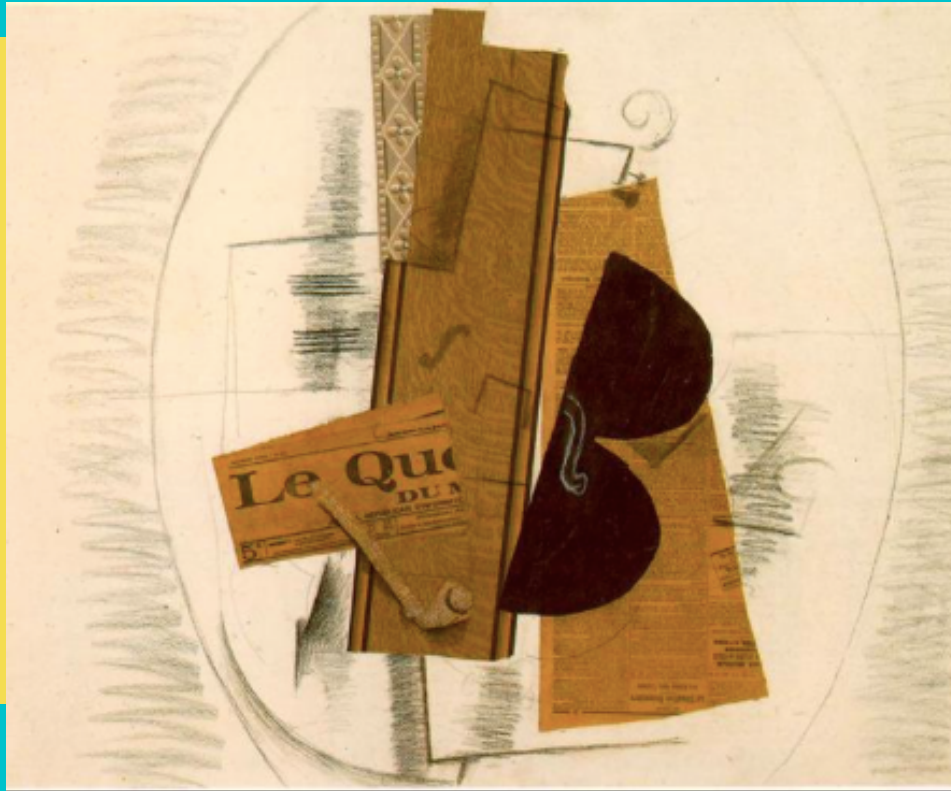
Once you have finished all 4 birds, gather your scrap paper from cutting out, and begin to cut out leaves and circles for berries, in different sizes.

Finally place them around your birds to make a decorative boarder. Once you are happy with the composition, glue them into place.

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Well done, your patterned collage piece is complete!

Artist's that inspired this artwork were:



George Braque



Clare Youngs

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