



Create a Friendship Collage

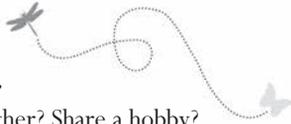


A collage that's all about you and your friends – that's got to look great on your wall, right? Or why don't you make one in secret, as a surprise for someone?

Of course, there are websites where you can create an online collage, but there's nothing like getting a bunch of photos and images and snipping, sticking and gluing them together by hand!



1. Decide on the theme.



What do you and your friend(s) like to do together? Share a hobby? Watch movies? What makes you laugh, squeal, drool? Decide on your theme – and you're ready for Step 2 . . .

2. Grab some photos.

The snaps you use should be of you as well as your friend(s), or group shots of you together. Choose a variety of sizes and shapes, as well as photos taken from different times of your life. (If you don't want to use the ACTUAL photos, copy them on a printer and use the copies instead.)



3. Flick through some mags or the internet.

Browse through magazines or online to select headlines or images or even just fun words that represent the theme of your collage. Rip out the pages or print out your favourites to use. You could also look for a quote from a film or book that you both love, or maybe even a phrase you always say to each other.



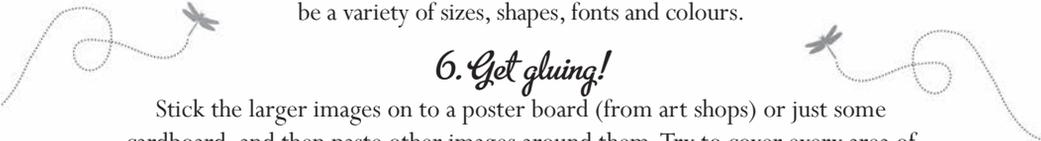


4. *Get creative.*

For a cool collage, cut each photo into an interesting shape. If you have a photo of you and a friend, for instance, cut round your bodies and discard the background. Or maybe stick your heads on to a star made out of silver foil, or transplant yourselves on to a funny background, like a scene in Harry Potter!

5. *Add the words.*

The words and phrases you've picked from magazines or online should be a variety of sizes, shapes, fonts and colours.



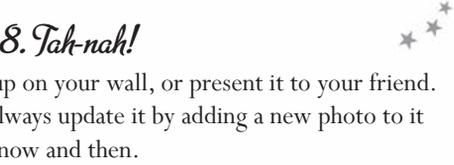
6. *Get gluing!*

Stick the larger images on to a poster board (from art shops) or just some cardboard, and then paste other images around them. Try to cover every area of the backing board with either a photo or words. Remember: you can get clever with your background too – if you don't want to have just one big rectangle, you could cut it into a circle, or even a chunky letter from the alphabet, like the first letter of you or your friend's name.



7. *Final touches.*

Got any tickets from shows you've been to together? Even tickets from things like swimming or ice skating are nice last-minute additions. And scabble around for some craft stuff to add sparkle, like bits of ribbon or sequins. Even buttons look cute!



8. *Tah-nah!*

Your collage is ready. Stick it up on your wall, or present it to your friend. And don't forget – you can always update it by adding a new photo to it now and then.



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