

Monterey Museum of Art

# FREE FAMILY FUN DAY



## Cool Color Collages

A landscape is a work of art in which an area of land is the main subject. Artists will often use color to show depth in their landscapes, giving the illusion of distance. Bright colors are used to draw your attention and bring objects closer to the viewer (you!). Cool colors, like blues and purples, usually appear further away than bright colors, and are often used to show objects in the distance.

When creating your landscape, try to use color to show the different spaces, called: **foreground**, **middleground**, and **background**.



### MATERIALS

- Fabric scraps or colored paper
- Paint brushes
- Paint, markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Glue
- Scissors



### STEP ONE

#### Create your background

- Create your background by coloring your entire paper with paint, markers, or crayons. This will be your sky. Think about what time of day your landscape will show, and the colors that you see in the sky at that time!

### STEP TWO

#### Cut out your shapes

- Start cutting out shapes and strips of paper or fabric for the objects in your landscape.
- Arrange and layer your shapes on top of your background. (If you used paint make sure it is dry before this step!)

### STEP THREE

#### Arrange your landscape

- Glue your shapes onto the background and watch your landscape start to appear! Add as many layers and details as you want!
- Tip:** objects with lots of detail appear closer to the viewer, which will help define the spaces of your landscape.