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### Cut. Paste. Construct. The Figure.

#### Supplies List

**Collage materials** You can use virtually any type of paper or flat material for collage. A non-exhaustive list includes:

- Construction paper
- Newspaper
- Wallpaper
- Scrapbooking paper
- Colored pastel paper
- Color-Aid paper
- Hand-painted or hand-printed paper
- Old paintings on paper that you no longer want
- Tissue paper
- Wrapping paper
- Magazine pages
- Fabric scraps

**Glue and glue gun:** For paper collages, I use Lineco PH Neutral Adhesive (available at most art stores and online at Blick and Jerry's Artarama) and Jade 403 PVA Adhesive (available online at <https://www.talasonline.com/Jade-403>), which I apply with a brush. You can also use glue sticks, any brand of white glue, or matte medium. For cardboard sculptures, you will also need a glue gun and glue sticks. They are inexpensive and can be found at most office supplies stores, hardware stores, and craft stores.

**Paper for collage substrates and constructions:** Please bring a pad of 18" x 24" bristol board, mixed media paper, or watercolor paper. It need not be expensive, but it should be thick enough to stand up when folded. Some good options include: [Strathmore 400 Series Mixed Media Pad](#), [Canson XL Watercolor Pad](#), and [Fabriano Bristol Pad - vellum](#).

**Scissors** You can tear collage paper, but you'll also want a pair of scissors to cut collage paper. I like a 5" sewing pair for cutting small shapes and an 8" pair for larger shapes. YOU WILL ALSO NEED A HEAVY-DUTY PAIR THAT CAN CUT THROUGH CARDBOARD. For this, I like [Fiskars 8" Amplify shears](#) or [Fiskars PowerCut shears](#).

**Cardboard** Time to raid the recycling box! Corrugated cardboard is preferred, as it will stand more easily than thin cardboard. Two medium-sized boxes should be more than enough material for the workshop.

**Paint or colored drawing materials** You will likely want to add color to your paper and cardboard constructions. You can do so with any water-based paint (bring brushes and a palette as well) or drawing materials (color markers, color pencils, crayons, etc.). You could also use your collage papers to do this if you're not interested in painting or drawing.