Ages: 2-3

A collage of big pieces



25 min · indoors · all year round

Prep:

- Coloured paper - 5 sheets
- A3 sheet for the backing
- Glue stick
- Wet wipe

Step by step (~25 min):

1. Show how to tear paper with both hands. Make pieces as big as an adult's palm; small ones are hard to pick up.
2. Tip all the pieces onto the backing sheet. Put the glue away for now.
3. Your child moves the pieces around and decides where each one goes. Don't suggest a composition.
4. When your child stops, bring out the glue. The adult applies it; your child presses the pieces down with their palm.
5. Rotate the sheet through all four orientations: what does it look like? Write your child's words and the date on the back.

If it’s not working: If your child crumples or folds the paper instead of arranging it, include those shapes in the collage. Add the glue only after they have chosen where everything goes.

Playing together: A child aged 2-3 chooses and presses down the large pieces; a child aged 4-5 makes a picture; an older child uses a little glue and writes down the title.

Make it your own: Make a fish, a house, a face or an abstract path; use only two colours, or turn the finished work around.

Let’s talk:

- "Where shall we put the biggest piece?"
- "What does it look like?"
- "What if we turn it around?"

Why try this:

Your child explores shapes and arrangements, makes their own composition and shares the idea behind it through words or gestures.