Photo Collage! Creating New Art With Photographs



Martha Rosler (American, b. 1943), Cleaning the Drapes, 1967-72). Cut-and-pasted printed paper on board, 44 x 60.3 cm (17 5/16 x 23 3/4 in.). Museum of Modern Art, New York

What is a photo collage?

- A type of two-dimensional art that combines photographic images.
- Together, these images create a new meaning/message.
- In the United States and in Europe, Artists began to make photo collages just before the 1920s.

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Key Words:

Abstract



Coller (to glue)

Support

Space

Texture

Sherrie Levine (American, b. 1947), *President Collage 1*, 1979. Photo collage, 61 x 45.7 cm (24 x 18 in.). Museum of Modern Art, New

László Moholy-Nagy (American, born Hungary, 1895- 1946), *Cover Design for Spandau-Haselhorst Housing Development Prospectus*, ca. 1928-29. Photo collage, 42.7 x 49.4 cm (16 13/16 x 19 7/16 in.). The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles



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Gustav Klutsis (Russian, born Latvia, 1895 - 1938). *The Development of Transportation*, 1929. Photo collage, 73.3 x 50.5 cm (28 7/8 x 19 7/8 in.). Museum of Modern Art, New York

Questions:

- What message would you like to show in your collage?
- How do pictures help you show your message?
- How does color change the mood or the message of the photographs?
- Do you want your collage to have a lot of space? Or, do you want to fill the support with photographs?
- Do you want to add words to your collage? Or, do you think photographs alone show your message?
- Do you want to cut your images for smooth edges? Or, do you want to tear the photographs for texture? Do you want to cut out new shapes from your photographs?