

Material List

It's important to work with tools and materials that you feel confident and comfortable with, to experiment with different types, and to work out what best suits your style.

Please see the Material List (below) with some basic tools and materials you'll want to gather for your own collage-making adventures. Of course, the materials you use are ultimately up to you, but these are some of the essential supplies I like to use.

Basic material:

- Mixed media paper or watercolor paper, size A3 (29,7 cm x 42,0 cm; 11.7 x 16.5"), 5 sheets
- Tissue paper – when you live outside Europe look for Spectra Art Tissue
- Drawing paper or copy paper – for cleaning your brayer through a printing session, and printing out your templates
- Wax paper, I use sheets of wax paper as divider between pages in my collage book
- Canvas board in different sizes, 3-5 pieces of 30x30cm (12x12 inch) for bigger collages
- Cradled wood boards 30x30cm (12x12 inch) for mounting the canvas boards
- Cold wax medium – I use it as a final layer on my collages

Collage Material:

- All kinds of paper – vintage newspaper or book pages, vintage ledger paper, packaging material, brown paper, maps, illustrations, poster, magazines

Tools:

- Scissors
- Scalpel – I like to use scalpels where you can change the blade
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Brushes for glue and paint
- Bamboo pen or/and cola pen (here is a video how to:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L1Q0y9AxSdE&t=25s>)

Glue:

- Yes! Paste or glue stick
- Matte medium or gloss medium
- All-purpose glue

For creating unique collage paper, monoprints, image transfer:

- a gel plate - I use an 8x10 inch plate, Gelli Arts and Gel Press, both works well
- Acrylic paints - I like to use heavy body acrylic paints by Golden, Liquitex, Amsterdam Professional Series, Old Holland
- Stencils & Stamps - pattern and alphabets
- a brayer - I use the ABIG brayer
- a soft foam brayer - I used a foam brayer paint roller from the hardware store
- a baren - not essential, you can also use your hands. I like to use the Speedball baren
- Magazine pages - I like to use Vogue magazine
- Black gesso

For making the collage book:

- Mixed media paper or watercolor paper (200gm²), size A3 (29,7 cm x 42,0 cm; 11.7 x 16.5"), 5 sheets
- Card board - I use the backside of a paper pad
- 20cm (8inch) self-adhesive cotton fabric for the book spine - not essential