



## FAMILY ART PROJECT | Neighborhood Collage!



*Stamping Ground* 1971, Romare Bearden, American;  
Paper collage with graphite on board

Creating a piece of art from smaller pieces of paper, fabric, or other objects is known as *collage*. American artist Romare Bearden developed his unique approach to collage in the 1960s, as seen in his 1971 *Stamping Ground*, a work that captures the richness of contemporary African American life in a New York neighborhood.

Create your own collage inspired by *Stamping Ground*, using things you have around the house to show your neighborhood, or another favorite place. Think about who lives there, what kind of buildings you see, or what sort of plants start popping up this time of the year. Before you glue the paper down, try out arranging and overlapping the pieces in different ways.

### MATERIALS



Catalogs or other mail



Scissors



Drawings



Glue



# FAMILY ART PROJECT | Directions



## Step 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Collect materials



## Step 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Cut and tear out specific objects, interesting textures and favorite colors.



## Step 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Arrange and layer your pieces.  
Try out different options and have fun experimenting!



## Step 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Glue down your final composition, starting with bigger pieces as background, and layer on top.



## Step 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Give your collage a title and don't forget to sign it!



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