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- * If you have a good glue and cloth or paper backing, you can do collage pictures with almost anything at hand. Bits of fabric, wool, buttons, egg shell and ingredients from the cupboard are ideal. Think of lentils, dried peas, red kidney beans, sunflower seeds, cloves, rice and pasta. Only small amounts of these items are required. Enjoy spreading glue and using the different textures and colors. Plan out a picture, using a real twig or cut cloth for a tree, felt for birds, silver paper or tin foil for crows or wheels; use your imagination!
- * Tweezers are a help for gluing on fiddly things like grains of barley or tiny beads.
- * Throughout the year, you can gather a rich variety of collage materials from the park, the garden, seashore or countryside. Bring home the dry seed heads of poppies, cow parsley, teasel and grasses. The 'keys' of ash and maple, different bits of bark, shells, bits of driftwood, and attractive pebbles are all ideal.

CONTACT PAPER COLLAGE:

Collage materials such as leaves, string, yarn or paper, greeting cards

Clear contact paper

- * Arrange collage materials in design on sticky side of contact paper.
- * Press a second sheet of contact paper over collage to seal completely.
- * Use for placemats.

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BEANY ALPHABET COLLAGE:

Construction paper

Glue

Dried beans

- * Draw letters on construction paper with glue.
- * Arrange beans in glue to form letter. Let stand until dry.
- * Dye the beans for a more colorful activity. This is a good way to learn letters.

GIANT OUTDOOR FENCE COLLAGE:

Crepe paper strips

Paper cups, tissue paper, or crepe paper

Any other materials that can be "placed or woven" into the fence

- * Weave outline of chosen design, such as dinosaur, in chain link fence with crepe paper.
- * Fill in design with paper cups or tufts of colored paper tucked into fence.
- * Makes a large design for a good group activity, such as a birthday party or family reunion.

We don't have to feel and think the same as those around us. That is one of the pleasures of art - we are all right.