

Activity – Create a Streetscape collage

In this activity, we encourage children to observe the details of their neighbourhood and use this as inspiration in their art.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT HOUSES AND BUILDINGS, WHAT TYPES OF SHAPES DO YOU THINK OF?

WHAT LINES AND SHAPES DO YOU SEE IN THE BUILDINGS OF OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

If feasible, you might like to begin by taking children on a walk around your neighbourhood. Highlight and discuss the lines and shapes you can see in the architecture of your local place. Children will then create a streetscape collage, showing the buildings of your local area or street through their artwork.

You will need:

- Paper
- Paper scraps and/or collage materials
- Glue
- Scissors (if age-appropriate)

After reflecting on what they observed during their neighbourhood walk, provide children with art materials. Invite them to recreate what they saw through cutting and pasting to create a streetscape collage.



To conclude, you might ask:

- What shapes did you use most to create our neighbourhood?
- How did you do that?
 - This asks the child to explain their process to you.

The example shown uses painted paper that has been repurposed for collage. You can use whatever paper you have available.