

Create a Collage

Objective: Learn about themes in photos and how to create a collage

Materials:

- Magazines
- Cardstock paper
- Glue
- Markers
- An example of a collage
- Scissors

10 minutes; What is a theme?

What do you want your theme to be for your photography?

Researching Themes

The kind of projects you should choose depends on your interests and what you have access to. Some live in busy city streets, others in small towns or the middle of nowhere. Think of the people you know: your family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors... Think about the kinds of activities you and they are involved in. What goes on in the area around where you live or work? Making lists can help you here, as can talking to other people and asking for their ideas. Books (and web sites) can also be a source of ideas, although you will always need to adapt these to fit your own situation and opportunities. Some ideas include:

- Street traders and markets
- Shopping
- Family outings
- Family celebrations
- Meetings
- Sports and recreational clubs, games etc
- People watching events
- Reading, talking, playing, waiting, eating on the street
- Cafes
- Brothers, sisters, twins, etc

- People working
- Street fashion
- Public meetings
- Cyclists
- People and cars

20-30 minutes; Make collages.

Have students look through magazines to find pictures they like. All the photos could be of bikes, people smiling, trees, dogs, items found outside – just as long as there is a theme.

10 minutes; Present collages to class