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# MIXED MEDIA

Mixed media, in visual art, refers to an artwork in the making of which more than one medium has been employed.

There is an important distinction between "mixed media" artworks and "multimedia art". "Mixed media" tends to refer to a work of visual art that combines various traditionally distinct visual art media—for example, a work on canvas that combines paint, ink, and collage could properly be called a "mixed media" work, but not a work of "multimedia art." The term "multimedia art" implies a broader scope than "mixed media", combining visual art with non-visual elements (such as recorded sound, for example) or with elements of the other arts (such as literature, drama, dance, motion graphics, music, or interactivity).

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[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixed\\_media](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mixed_media)



# HOW TO CREATE A MIXED MEDIA ART CANVAS COLLAGE



Create a unique, textured canvas, adding layers and layers of beautiful vintage treasures & found items. This amazing mixed media masterpiece makes a great gift, home decor piece or memory keepsake.





You only need 5 basic supplies to create our canvas: matchbook box, paint, brush, adhesive and burlap.



Our surface is the back of a Graphic 45 large Staples Matchbook box (the drawer piece of the box).



Paint the entire back and sides with white or ivory paint.



Let dry.



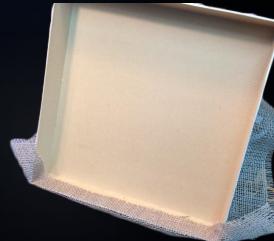
Cut a piece of burlap to cover box, cut it large enough to wrap around the sides.



Like this....



Wrapping the burlap around the edge, adhere to the inside lip of the box



...adhere one end securely in place.



Then adhere the opposite end securely (ignore the corners for now).



Once the first 2 opposite ends are adhered, do the same thing for the remaining 2 opposite sides.



Now address the corners...tuck and adhere them as shown. (I used hot glue to really hold in place well).



Flip it over and...voila!! A beautiful burlap canvas!!



Apply paint used earlier around the edges of canvas.



Concentrate on the corners.



I started with this much paint, but added more here and there as I worked.



Tear background paper (2 opposite corner pieces).



And 2 more to layer...



Start layering pieces onto canvas.



Add corner layering papers and door escutcheon piece.



Add pleated paper ribbons along the bottom.



Create smaller layering shadow boxes using the small matchbook box pieces separately. Paint and stamp boxes as desired.



Fill each shadow box with special treasures and trinkets.



Adhere each box to canvas. I placed in opposite corners. One portrait style....



....and one landscape style.



Now collage away!! Add layers using flowers, buttons, found items, gathered vintage pieces, etc.



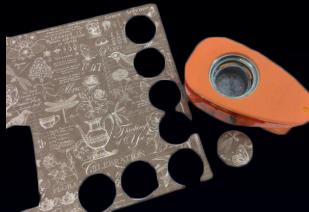
Adding dry brush paint adds wonderful detail and a great worn look.



Use letter stickers to create a title, or to add inspirational words.



Vintage photos are a beautiful addition.



To make the blooms for the found branch...punch circles.



Fold in half.



Fold again.



Then roll into a flower bud/bloom shape.



Keep layering and collaging, adding texture, paint and treasures as you go.



Such beautiful texture and detail!



Adhere to branch. (I used a hot glue gun for this). Wrap ends with twine.



Thank you for checking out my guide today!! Happy crafting!

# SUPPLIES



Ornate door knob and escutcheon  
Misc. Graphic 45 Metal Staples

Misc. texture stamps

Pleated paper ribbons

Buttons

Flowers

Spanish moss

Handmade birds nest

Pearls

Vintage music paper

Vintage thread spools

Cameo

Found branch w/handmade blooms

Random vintage treasures

Favorite bits of ephemera

Hot glue gun

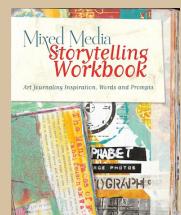
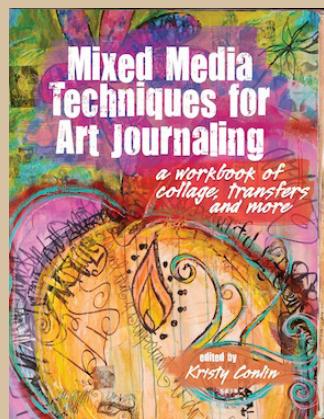


# Q&A

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