

Learning opportunities

This information can help guide an awareness of possible learning that might occur during these experiences. This is not a complete list and learning will depend on how children engage, and how educators respond to this. Please note all experiences should be offered to children, not required of them, to support agency and positive relationships with children.

Free collage

Potential learning opportunities

- Representational artwork if they choose to engage this way
- Sensory exploration with different items
- Patterning of items within the collage
- Sorting and classifying collage items
- Creativity with how they use the items
- Social skills working with and alongside others
- Emotional regulation through being mindful with art
- Planning and problem solving how they will engage with the items
- Developing any understanding of how to attach different items

Potential interactions

- Role model using collage items in a range of ways to invite creativity
- Give children feedback on their efforts commenting on their placement, choices, representations etc. Take cues from children on how much input they would like on ways to improve.
- Allow children to play with the materials without attaching them if they wish as permanently gluing them on can cause anxiety and become a barrier to engagement for some children
- Invite ideas and suggestions, such as making a flower, without them becoming a set objective so children can make choices

Approved Learning Framework Links

Learning Outcomes

1 - Playing in a way they feel comfortable; 2 - Learning from others in social play; 3 - Developing physical skills and regulation techniques; 4 - Engaging with a range of dispositions and skills through the play; 5 - Using language to communicate ideas

Practices:

Holistic, integrated and interconnected approaches;
Responsiveness to children; Play-based learning an intentionality;
Learning environments, Cultural responsiveness

