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SATURDAY ART CLUB AT HOME

Hope everyone had fun over the October week holiday - we are back and will be sending weekly art club activities through to December.

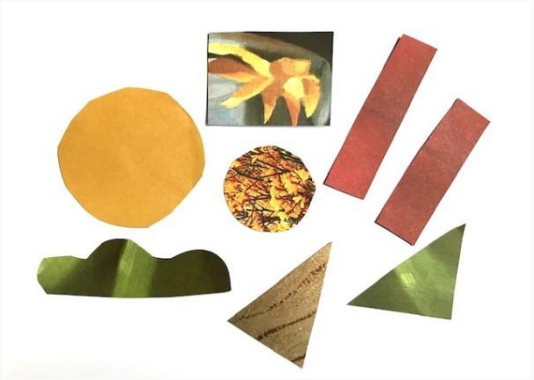
This week's activity is to produce a piece of work as part of **Platform's Mail Art project**.

Follow the steps to produce a *concertina-collage* (a fancy way of saying a folded little booklet) to post to Platform for them to include in their newsletter and share with others taking part in the project.

Platform's Mail Art Project has been running since March to keep in touch and stay connected with people without having to be online. Through joining the project you will receive a hard copy of the mail art newsletter a stamped addressed envelope to send us your contribution. Drawings, paintings, photographs, stories, poems or jokes are all gratefully received. We'll collect and edit what we receive for our fortnightly mail art newsletter – you can find past issues on the Platform website.

Once you've created your artwork, simply email info@platform-online.co.uk with your postal address and we will send you the latest issue with a stamped address envelope for you to send us back your art!

Materials: glue stick, scissors, old magazine, paper/card and envelope (recycle an old one if you need to)

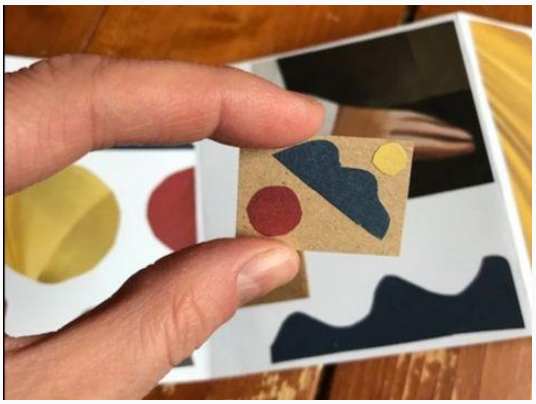


Steps:
1. Cut out a variety of simple shapes - using a magazine, newspaper, recycled packaging or coloured paper. Remember that an adult should cut out for you if you are very young.

2. In addition to the shapes look for either a variety of eyes & mouths or different letters/bits of text- cut these out too.

3. Using the envelope as a guide, fold a piece of plain paper or card into a 'concertina' shape that will fit back into the envelope.

4. Make a composition on your folded paper- spread out your shapes and other cut out pieces so there is something on each section of your paper. You can just make a pattern or you could try to tell a story or send a message. If you have letters/text, use these to paste onto your envelope to spell out the word 'PLATFORM' at the beginning of the address... get creative on the envelope too!



5 & 6 Can you include a small surprise in your mail art piece? I have included a miniature collage using some tiny cards and envelopes that I had. Think of something that would make the person opening your art work smile... perhaps you can make a few to post to family and friends to brighten up their day.

We would love to see your wonderful creations, share your work on social media and tag @platformglasgow and use the hashtags #satartclub #creativitymatters and #artistsudio if you can! Or email photos to info@platform-online.co.uk with a note of your name, age and if you are happy for us to share with our followers.

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