



Marcus Amerman, *Genesis*, collage, courtesy and copyright the artist.

Artist: Marcus Amerman (Choctaw)

Artwork: Collages like *Genesis*, featured in [Marcus Amerman: Indian Country](#). On view at MAM from March 15–July 16, 2022.

Age range: The whole family!

Create: A personal collage based on a memory

Materials: Paper, glue, scissors, magazines, mementos and pictures that can be cut and glued.

Prompt: Marcus Amerman’s collages are inspired by Rock & Roll concerts that he attended and the mementos that he kept. This includes pictures, VIP backstage passes, and reminders of the city the concert was performed. Your collage will represent a memory, maybe from an event that you attended or any special memory that you want to represent.

Instructions:

1. **GATHER:** First gather your materials. Magazines, newspapers, interesting paper, fortune cookie papers, movie stubs, string, yarn, photographs (or printed ones if you don't want to cut your originals), fabric, fancy napkins, plastic wrap, aluminum foil. Searching for materials and looking at them in a creative new way is one of the best parts of collage!
2. **PREPARE:** Cutout the images you chose. Fold, cut and tear your gathered materials in interesting ways. Can the overlap in interesting ways to tell a story?
3. **ARRANGE:** Place the cutouts over your base paper or cardboard. Move things around, recut, add or remove and arrange all of your materials. Before gluing down, try different arrangements of your cutout materials. When you created a pleasing arrangement, glue the cutouts down to the paper or cardboard.
4. **EMBELLISH:** Try outlining one of your favorite cutouts in a bright color. Paint shapes over images or in between. Paint on thinly to see through the paint. Paint a layer of colors and then add more collage. The possibilities are endless for embellishments. When is it complete?
5. **DISPLAY:** Trim any edges, makes sure everything is glued down. Your collage is finished! Hang it up, snap a picture and share with us what you created!

CHALLENGE: Can you draw or paint your collage as a separate art project? Can you collage on something that is 3D like a box or cardboard tube?

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