

Gallery wall collage

Mixed ages 5–11

Arts

45 min main activity

Session goal: Every child contributes one finished panel to a hallway display on the term's theme.

MATERIALS, WITH SUBSTITUTE

Old magazines, scrap card cut to one fixed panel size, glue sticks, scissors, one roll of backing paper. Substitute: painted paper if the magazines run out.

PREP BEFORE CHILDREN ARRIVE

10 minutes. Cut the card to size in advance, lay out glue and scissors, pin the backing paper up before children arrive.

EXPLAIN IT IN TWO SENTENCES

"Everyone makes one panel for the wall on our theme. Your panel has to fill the card and it has to still be readable from across the hallway."

BLOCK	TIME	WHAT HAPPENS	STAFF NOTE
Show	5 min	Show two finished panels, one simple and one detailed	Both count as finished — that is the point
Make	30 min	Every child builds one panel that fills the card	Adult at the youngest table; warnings at 10 and 5 minutes
Mount	10 min	Mount the panels together on the backing paper, then stand back and look	Let older children curate the layout

Scaffold

A pre-cut shape to build around, and an adult at the table for the youngest.

Stretch

Older children add a title strip or curate the layout of the whole wall.

Before you run it

Check photo consent first. Consent for a hallway wall is not the same as consent to post a photo online.