

INTRODUCTION TO COLLAGE

THOUGHT EXPLORATION

DURING THE INIITAL STAGES OF DESIGN, CREATING A COLLAGE CAN BE A USEFUL TOOL TO CURATE YOUR INTIAL IDEAS AND THOUGHTS. AS OPPOSED TO WRITING DOWN IDEAS, CREATING A COLLAGE ALLOWS YOU TO BE EXPERIMENTAL AND PLAYFUL.





START BY COLLECTING IMAGES FROM ONLINE SOURCES (PINTEREST, GOOGLE IMAGES) AND/OR ANOLGUE SOURCES (MAGAZINES, HAND SKETCHES) TO CREATE YOUR OWN LIBRARY OF IMAGES TO INSPIRE YOU AND ADD TO YOUR COLLAGE THE MORE IMAGES YOU COLLECT THE BETTER.







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AS COLLAGES ARE A VISUAL FORM OF COMMUNICATION CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

SYMBOLISM

PEOPLE: CONSIDER THEIR FACIAL EXPRESSIONS, BODY POSTURE, CLOTHING ETC...

SCALE: WHAT APPEARS LARGER / SMALLER. CONSIDER WHAT ELEMENTS YOU WANT TO STAND OUT

FOCAL POINT: WHAT ARE PEOPLE DRAWN TO

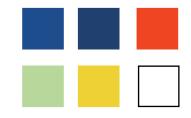
COLOUR: COLOUR OR LACK OF COLOUR CAN AID IN CREATING A PARTICULAR MOOD

COMPOSITION: CENTRAL, LINEAR, GRID-LIKE...DOES IT SPRAWL OUT

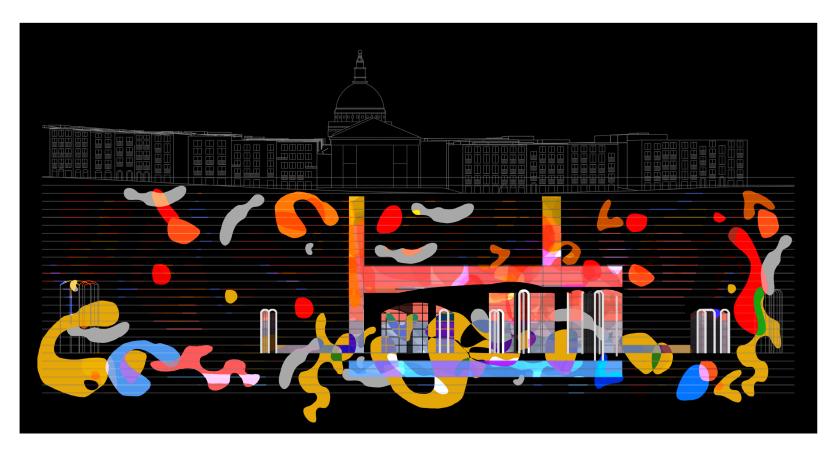
ESTABLISH A COLOUR SCHEME PRIOR TO COMPOSING YOUR COLLAGE. SEARCHING FOR COLOUR PALETTES ONLINE IS A GOOD WAY TO START. USE THIS COLOUR PALETTE AS A REFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE COLLAGE PROCESS.



A COLOUR SCHEME CAN ALSO BE TAKEN FROM PRE EXISTING ARTWORK. USING THE EYE DROPPER TOOL YOU CAN CREATE YOUR OWN COLOUR PALETTE FROM THESE.



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DON'T BE AFRAID TO MAKE MISTAKES. FIDDLE AROUND WITH COMPOSITION AND EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT SHAPES AND COLOUR



LAYERING A SKETCH / DRAWING OVER WITH CUTOUTS AND COLOUR IS A VERY QUICK AND EFFECTIVE WAY TO BETTER ILLUSTRATE IDEAS AND CONCEPTS.

PROGRAMS: PHOTOSHOP AND ILLUSTRATOR

DON'T FORGET TO FLATTEN IMAGES