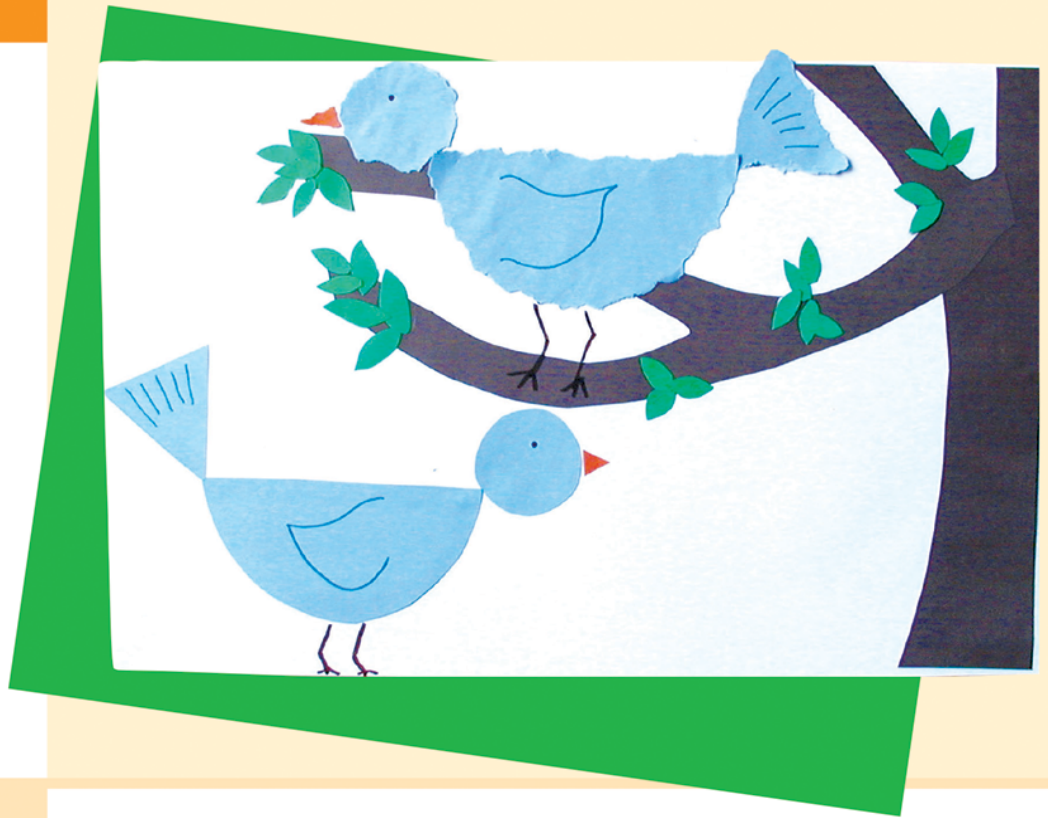


Texture

Animal Collage

Children create two animals in a collage. The animals are the same, except one is a cut-paper design, and the other is a torn-paper design.



Materials

- newsprint or other drawing paper
- construction paper—white 12" x 18" (30.5 x 46 cm) scraps in assorted sizes and colors
- wallpaper, wrapping paper, paper bags, etc.
- crayons and felt-tip pens
- scissors
- white glue
- *Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse* by Leo Lionni

Step by Step

- 1 Read children the story of *Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse*. This fable serves as an example of cut versus torn-paper art. The “real” mouse in the story is created with a torn-paper edge. The mechanical mouse is made with a cut-paper edge.
- 2 Explain to children that they will make a collage and give them the materials for the project. Then have them choose an animal for their collage.
- 3 Have children draw the animal on the newsprint, encouraging them to use simple, basic shapes. Then tell them to cut out the animal body parts and use them to trace the animal shapes onto the construction paper. Each shape must be traced twice.
- 4 Children glue the cut-out animal body parts onto one of the traced shapes. Then they tear out another set of animal body parts and glue them onto the traced shapes.
- 5 Children may wish to create a background for their picture, using paper and pens to add details.