Make a daft Dada collage

Be inspired by this silly style.

Hello, my name's Olaf Falafel. I'm an author, an illustrator and also a stand-up comedian. I show you how to create art that is usually based on the works of famous artists or illustrators. I also like to tell you a joke – like this one: What do you call an artist with a sore throat? Vincent van Cough.

In this issue, I'm going to be making a Dada-inspired collage. Dada was an unusual and playful art movement that began about 100 years ago. Its artists wanted to challenge the rules of traditional art by creating work that was unexpected, silly and sometimes completely ridiculous. One of the best-known Dada artists was German artist Hannah Höch, who made collages by cutting up photographs and pictures from magazines and combining them in surprising ways. Dada was all about experimenting, having fun and seeing what happens when you do things differently.



What you need

- Magazines, newspapers, leaflets, posters
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Sheet of paper or card

RANDOM ACT

Dada artists also made collages by dropping scraps onto paper and sticking them where they fell.



1 Gather together all your old magazines, leaflets and papers. You could use old photos too. Check with an adult it's ok to use them.



2 Go through them, cutting out interesting pictures and patterns. Choose a mix of black and white and colour images.



3 Position the cut-outs onto your sheet of card or paper. Experiment with layouts, try to make some silly combinations.



4 Once you are happy with your Dada composition, use glue to stick everything down. Then think of a strange title for your artwork.

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