

CHQ MARCH WORKSHOP – FIBER ART & MIXED MEDIA SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST

WHAT IS MIXED MEDIA?

Mixed media art is a creative way of making art using many different media and supplies. Mixed media artists use the materials they have on hand with other items such as fabric and paper scraps or found objects to create art that can be used for various purposes.

Just remember that there are no rules in this. Art has no rules, and mixed media is such a wide subject that you really can't make a mistake by using something in the process.

In mixed media, anything is possible. This means that you can use anything you have on hand. Below is a list of suggested items and tools. Certainly, this list is not meant to be all inclusive.

CHQ will have supplies on hand for you to experiment with, as well as the Shadfest Posters.

Scraps of assorted fabric, cloth, lace, yarn, fiber, string, thread, beads, and buttons.

Paper is another key part of mixed media art. You can use any type you like, but the best ones are:

- Cardstock – this weight will have more texture than thinner papers or watercolor paper
- Watercolor Paper – to create subtle textures as well as vibrant colors and shades
- Mixed media paper – you can buy this paper in various sizes

Paint:

- Acrylic paint or Posca pens – it's thick, opaque, vibrant. Great coverage
- Watercolor paints or pencils – translucent and soft. You can create interesting layers with them because of their transparency
- Pastels – these are highly pigmented and look almost like chalk so you can easily blend a bunch of colors together quickly without having to mix them first on your palette.
- Ink – this comes in many different colors, and you can use it to draw on your art paper or any other surface that accepts ink. Just be careful because some inks can leave stains or ruin your surface
- Micron pens - great for mixed media projects because they're waterproof. They come in different sizes and nibs, so you can also get a brush nib which is great for textured backgrounds

Other Tools:

- General sewing supplies including good scissors for fabric and paper
- Adhesives such as glue for paper and or fusible paper for fabric collage
- Paintbrushes – Both flat and round tip, in various sizes
- Foam brushes or sponges, Toothbrushes
- Stencils
- Apron to protect your clothing

The most enjoyable part of mixed media is collecting embellishments and ephemera. Sort through magazines or pull any decorative things from your home and think about how they might be used.

Common Items:

- vintage cloth, old quilts, lace trim, yarn, buttons, beads, ribbons, doilies
- old book pages, magazines, scraps of paper and cardstock
- tea bag
- flowers, dried or fabric
- postcards and photos
- your kid's artwork or scribbles
- wrapping paper
- old maps, envelopes, mailers, and old letters
- stickers

Here are some links to get you thinking about how you can make mixed media art collages.

- [TEXTILE COLLAGE](#)
- [FABRIC COLLAGE](#)
- [UPCYCLE FABRIC SCRAPS](#)
- [MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE IDEAS](#)
- [MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE TECHNIQUES](#)