

SKETCHBOOK ADVENTURES

How to Create a Monochromatic Patchwork Collage

This exercise is awesome for getting familiar with color as well as pattern. I love doing this one because once I choose my images, the rest of it (cutting and gluing) is meditative and I can let my mind flow and get lost in the process.

What to get:

- Collage materials including magazines
- Scissors
- Glue stick or Mod Podge/medium
- Sketchbook

What to do:

1. Choose a color palette. I normally don't choose just one color for this exercise but rather use a few analogous colors. Revisit the color wheel in the elements of design chapter for color inspiration. I choose black and white as my colors.
2. Once you have a color palette in mind, start pulling images that fit your color palette from your collage materials container as well as a magazine or two.
3. Choose a shape. I tend towards squares or rectangles when I do this exercise but feel free choose circles, triangles or any other shape that you like.
4. Cut your pieces of paper in your chosen shape.
5. Don't worry about laying them out your page before you start gluing. Just grab a cut piece of paper and start gluing it to your page.
*You'll need to overlap your images so you create a patchwork pattern.

