SKETCHBOOK ADVENTURES
How to Build Your Collage Material Collection

Start looking at everything as potential collage material. I'm not trying to turn you into a hoarder but there are so many images and papers that you would normally toss into the trash that could end up being the perfect addition to your sketchbook. Check out this list of collage materials and start building your collection. If you think your selection might get out of hand, make a rule that everything you hold onto must fit into your container and when you run out of space, start editing. Once you have a decent assortment of materials, begin organizing them by color, theme, size or your own categories.

Materials:
-Magazines (current or vintage)
-Sheet music
-Your photos you print
-Vintage found photos
-Book pages
-Sewing patterns
-Maps
-Tissue paper
-Index cards, graph paper, shipping tags labels or other office supply papers
-Fabric
-Lace
-Plain or colored paper
-Printed or patterned papers
-Washi tape
-Stickers
-'Trash' like receipts, ticket stubs and junk mail
-Memorabilia like letters, notes or greeting cards
-Newspaper
-Wallpaper
-Wrapping paper
-Gold leafing
-Circles from a hole punch
-Doilies
-Playing cards or paper things from games
-Packaging, hang tags or business cards
-Words you print from your computer or type with a typewriter

Ways to adhere collage materials to your page:
-Glue stick
-Mod podge
-Medium
-Tape *I love using washi tape
-White glue
-Rubber cement
-Glue pen
-Glue roller
-Double sided tape

Ways to cut materials:
-Cut with scissors
-Cut with pinking shears, craft scissors or other decorative edge scissors
-Tear
-Burn
-Craft knife for detailed or hard to get to areas

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