

COLLAGE CHARACTERS



May 8 is World Collage Day. Many artists have defined their career through storytelling in collaged artwork, such as Eric Carle (*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*), Leo Lionni (*Frederick*) and Jayme McGowan (*One Bear Extraordinaire*). Thinking about our special exhibition, *Where the Questions Live*, and artist Wes Sam-Bruce's prompt: "How is writing a poem like walking through a landscape on a trail?," ask yourself what kind of companion you would like to walk the trail with you. Let's take an imaginative hike with our own collaged characters this spring!

SUPPLIES

- Construction or any colored/patterned paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Tape
- Pencil or a popsicle stick
- Colored pencils, crayons or markers

INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Think about what kind of special character you want to create. Draw the head, body, arms and legs, separately, on your colored paper(s).

Step 2: Carefully cut out each part of your character.

Step 3: Decorate your pieces by drawing any facial expressions or details with your coloring materials.

Step 4: Glue together the pieces of your character.

Step 5: Take your pencil/popsicle stick and tape it to the back of your collage character so you can take them with you as a companion wherever you go!

To watch this process, visit
[youtube.com/PeabodyEssexMuseum](https://www.youtube.com/PeabodyEssexMuseum)

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