

Big Idea! – Artists use their imaginations. Artists invent shapes.

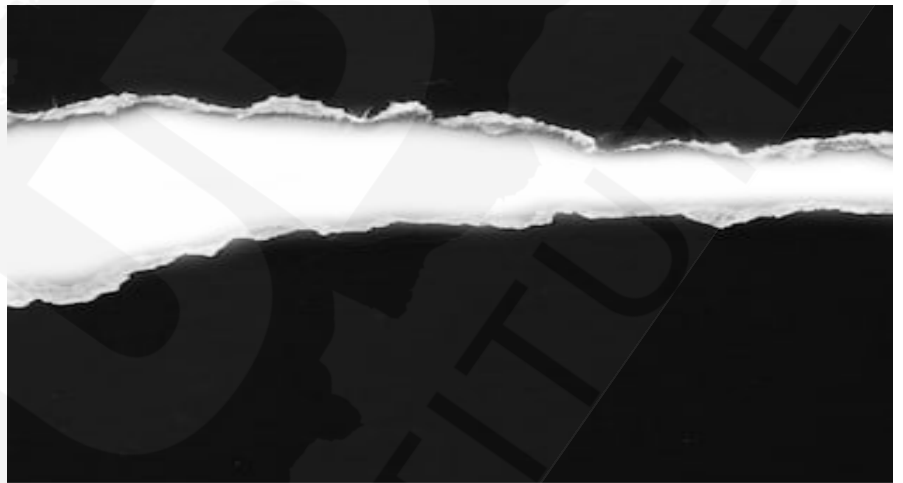
Artists use their hands as tools.

Materials – Collect these items from home or your art kit.

- black and white construction paper
- glue

Watch an artist make a collage with torn paper shapes: www.studioinstitute.org

LOOK – Artists look at the world around them and find shapes. Artists combine shapes to create things. Look at the artwork. What do you see? How did the artist use their imagination to arrange these torn shapes into something new?



CREATE

1. How can I **tear** the paper with my **hands**?
Using your **pinching fingers**, tear a piece of black construction paper. What do the torn edges of my paper feel like?
2. **Look** at the shape and ask, what does it look like? **Imagine** how you can use the shape. **Move** it around the paper.
3. **Tear three or four more** pieces of black construction paper and ask, what can I **make** with these shapes? How can you tear different shapes of paper using your hands?
4. **Arrange** the shapes in different ways until you design an **image** you like.
5. **Glue** your torn paper **shapes** onto your paper.



Collage Explorers: *Creating a Torn Paper Collage*

SHARE

1. Look at your collage. Notice how your paper is torn in different shapes.
2. How many ways did you tear the paper?
3. Share your torn paper collage with a family member or friend. Tell them how you made the shapes with your hands.
4. Share the creative ways you arranged the shapes in your collage.
5. Where did you combine shapes to make your collage?
6. Share your collage with us. Email them to: myart@studioinstitute.org

Look at some examples of torn paper collage from some young artists in Memphis. What do you notice about how they arranged their shapes?

