Make Your Own Mixed Media Art at Home!

The Eiteljorg has a wonderful contemporary Native art collection! While I have many pieces that I could literally look at ALL DAY, Jaune Quick-to-See Smith's (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Nation) piece *Los Banderas de los Estados Unidos*, 1996 is especially inspiring. I appreciate this piece for so many reasons. This piece is mixed media, which was one of the first things that attracted me…and intimidated me. Mixed media was an intimidating term. I thought "I am not comfortable with any particular medium…why would I mix them!?" Then I decided to do some research on what mixed media entails. First, there are so many different ways to do this! Sure, it can be very involved and complex, but it can also be approachable. You have to use more than one medium or material when making the art. So I decided to start simply by using some of the things I found in my house. Give it a try yourself! Share your art by tagging **#EiteljorgAtHome**.

Jaune Quick-to-See Smith (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Nation, born 1940), *Los Banderas de los Estados Unidos*, 1996, acrylic and mixed media collage on canvas. Museum purchase from the Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship, 1999.9.1

Materials

- Piece of cardboard
- Pages from unwanted book
- Acrylic Paint
- Tin foil
- Paper scraps
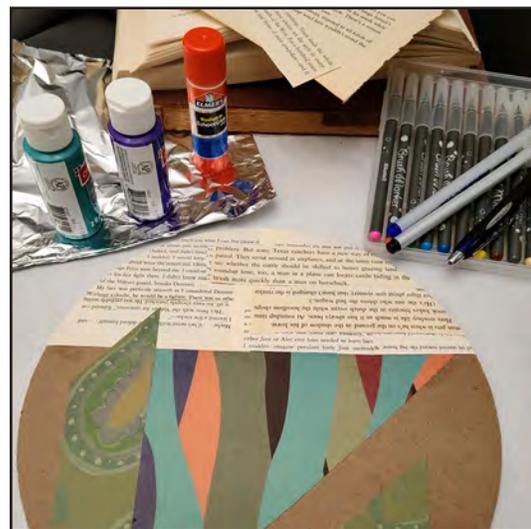- Glue stick
- Stickers
- Markers

Directions

Step 1: Gather your materials.

Step 2: Start making your background. It could be painted, or you could glue some paper on for a collage look. There are no rules here! I did both painting and paper collage.

Step 3: I used crumpled tin foil to add some interesting patterns in the painting I did.

Step 4: Use stickers to embellish. Write on your piece. Make more layers!

Step 5: The most difficult part was deciding when I was finished. It was fun! And now I am not quite as intimidated.