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Collage Artist - Megan Coyle

Vivid animal and sea life collages composed of paper pieces cut from magazines caught my eye and brought back memories of grade school when free time meant doing just that... except *this* is mag-art all grown up.



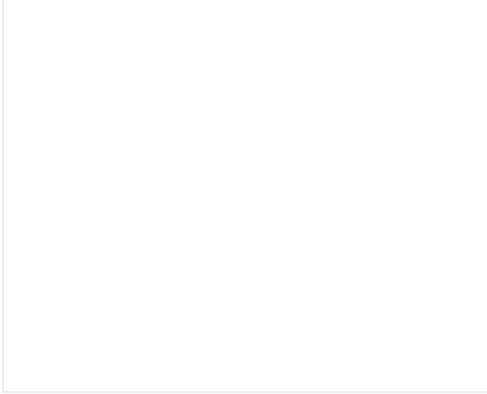
Flamingo Dancers 12 inches x 16 inches

The creator is [Megan Coyle](#), a Washington, D.C. artist. She studied painting and creative writing in college, but has chosen to work in collage because she likes the way her "painting with paper" technique allows each picture to tell a story.

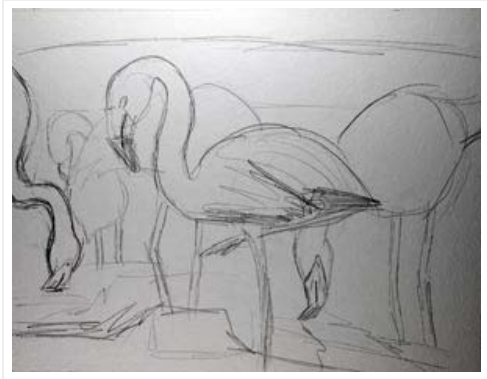


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Megan looks through magazines for papers that are just the right colors for the image she has in mind, and begins the piece by creating the background.



She often refers to a sketch or photograph while building the layers of paper. Simple scissors and repositionable glue are Megan's tools of choice. When a collage is complete, she applies a protective coating of varnish.



Orange Monkey

"I'm constantly breaking down what I see into smaller pieces, piecing together each area bit by bit, occasionally stepping back to see the piece in its entirety."

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Gorilla

All of these collages are new this summer and are on exhibit in her current show, *The Animal Kingdom*, at the Goodwin House Gallery in Alexandria, Virginia, August 1 - September 25.



Pelicans

Many more examples of Megan's work can be seen at her [website](#) and on [Flickr](#).



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In addition to animals and landscapes, Megan collages incredible figurative portraits and still lifes. Read about her latest work and shows via her [blog](#).



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10 comments:

CraftyRichela said...



I especially love the gorilla. Something about using all the greyish blackish colors so often found in magazines rather than the bright ones. Unexpected, refreshing--I love it.

August 16, 2010 8:59 AM

Rosie said...



Love the yellow bird, they are fabulous!

Rosie xx

August 16, 2010 12:40 PM

Ann said...



Those are great. Love the flamingos and the yellow bird

August 16, 2010 12:45 PM

Maureen said...



I know and really like Coyle's work. (I live in Arlington, VA, so I've had the opportunity to see her art in various local galleries.)

August 16, 2010 1:08 PM

SUGANTHI said...



Really amazing work. It was a pleasure to visit her blog.

August 16, 2010 11:29 PM

Philippa said...



I really like the style of these pictures - and such an original technique! Wonderful.

August 17, 2010 6:47 AM

Ann Martin said...



Thanks for your comments, everyone. Richela, I'm with you on the gorilla and I really like Orange Monkey too. Their expressions are so realistic.

August 18, 2010 8:49 AM

Modart said...



They are really good!
I especially like the orange monkey and the pelicans. Have style, are modern worked.

August 20, 2010 8:25 AM

ELK said...



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