

# PAPER CUBE COLLAGE

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Inspired by Jean-Michel Basquiat



Hello! Today we'll be working on a piece of art inspired by the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. We'll be looking at Untitled, 1985, printed paper collage on painted wooden box, 11 1/4 x 8 5/8 x 8 5/8 in. which is part of the Nasher's Collection.

**Who was Jean-Michel Basquiat?** Basquiat was a young, Brooklyn-born artist of Haitian and Puerto Rican descent who was known for using collage elements, including lists of animals as well as metals and other substances; anatomical drawings, grimacing figures; and repeated use of the copyright symbol ©. Basquiat's art brought together unexpected references to science, art, literature, and Black culture.

Let's get started making your own version, inspired by your interests and favorite things.

## Materials:

- Cube template
- Scissors
- Glue
- Any wet or dry media you have at home (colored pencils, crayons, watercolors)
- Black pen or marker
- Collage materials (old magazines, books or newspapers)



## Steps:

1. Print the cube template on an 8.5"x11" sheet of paper.
2. Collect all your supplies for creating your collage. Any wet or dry media and collage materials.
3. Drawing inspiration from Basquiat's piece, look for images of things you like in your collage materials. It can be anything.
4. Cut the images out and glue them to the squares of the cube. You don't have to fill in every square.
5. Next, inside a few squares draw your favorite animals or things. The drawings can overlap with the images you've glued on.
6. Using a black pen/marker, find a place to make a list of your favorite foods. The list can overlap with other drawings/images on your squares.
7. Are the squares getting pretty filled up? Use your crayons or watercolors to fill in some empty spaces.
8. Add a copyright symbol © anywhere on the cube.
9. Now you're ready to cut out your cube and put it together. Cut on the solid lines.
10. Fold on the dotted lines.
11. Glue it together using the tabs.

**Great job! You've just created a Basquiat-inspired collage cube.**

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