

Photo or drawing montage

Materials needed

- digital or conventional camera
- numerous photographs of the topic, preferably taken by students
- computer software for editing digital photographs such as Photoshop or Paintshop
- if using conventional photographs, strong paper or card, glue and scissors

The students use photographs of the subject to create an art work. Focus on shape, colour, tone or patterns. Ideal examples are butterfly wings, leaf shapes and seeds.

If it is not possible to use photographs, a drawing montage is also possible. It is an activity for individual students, small groups or the whole class to work together. Students choose their subject and draw or paint one or several examples, these are then collated into an art work by the groups or class.

Students place several drawings like these next or on top of each other to create a pleasing effect. An alternative activity is for the students to take one line drawing and colour it in several ways. They draw using conventional drawing tools or software such as Photoshop, Flash MX, Kid Pix and Microsoft Paint.

