

# MEMOIR collage

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Got a lot of old pictures hanging around? Small curios, letters you've saved, coins, ribbon, odds and ends with nowhere to go? Put them together and make a Memoir Collage! It's a fun and poignant way to commemorate someone you love, a special event or trip, or your own favorite memories.



## You will need:

- ◆ A board or art canvas
- ◆ Paint
- ◆ Modge Podge (or white glue)
- ◆ The "memoir" items can be anything: photos, magazine cut-outs, snippets of letters, buttons, string, beads, etc. Anything that's light and can be easily glued to a surface. Look around and see what you've got!



**1. PLAN IT:** Decide how you want to lay out the memoir items first. A few ideas: if your collage has a main theme, put one item in the center, then add pieces around it. Or perhaps you want a repeating theme - say, butterflies - so place pictures of butterflies throughout your collage. There are no rules, so have fun playing with the design!

**2. GLUE IT:** Coat the surface of your board or canvas with a thin layer of Modge podge, then place your photos and paper pieces on it. If you are adding heavier items (e.g. a piece of jewelry), use a stronger glue to secure that piece.

**3. ADD MORE:** Let dry. If you like, add bits of color with paint, or fill in the blank spaces with smaller items. Coat with another thin layer of Modge Podge. (hint: it's better to use several thin coats, letting everything dry in between). If bubbles come up, you can smooth them with your fingers. It's ok to see lines and textures in the Modge Podge.

**4. SEAL IT:** After letting everything dry for a day or so, be sure to seal the whole piece with a thin layer of Modge Podge.

You've created a memory ready to hang!



This collage has twine, illustrations from an old book, and a greeting card. The edges have been ripped.



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