

## Communication Collages

*Explore areas of communication that are often overlooked by making a personalized collage*

**Description:** Participants will make a collage using old magazines, newspapers, etc. However, they aren't allowed to use words to express themselves, they must instead use pictures, artwork, and interpretation.

**Purpose:** Teach participants about the different types of communication through artwork.

**Time:** Approx. 30 minutes

**Age:** All ages

**Suggestions:** It may get a bit messy depending on the age of the youth, make sure you have enough space and resources to clean up any messes

**Materials:** Magazines, newspapers, advertisements, art supplies, glue, computer paper or cardstock

**What To Do:** Participants will create a collage to convey a message about themselves, their hobbies, their feelings, etc. Using the pictures from the magazines, they can glue and color their piece of paper however they want to. They will keep their artwork a secret until the end. At the end, they will either share their project with the group or have others look at it and try to guess who did it based on how well they carried their message through their artwork. The only rule is that they are not allowed to use words of any kind in their project. This emphasizes the other ways to communicate a message other than the use of language.

### **Reflection Questions:**

How does this activity relate to the theme of "4-H Grows"?  
What did you learn about communication through this activity?  
What other ways do we communicate through artwork?  
(*Examples: Signs, billboards, clothing, etc.*)

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