MUSEUM IN A MINUTE

YOUNG ADULT LAB: LAYERED ARTWORKS

In addition to his carved portraits in the side of buildings, the street artist VHILS creates layered works through the manipulation of layers of posters and other miscellaneous street art by both peeling away layers and laser cutting works. Similarly in our layered artworks project, we use an exacto knife to peel away layers of paint and magazine to reveal the varied colors and designs below.

MATERIALS: CARDSTOCK OR THICK PAPER, MAGAZINES, GLUE, WHITE PAINT, EXACT KNIFE, PAINTBRUSH, AND SCISSORS

TO WATCH THE VIDEO
HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/TV/CLVDNMDJTA5/

1 Cover your cardstock or thick paper in multiple layers of magazine scraps. These can be cut or torn to cover the entire page, keeping in mind that the more layers you add, the more variety that you will experience.

2 Once you have covered your paper in magazines, paint a thick even layer of white acrylic paint over the entire surface of the page.

3 Wait for your white paint to dry entirely before touching. Use a pencil to lightly lay our your image before carving. Consider the ways that positive and negative space will show up on the page.

4 Carve out your image using an exacto knife or other sharp tool. Make sure to press lightly enough that you are leaving the bottom paper and at least on layer of magazine in tact for a colorful final product.

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