



# Art Inspired by Eric Carle – RESOURCE #1

## You Can Create A Collage In The Style Of Eric Carle!

### A PRINTABLE SHEET OF INSTRUCTIONS

Many people make collages. Artists like Picasso and Matisse and Leo Lionni made collages. Many children have done collages at home or in their classrooms. I happen to make my collage illustrations using painted tissue papers. You might want to try it too! — Eric Carle

#### How To Prepare Painted Tissue Papers:

1. Squeeze paint (acrylic, water or poster paint) into a dish, add water and stir.
2. Place a single sheet of tissue paper on a clean surface.
3. Paint bold strokes onto the tissue paper. (Hint: lift up tissue paper briefly, so it doesn't stick to the surface.) Let it dry on newspapers while working on other tissue papers.
4. Apply a second color. Perhaps in wavy blue brush strokes. Again: lift tissue paper and let it dry on newspapers.
5. Apply a third color. Yellow dots might look nice.
6. Apply a fourth color. Perhaps black painted onto a piece of carpet which can be used to make textured prints on top of the red, blue, and yellow design.

#### How To Make A Collage Illustration:

1. Draw a caterpillar (or any creature you like) onto tracing paper or other transparent paper.
2. Place the drawing on top of a red tissue paper and use scissors to cut through both tracing and tissue papers. Be careful!
3. Cut out each section at a time: First the face, then each segment of the caterpillar.
4. Turn the face over and apply a thin layer of glue or wallpaper paste.
5. Paste it onto a white illustration board or similar material.
6. Cut out the first green segment of the caterpillar's body.
7. Place the tracing paper, with head and body segment removed, as a guide for pasting down the green segment.
8. Repeat steps 6 & 7, selecting different shades of green for each segment until the body is finished.
9. Carefully cut out the eyes: Moisten the area around the eyes; wait a second, lift a remove the eyes.
10. Cut out yellow, green, and brown parts for eyes, nose, and feet, and glue them into their places.
11. Use crayons or colored pencils for the final touches.