



Creating a Climate Collage

Background

Our climate is rapidly changing, and understanding the science behind it can feel overwhelming. Climate research is full of vital information which directly affects our future. However, this critical knowledge often remains locked behind complex terminology, and financial paywalls, creating a barrier for many.

The Climate Collage activity is designed to break down those barriers. It recognizes that everyone has a valuable perspective and the power to engage with this information creatively. Through the creation of collages, we encourage creative thinking and visual storytelling about the climate.

How will your collage convey your climate story?

Supplies

- Pair of scissors
- Blank sheet(s) of paper
- Glue stick or some form of adhesive
- Accordion folder or other form of organization
- Magazines, newspapers, books & other types of paper media
 - *Points if sourced second-hand*
- Optional: stickers, stamps, markers, and other types of art supplies

Guiding Questions

- What is your climate story? How does your collage reflect that?
- How can you communicate climate research through art?
- What are ways that art can be used as a tool for navigating climate change?



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Instructions

- Gather your materials by referring to the “Supplies” section located on page 1.
- Before assembling a collage, pre-cut images and text from the magazines, newspapers and/or books that you gather. It is recommended to organize the images by color using an accordion folder for optimal organization!
- Once organized, begin selecting pages, images, text, and other materials such as stamps and stickers for your collage.
- Using these gathered materials and an adhesive of your choice, begin assembling your collage.
- Once finished, ensure that all edges are secure by gluing them down and making any additional final touches.
- Celebrate the creation of your very own climate collage, and share it with others!
 - Want to be featured in the Stone Living Lab’s digital climate collage gallery? Scan your collage, and email it to education@stonelivinglab.org

Resources

- Explore “[A Guide to Collage](#)” by Rise Art
- Read about “[8 artists who are grappling with climate change and imagining a better world](#)” on Yale Climate Connections
- Explore existing examples of the [Stone Living Lab’s Climate Collages](#) for inspiration!



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Frequently Asked Questions

Why is art an important tool for addressing climate change?

- Art is an important tool because it helps us communicate different climate-related issues in a way that transcends beyond complex scientific terminology, and financial paywalls. By appealing to creativity and lived experiences, art has the power to help us deepen our understanding of the world around us in order to inspire collective towards achieving a livable future.

Do I need to be a climate scientist to participate?

- Absolutely not! This activity is specifically designed to reduce the barriers to understanding and engaging with climate science. Using the materials you have gathered, your task is to arrange images, words, and ideas into a collage that represents your climate story or another prompt of your choosing. An example of a prompt is as follows:
 - *“What does an environmentally just future look like?”*

How can I learn more about nature-based approaches to coastal resilience and restoration?

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Use this activity to envision your climate story!

How can art inspire change?

Why might sourcing your materials second-hand be important?

What are non-human stories you can elevate?

Animals, plants, the land?



