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## O-riginal Art Activities: Abstract Collage Inspired by Michael Eble



Michael Eble, *Celebration*, Acrylic and collaged paper on canvas

**Michael Eble** was born in New Orleans, Louisiana. He received a BFA in painting from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a MFA in painting and drawing from the University of Mississippi, in Oxford, Mississippi. He is currently Curator of Events & Exhibitions for the College of the Arts at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Michael continues to produce artwork that focuses on the element of water and its relationship to humans and the environment.

Explore collage in this O-riginal Art Activity inspired by Michael Eble.

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### Supplies

Scissors, Glue stick, Cardstock, Pattern Paper or Color Paper

### Instructions

**Step 1:** Look at Michael Eble's artwork, *Celebration*. What shapes, colors and **patterns** do you notice?

**Step 2:** Think about what colors and shapes you want in your artwork. Artists often use the colors in **abstract** art to express feelings and emotions. How do the colors in Eble's artwork make you feel? What feeling do you want to express? What color makes you think of that feeling?

**Step 3:** Starting with one color, use scissors to cut out shapes from the pattern paper or color paper. Next, cut out a variety of shapes from paper of different colors and patterns.

**Step 4:** Think about how you want to arrange the shapes in your **collage**. Once you have decided on the **composition** of your artwork, use a glue stick to create your collage.

### Vocabulary

**Abstract** - an artwork that is comprised of shapes and colors

**Pattern** - a repetition of specific visual elements in art

**Composition** - is the arrangement of elements within an artwork

**Collage** - a technique using cut or torn fabric or paper and glue

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