Activity Title: Color Collage

Objectives:
- Sharing and collaborating
- Creativity
- Fine/Gross motor skills

Materials:
- Paper scraps
- Glue
- Water
- Plastic containers
- Gloves
- Chairs (for elders)
- Table mat
- Paint sponge
- Cardboard
- Smocks/paint shirts

Methods:

Facilitator Preparation

1. Cover table with table covering (eg. Newspaper) to protect from spills and messes
2. Mix water with glue in the plastic container. There should be one container for every pair.
3. Paper scraps should be several different colors and cut into a variety of shapes.
4. Arrange materials on the table so that paper scraps are accessible to everyone and each pair has a piece of cardboard, plastic container with glue mixture, and a paint sponge to use.
5. Have everyone put on a paint smock before sitting down at the table.
6. Pair up each child with an adult and have them sit down with a set of materials.

Intergenerational Participants

1. The pairs work together to select several pieces of paper that they would like to use in their collage. Help pairs work together and discuss the paper pieces they are using.
2. One member in each pair dips the paint sponge in the glue mix and then coats a small area of the cardboard with glue. The other participant in the pair can assist in holding the cardboard while glue is applied.
3. Then place a paper scrap onto the cardboard and press down to stick.
4. The pairs should alternate and work together to cover the glued area with paper.
5. Continue alternating spreading glue and collage materials until there is no more cardboard left showing.
6. Have participants wash hands when they are finished.
7. Let the glue dry and display around the center!
Special Considerations

- The activity can be messy, so make sure to monitor the activity and only give a small amount of glue in the plastic containers in case of spills!
- Watch for participants that are not actively participating in the project; encourage the pairs to work together and discuss their collage.
- Make sure everyone can reach the materials easily.

Key Conversation/ Facilitation Questions

- What are your favorite colors?
- What are your favorite shapes?
- What is collaging?
- What is mosaic art?
- Has anyone collaged or scrapbooked before? Discuss past experiences.

Extensions and Themed Activities

- Upward Extension
  - Paper pieces can be cut into different shapes by participants.
- Downward Extension
  - Instead of using glue to secure the paper pieces, self-adhesive paper cut into shapes or stickers can be used.
- Related Activities
  - Magazines can be used instead of paper pieces. Participants can search through magazines for images they like, and then cut out of the magazine and glue. Themes like animals, colors and holidays can be used to facilitate learning about different topics.
  - A multi-media collage can also be created using several different types of craft and household objects (eg. Cotton balls, sequins, pipe cleaners, foam shapes, etc.).