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Poetry To-Go

Express yourself with a variety of poetry activities: make your own magnetic poetry set, create a poetry collage, make a fancy faux-leather journal, and learn the basics of slam poetry.



Ingredients (Magnetic Poetry)

- 2 label sheets of common English words
- 1 magnetic sheet, 8.5 x 11 (inkjet printer only)
- 1 metal tin

Ingredients (Faux Leather Journal)

- 1 faux leather sheet, with 2 pre-punched holes
- 1 sheet cardstock
- Length of twine/cord
- **You supply:** assorted paper, scissors, pencil

Ingredients (Poetry Collage)

- 1 half-sheet watercolor paper
- 1 container mod podge
- foam brush
- 2 random book pages
- assorted decorations
- **You supply:** anything else you want to add to the collage (buttons, imagery, stickers, etc.)

YouTube Video Link for Poetry Collage:

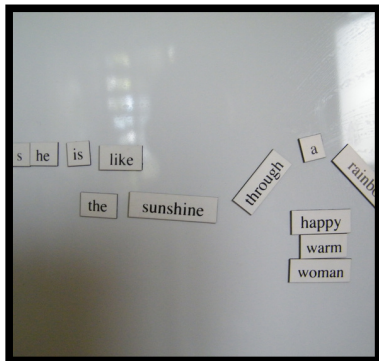
https://youtu.be/17Xv_IuhoX0

Directions (Magnetic Poetry):

There are two ways to do this project:

1: You can choose the words you like from the labels and stick them on the magnetic sheet and cut them out.

2: If you have an inkjet printer, you can create your own list of words on the computer and print them out on the magnetic paper.



3: Place your cut-out words in the tin--or right on the fridge!

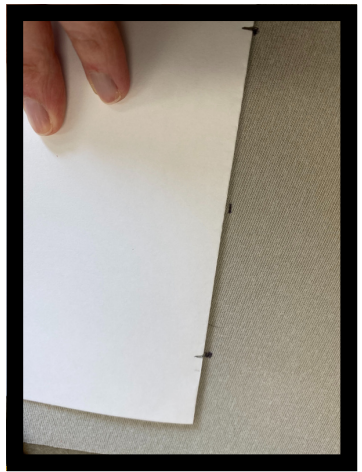
Directions (Faux Leather Journal):



1: Choose your assorted paper. It can be all computer paper or a mix of drawing, watercolor, colored, and more. The sheet of cardstock should be on the outside of your collection.

2: Cut your paper to the same size, about 6.5 x 10 or 11. Fold them in half so they fit within the folded leather cover.

3: Line up the folded edges of the paper with the pre-punched holes in the faux leather cover (they are easiest to see on the inside). Mark with a pencil. Next, use your scissors to make a shallow cut. You may have to do a few sheets at a time.



4: Thread the twine or cord through the holes in the paper and in the faux leather to bind them together.

If you are having trouble getting the twine through the holes, use a pencil to widen the holes first. You can also use thin tweezers to help push the twine through.

Directions, cont.:



outside



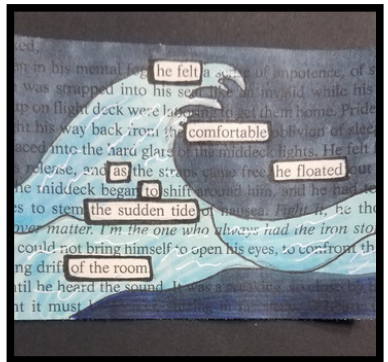
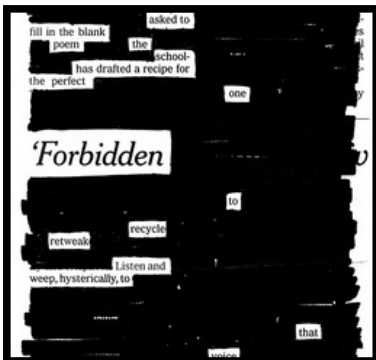
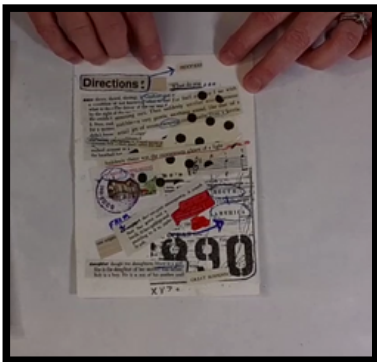
inside

4: You can choose to thread the twine so the knots are on the outside or inside. I did it so the knots are on the outside. I tied knots flush against the outside edge of the cover; then I tied the remaining into a bow for carrying. Experiment and do what works for you! You can also use hot glue to affix the cardstock to the faux leather cover for added stability.



Directions (Book Page Poetry Collage)

Watch Shari from Twisted Fiber Studio on our YouTube channel through April 30 to see how to create your own original piece of poetic artwork with the remaining supplies (plus whatever you feel like adding on your own!). You can also forego this project and use the book pages to create blackout poetry instead with a sharpie and markers.





Enjoy writing and reading and sharing some poetry this month! "Poem in Your Pocket" Day is April 29. Learn more here and get a free PDF of over 50 poems:
<https://poets.org/national-poetry-month/poem-your-pocket-day>

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