Be inspired by Pop art to create a collage of what's going on in your life now.





Just what is it that makes today's homes so different? (1992) by Richard Hamilton

This collage is a remake of an image artist Richard Hamilton originally created in 1956, which helped start a new art movement called Pop Art. This version was made 29 years ago in 1992. The artist used pictures from magazines and adverts to create a collage that was a snapshot of everyday life in the 1990s.

To figure out what Hamilton wanted in his collage he wrote a list of things that were happening in 1992 that were important to him, including:

- Man / Woman
- History
- Food
- Cinema
- TV
- Comics
- Words
- Domestic Appliances

What do you see in this image?

Does this collage look relatively dated now or still fresh and contemporary? What makes it so?

What is going on in the world right now? Can you write a list of what is important to you?

Activity

Create your own collage that shows life today. Look at your list of what is important to you now, what might you include?

Materials:

- Last year's calendar
- Envelope
- Magazines / newspapers / catalogues
- Scissors
- Glue stick

Cut out and arrange the images on a piece of paper or table. You could make a landscape or room.

Is there a theme running throughout? Do the images you've used relate each other?