

103. Matisse-style collage

You will need: pictures by Henri Matisse; paper; collage materials; glue; scissors.

- ◆ Show the children lots of pictures by artist Henri Matisse (1869-1954). Matisse was a famous painter and sculptor, known for creating patterns, scenes and art depicting the human form. These pictures will act as a stimulus for this collage activity.
- ◆ Discuss the pictures with the children. Which pictures do the children like and why? Do they prefer his patterns or scenes? Are there any common threads in his style? How does he show the human body? What colours does he use?
- ◆ The children are going to make their own collage in the style of Matisse. Some children may like to experiment with pattern; others may like to create a human figure. Let them choose.
- ◆ At the end of the session, ask some volunteers to evaluate their work, and then make a 'Matisse' display.
- ◆ Other artists' work can be used in exactly the same way. A collaborative collage could be made based on a scene by Lowry for example.

