

Art – SUMMER 2, WEEK 3

LO: To use some of the ideas of artists studied to create pieces

What creature do you think Henri Matisse was trying to create in this picture?

Henri Matisse is a French **artist** who created this **collage**, called *The Snail*, in 1953. He was born in 1869 and actually fell in love with **painting** initially, but as he got older and unable to paint freely, he began using **scissors** and **painted paper** to **cut** out **shapes** of different **colours** to arrange in **collages**. Find out more about his life and work here:

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/explore/who-is/who-henri-matisse>



Henri Matisse tried to cut **different coloured shapes** with varying amounts of **detail** for his **collages**. His **shapes** were also different **sizes**, like in this work, *The Horse*, *The Rider* and *The Clown* made between 1943-1944. You can see the large purple horse as well as the small, more detailed black, white and yellow shapes. Once his shapes were cut, he would spend a long while **arranging** and rearranging the shapes before he finally stuck them down when he was happy with the **composition**.

Have a go at creating your own Henri Matisse-style colourful **collage**. Try to use as much scrap paper from your home as possible – old newspapers, magazines, envelopes, leaflets etc.

- 1) Watch the video all the way through the to end to see what you will be doing. Not only does this explain the activity, but it also gives another introduction to the life and work of Henri Matisse:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hy4DUpsC22c&t=216s>

- 2) Take a photo of your brilliant work and upload it to Class Dojo so your teacher and I can see it 😊

Good luck – I can't wait to see your work!

