

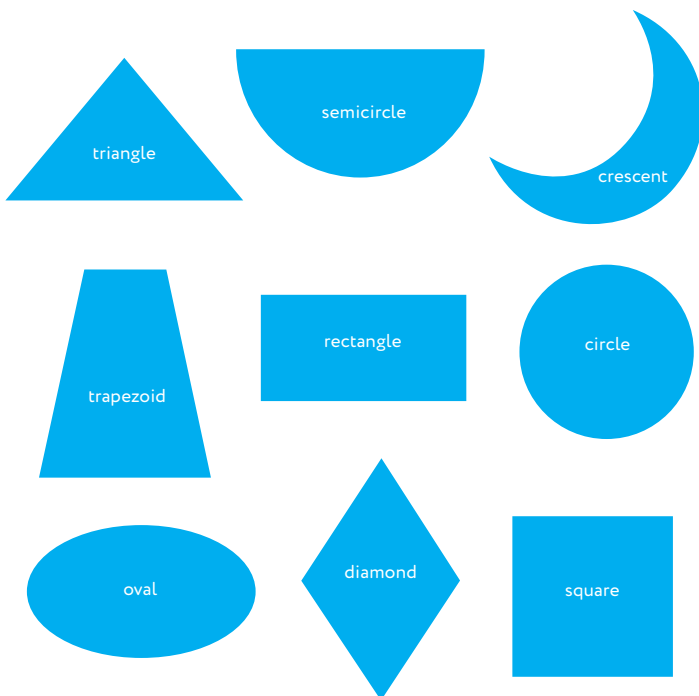
# HOW TO MAKE A SHAPE COLLAGE

## NOTE FOR EDUCATORS AND PARENTS:

I want to encourage creative play as a way to learn concepts. I think learning happens more organically and completely when a basic concept like shape, color, or pattern can be applied either to art, or play, or real-life experiences. For example, learning shapes in itself is a useful skill, but being able to change the shapes into different things is a way of teaching creative transformation, something I use all the time when I make art. A trapezoid isn't just a trapezoid. It's a tent in the woods, or a lampshade, or a pirate ship. I hope you will be able to incorporate this idea into projects in the classroom and at home. And then, show me what you did! Take a photo and share it on social media with #shapeshiftbook.

## 1. Introduce the shapes.

Discuss what makes each shape distinct. How would you describe a circle, a square, a trapezoid?



## 2. Cut the shapes out and decorate them.

Use the pre-colored shapes or create your own! Wrapping paper, scrapbooking paper, or rescued paper from the recycling bin can all make great additions to your art. Add marker, crayon, glitter, or paint to embellish your shapes. All of these activities can reinforce shape identification.

## 3. Arrange and re-arrange.

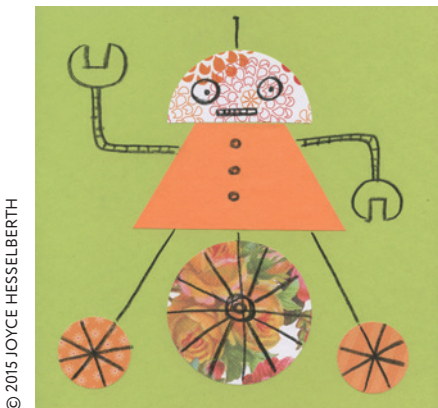
Shapes can become anything you can imagine. Combine your shapes in different ways and see what they look like. Context changes what the shapes represent. For example, depending on where you place a circle, it could become a head, or an eye, or a beachball. If you make a row of circles, it might turn into a caterpillar, or a strand of pearls.

## 4. Glue the shapes down.

Use a gluestick, or school glue to adhere your shapes to a sheet of heavy paper or cardstock.

## 5. Draw on top of the shapes to define your collage.

Add details to finish your masterpiece!



ACTIVITY WORKSHEET BASED ON THE BOOK **SHAPE SHIFT** BY JOYCE HESSELBERTH



CUT OUT COLORED SHAPES, OR DECORATE YOUR OWN!