

Putting It All Together

Collage

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Artist's Statement

Collage was the obvious choice of medium for this project. (I was able to glean images from the library magazine exchange to use for this artwork.) I chose pieces with figures, words, and objects to match the narrative. The main character of the story, Jade, uses collage to help sort out the problems she encounters in her young life.

Colors: **Yellow**= the brightness within her
 Green= Jade
 Gray= cloudy urban Portland
 Brown= skin color/ body image
 Blue= sadness or clarity
 Black= contrast and depth
 Pink= femininity

Images: Roses= Portland
 Bank= financial concerns
 Buildings= urban setting
 Heart= heart
 Scissors= creativity

Words: School issues
 Struggle
 Pride
 Emotion

Originally, I intended to draw a shape and fill it with pieces, but the process took over, and the artwork built itself piece-by-piece in keeping with the spirit of the story.

Bio

Ann Altman grew up in Boston, surrounded by the art and architecture that embodies the cultural life of that city. Elementary school exposed her early on to art, both hands-on and historical. Her three sisters provided rivalry to inspire a striving for excellence. Throughout her life she has studied in a variety of media, and has developed a unique style. Her work is notable for the use of color which manages to be both bold and subtle. The color principles of post-impressionism guide her color choices. Ann pushes herself to continue to grow and experiment, using new materials and techniques which ultimately represent an optimistic perspective on life. Ann was one of the founding members of Lunaria Gallery in 1995, and has been active in promoting the arts for many years. Her work can be found in homes, businesses, and public spaces in the northwest and beyond. Images have been published on posters, t-shirts, cards, books and magazines, from such organizations as Harper-Collins, the United Nations Commission on Human Rights, and the American Friends Services Committee.

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