



Vintage Wedding Collage

12"x12"

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I love vintage ephemera, and spend happy hours combing through antique stores and thrift stores for reasonably priced treasures from the past. This collage incorporates some of my favorite finds: "borrowed" ancestors in the photos, beautiful vintage buttons, a floral postcard, and paper from a roll of player piano music.

The player piano music was the starting point of the entire collage – I was intrigued by the possibilities. The romantic title of this particular song took me back to another time, one I tried to illustrate with my aesthetic choices. Though I used vintage images, this collage could easily be re-created using contemporary black and white photos.

Start with a 12"x12" artist canvas. Crumple a piece of white tissue paper then smooth out and set aside. Cover front with glue, then lay tissue paper down to create texture. Trim off any excess.

Take the "lead" section of a roll of player piano paper (purchase from an antique store), and cut two pieces – a piece that creates the flap that hangs down from the top, and a piece that stretches from top to bottom. Glue the larger bottom piece down, then glue down a piece of tattered ribbon vertically — along the right side and on top of the largest piece of player piano paper. Glue down the "lead" section on top with the song's name and "pull ring" showing.

Create a mini-collage in the lower left corner, with vintage wedding photos, sheet music, and an old postage stamp. Glue a vintage floral postcard in the lower right corner, using a small piece of sheet music. Glue three vintage buttons along the ribbon above postcard.

Gradually add pink chalk to the white tissue paper base with a soft brush until you've built up the desired amount of color. Using fingers, accent all four sides of the canvas with pink metallic rub-ons. Wrap tattered ribbon around each corner of the canvas. Wrap all four sides of canvas with 3/8" silver metal tape.