DIY

Red/Black/Green
Found Collage

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Who's Afraid to Listen to Red, Black and Green? (installation view), 2016
Morningside Park, New York, NY,
Photo: Adam Reich

Inspired by inHarlem: Kevin Beasley, a site-specific installation in Morningside Park, create your own transformative work of art using found objects! Be sure to check out Beasley’s work, Who’s Afraid to Listen to Red, Black and Green?, yourself!

Key Words
• Composition: the way in which something is put together or arranged
• Layer: to place objects, images or materials on top of one another
• Resin: a sticky organic substance often used as a protective layer in art

Materials
• Cardboard
• Black paint
• Scissors
• Elmer’s Glue or Mod Podge
• Paintbrush
• Found paper and/or old clothing
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Step 1
Collect paper and old fabric (such as T-shirts or other items you no longer use) that are red, black and/or green from around your home or community.

Step 2
Tear or cut up your found material into interesting shapes.

Step 3
Once all the shapes are cut, find a piece of cardboard and have an adult help you cut it into a large circle.

Step 4
Paint your cardboard circle black.

Step 5
Use Mod Podge or Elmer’s Glue to collage your found materials into a composition by layering shapes and colors. You can also paint a thin coat of glue on top of your composition for a glossy, resin-like effect!