



The artists at Cotton Exchange use their work to create an understanding of 'collective consciousness' - the idea that humans can be emotionally connected by the experiences we share and the places we exist. Each artist explores collective consciousness through identity, sound, traditions, and clothing.

- Materials**
- Paper
 - Magazines/leaflets (ask permission first!)
 - Scissors (you may need to ask an adult for help)
 - Glue or tape

- Instructions**
1. Cut up parts of some images
 2. Arrange your pictures, textures and shapes on the paper. Play around with how you can layer them and create new images. Can you tell a story with your new pictures?
 3. Once you are happy with your final placement, use the glue or tape to stick down.
 4. Show off your new creation to someone close to you!

Look closely at the images created by Xaviera Simmons, how many different layers or images do you think have been brought together?

Have a go at creating your own layered images by collaging at home.

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