



MASTERS IN THE MAKING · WORKSHOP ONE

My Matisse Workbook

Painting with Scissors



This masterpiece belongs to:

My age

Today's date

Meet Henri Matisse

Henri Matisse was a French artist, born more than 150 years ago, who believed colour should be **felt**, not just seen. Here are four things to know about him:

1

He was born in **France** a long, long time ago – in **1869**.

2

People called him a “**wild beast**” because his colours were SO bright.

3

When he got sick, he invented a whole new art: **painting with scissors**.

4

His paper “**Snail**” is nearly **3 metres** tall – as big as a wall!

🖋️ **Your turn: if you were a wild beast, what colour would you paint a tree?**

Painting with scissors

Matisse painted paper in bright colours, then cut it into **bold, simple shapes** with scissors and arranged them into pictures. No drawing first – he cut straight into the colour!

Circle the shapes you could cut for YOUR masterpiece:



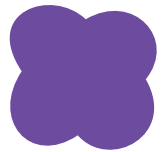
leaf



star



wave



blob

The four secrets of a great cut-out:

1. **Bold colours** – pick colours that shout, not whisper.
2. **Simple shapes** – big and simple, no tiny details.
3. **No drawing first** – cut straight into the colour, just like Henri.
4. **Fill the page** – let your shapes touch and overlap.

Artist words to know

Draw a line from each word to what it means.

Cut-out

Art with wild, super-bright colours.

Collage

A soft, curvy shape from nature – like a leaf.

Organic shape

A picture made from cut, coloured paper.

Fauvism

Art made by arranging and gluing pieces down.

Plan your vase

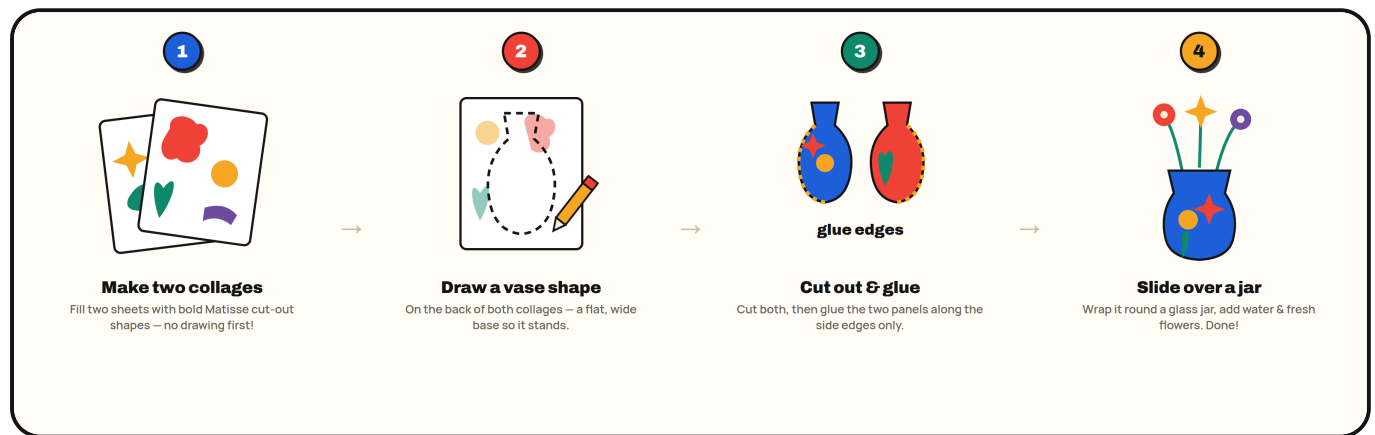
You'll make **two** bold cut-out collages first – then turn them into a vase around a real glass jar, and fill it with fresh flowers to take home.

My 3–4 bold colours:

Shapes for my collages:

My vase shape will be:

How your vase comes together:



Sketch your vase shape here before you cut:

Tip: a flat, wide base helps your vase stand up. Big simple shapes work best – there are no mistakes, only new shapes!

My masterpiece



My favourite shape I made was...

One word to describe my art:

If I made another, I'd try...

Colour in a star for every one you tried today:



Bold
colours



Simple
shapes



No drawing
first



Filled the
page



Made it
mine

★ I'm a Master in the Making. I showed my masterpiece to:
