Create a fabric collage of an important place inspired by Artspace Studio Artist, Caitlin Cary’s re-purposed fabric collages of the built environments around us.

**Age/Grade**  All

**Materials**
- Fabric and/or patterned paper
- Cardstock or thin cardboard (cereal box) cut to 5x7”
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Pencil
- Markers
- Paper
- 5 x 7” image of your home or special place

**Activity Ideas**

- **K–8: Barn Quilt Square**
  Cut a 4x4” square out of cardboard. Cut out various geometric and organic shapes from fabric. Collage the fabric on the square by glueing and overlapping the shapes. Read about the NC Barn Quilt Trail to learn how people have commemorated their families, homes, and history through colorful geometric designs.

- **9–12: Stitch it Together**
  Use a basic running stitch or sewing machine to stitch the edges of your fabric collage. This will work best if you collage your fabric onto felt, fabric, or cardstock.

- **Additional Ideas:**
  Collage a picture of your favorite place or a place you miss. Maybe it’s a treehouse, a family member’s home, or somewhere you’ve traveled to? Explore using different patterns, colors, and textures of fabric.

**Resources**
- See how Caitlin Cary (detail of artwork pictured below) brings built environments to life with colorful printed fabrics and textures on her [website](#).
Artmaking Directions

1. Glue down a fabric background to your backing. Will it be solid? Patterned?

2. Trace around the large shapes and colors in the photo of your home. Don’t worry about small details.

3. Cut out the house.

4. Trace the house onto the background.

5. Cut out each large shape or block of color - Use these as templates for your fabric. Keep shapes simplified - you can easily layer.

6. Trace around these shapes onto fabric.

7. Cut out the fabric shapes.

8. Glue down the large shapes - use the outline of the house as a guide.

9. Collage the smaller fabric shapes in layers onto the house - work from large to small details. Don’t forget bushes and trees!

10. Add additional details with fabric, markers, and embellishments.

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