

Total time:
4-6 hours



Difficulty Level: Challenging

Skill Points:

- Learning how mixed media works
- Creating mixed media ideas
- Creating mixed media images

MIXED MEDIA

CREATING ALTERNATIVE ART



Mixed Media is an art discipline that seeks to unify a range of art forms. This is achieved by creatively combining an array of artistic insights and crafts towards the photographic medium.

KEY LESSON: For this Action Card, we will concentrate on three mixed media ideas. Please use this as a springboard toward creating your own ideas. Accomplishing these Action Assignments should help you to visualize your photographic art... beyond simply taking a picture.

EQUIPMENT: Any camera including mobile | Any lens | Printer for Action Assignment (you will need to create a print)

SAMPLE PHOTOGRAPHS



- 1- This is a very clever use of mixed media. It combines photography with paper cutting. Think about all of the different shapes that you could cut into a piece of paper or cardboard! What type of background would you place behind your cutout to create artistic meaning or drama?
- 2- Using paint, to create unrealistic colors, turns a simple pineapple into a work of Minimalist art. What other ways could you use paint and photography?
- 3- This example photograph takes "mixed media" to the next level. In the original photograph, the model was "painted". In post-production, the photographer turned 1/3 of the image into a monochrome representation. They then took mixed media to the next level by including a paintbrush dipped in black paint. Try this: photography, paint, and "fill-in the blank".



- 4- This is an easy way to get started with mixed media. Create a photograph. Print that photograph. Use that photograph as part of a new photograph. In this example, it alters the subject.
- 5- This photo is similar in technique to the previous example, except instead of altering the subject - the print "becomes" the subject. The "second photograph" is merely providing an interesting and meaningful background.



ACTION ASSIGNMENT!

- 1- Create a photograph where you mix paint and photography to craft the final result.
- 2- Create three photographs, where you fashion cutout shapes on white, or colored, art board, and then use them to make a visual statement against a background. Don't go for the easy answer. Think through the process, and make the combination meaningful.
- 3- Take a photograph that already exists in your files. Print it. Place it in a scene, and photograph it. Use this to test your creativity. Your final image should alter a viewer's perception of the original shot that you printed.

HOW DID YOU DO?

- Of the 3 Action Assignments, which one was the most successful for you?
- What three shapes did you use for your cutouts and why? Do others understand your intended meaning?

READY! SET! GO! **ACTION CARDS - STRETCH GOALS: MIXED MEDIA**