

Memory Assemblage

What you require (not an exclusive list - it's your creation - there is no wrong way!)

*Picture important to this particular memory.

*Poem or written piece optional.

*Collection of memorable items, paper, objects, fabrics, whatever represents your unique memory.

*Backing board to fit your collection - you will glue items on this.

*Piece of netting that you like - (food bags work nicely), strong glue, paper, scissors, paint, brushes, sponge, acrylic medium or ModPodge fixative optional.

Instructions

Make a copy of your photograph in colour or black/white to suit your idea.

Paint a background colour on the board and let dry. Acrylic works best. You can use house paint or craft paint - either works. After it dries, assess it - if you wish to change - no problem! Go over it again with same or different colours or a mix of colours. Let dry.

Now place the photograph copy in position that gives you a good feeling. You might trim out to the main subject or leave whole. Evenly spread the glue on back of copy and secure to the board.

Place objects, writing, other pieces in a pleasing way around the photograph. Try to offset the arrangement to add a bit of interest to the overall composition. This step might take several attempts. Take your time to really lean into the feelings as they arise. Your intuition will tell you how to place them.

Once you are pleased with the layout, glue down all items in place. Let this set for at least an hour, depending upon the glue used.

While waiting for it to set, cut a piece of netting that "captures" some or all of your memories you have placed on the board. Glue this overtop the area you've picked out. You might like to use acrylic medium or the ModPodge to really secure it down. Or you could staple it by curling around edges to the back of the board.

Now the optional part is to spray paint part or all of the board to create a mood. I've used aqua to represent sea and sky, then gold to represent the golden glow that happens when I think of the halcyon days of summer at the beach cottage.

Congratulations! Your assemblage is done!
Sign, date and add a little wording if it feels right.



