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TAGS

Free

Classroom Contexts:

Whole Class, Teacher Research, Individual, Small Group

Wi-Fi: required

Grades: 3, 4, 5, 6

Prerequisites: none

Developer Info:

Cardinal Blue Software, Inc.

App Version: 5.12.18

Description

This is an easy-to-use collage app. It's great for creating scrapbook-like collages. This app is one of the fastest and easiest tools for combining images, short text, and stickers on a single page.

How to Create a Collage

1. Launch the PicCollage app.
2. Tap the center of the screen to create a new collage.
3. The rest is simple and fairly straightforward. Tap anywhere on the screen to add photos, text, videos, or stickers. You can even search for photos on the Web with PicCollage's own in-app browser.



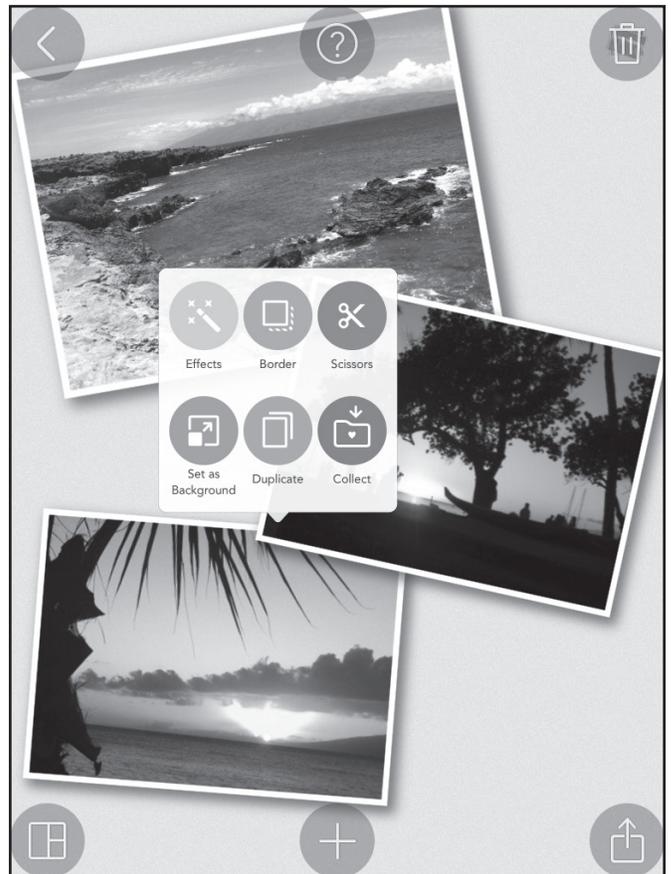


How to Create a Collage (cont.)

4. When adding photos, you are allowed to select one or more images from Photos. After selecting the photos you want to include in your collage, tap on the “check” icon in the top-right corner of the screen. The photo(s) can then be resized, moved, or even tilted to an angle you prefer.
5. To access the camera and take a new picture for your collage, tap Photos and then tap on the “camera” icon in the top-left corner.

How to Edit Your Photos in a Collage

1. Double-tap the photo.
2. You can edit the photo, edit the border, duplicate the photo, set the photo as the background image of the whole collage, add the photo to your collection, or trace an outline of the part of the photo you want to keep.



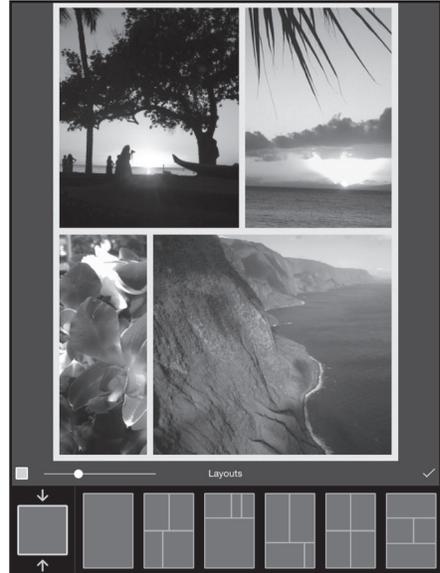
3. If you get lost, select the large “?” button at the top center of the screen.



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Layouts & Backgrounds in PicCollage

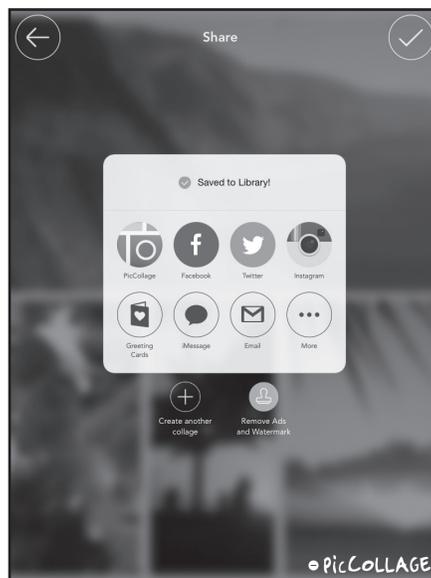
You can choose from a number of layout templates to help you organize your photo collage. Just tap on the icon in the lower-left corner of the screen and choose from one of the provided layouts. When you find a layout you like, tap on the “check” icon to apply it to your collage. To add a fun background design, tap on a space in the background. Tap on the Background icon in the window that appears, and an array of design options will appear in the bottom of the screen. Tap on a pattern to preview it, and then tap the “check” icon to save it.



Final Sharing Options

Your collages can be shared to social networks such as Facebook and Twitter, or to file-sharing services such as Google Drive, Box.net, and Dropbox. To share your collage, tap on the “share” icon (it looks like a box with an arrow pointing upward) in the bottom-right corner of the screen. Here you will be given several options, including:

- adding a caption about the collage.
- saving it to your Photo Library.
- sending it to other apps (“app-smashing”).
- sending it by email.
- turning it into a greeting card that will be printed and shipped anywhere.





Mystery Collage

Lesson Objective

Students will apply design and layout skills as they create one-page collages of close-up images and creative text. Students must use their inferencing skills to correctly identify mystery objects.

Materials

- one iPad per student
- one teacher iPad and projection or streaming technology

Opening/Input

1. Share the lesson objective with the students.
2. Launch the PicCollage app.
3. Using a projector, demonstrate how to add photos, text, stickers, etc.
4. Show how you can edit photos by resizing and moving photos around.

Guided Practice

1. Ask each student to think of a specific theme and then imagine items that help identify that theme. For example, if using the theme “soccer,” some items that help identify that theme would be a soccer ball, cleats, shin guards, and a net. Encourage students to share some of their own examples.
2. Next, tell students to look around the classroom and identify a new theme. It can be anything: shapes, colors, subject matter, etc.
3. Ask students to use their devices to take three or four photos of items in the classroom that are related to their selected themes. For example, if a student decides his or her theme is “circles,” then he or she may decide to take a picture of the clock, a coin, and an image of the moon on the wall.
4. Using PicCollage, have students make collages using their images and at least one line of vague text (providing some sort of hint).
5. Allow students to walk around the class and share their collages with other students. Can they guess the themes? Share a few with the entire class.

On Their Own

1. Have your students identify a mystery object that they want to feature from the classroom.
2. Once they have identified their objects, have each student take three or four very close-up pictures of it with his or her iPad camera.
3. Using the PicCollage app, students need to add the three mystery photos and at least two lines of vague text to their collages.
4. Before submitting the assignment, students need to arrange all the elements of their collages in a fun and visually creative way.
5. Create a slideshow of all the different completed collages. Have a contest to see who can identify the most mystery objects.

Extension

If students have just finished a chapter of a story, they can create collages of the key elements of the story using pictures and text.