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## Textiles from Around the Globe

The construction of textiles is one of the world's first art forms, dating back to prehistoric times. Cultures around the world have created unique textile designs and adapted them to both functional and symbolic usage. The colors, patterns, and designs of these textiles express the diversity of each culture and provide unique meaning. Research traditional textiles from around the globe for inspiration, then create your own paper cloth textile using supplies you may already have around your home.



### Jean Stamsta

*Shadow on the Land*, 1980

Dyed wool and cotton

81 x 83 x 1 1/2 inches

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## Supplies

- Muslin or cotton fabric
- Scraps of thin papers (tissue paper, wrapping paper, text pages, etc.)
- Sheets of white tissue paper
- White glue
- Mixing cup
- Brush
- Scissors
- Plastic table covering



## Instructions

1. Cut a piece of fabric and lay it on a plastic tablecloth or covering.
2. Rip and cut your collage materials into various shapes and sizes.
3. Assemble your collage materials into a pattern or design directly onto the fabric.



4. Make your glue mixture. Mix equal parts glue and water together in a small container and give it a good stir. You may need to add more water depending on the glue.
5. Paint the glue mixture over the entire design. Work slowly, holding down the paper scraps if needed. You want the glue mixture to soak completely through the fabric.



6. Once you have applied one layer of the glue mixture, lay a sheet of white tissue paper over the piece and apply a second layer.
7. Allow time for the piece to dry.
8. Trim off the access tissue paper, then voilà! You have created and designed your very own paper textile.