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# Exhibit displays diversity of collage

The Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory will feature Megan Coyle's collage art in a solo exhibition called "A Palette of Paper" in the center's Merchant Family Gallery Wednesday through March 22.

Coyle's show will display portraits of people and animals, as well as landscape and cityscape collages. "Palette" will showcase a group of collages that look as if they were made from acrylic or oil paint, when they were actually made from magazine strips. Each creation is the product of Coyle's intricate efforts in cutting and layering paper.

It is only when you step up close to one of these collages that you can pick up all the fragments of photographs, textures and patterns that have been pulled from magazine pages. This is the very reason Coyle calls her technique "painting with paper" – the process of manipulating magazine clippings in such a way that they strongly resemble the brushstrokes in a painting.

In addition to the exhibit, Coyle will have an artist talk at 1 p.m. Feb. 18. In case of inclement weather, the talk will be held on Feb. 25.

Coyle is a practicing collage artist and designer living in Northern Virginia. She graduated from Elon University in 2008 with degrees in painting and creative writing. Her work has been featured in international publications like the Washington Post, Papier-masse and Somerset Studio. She has exhibited nationally in venues that include the Smithsonian Ripley Center, Art League Gallery, Fisher Gallery and Kremp Gallery.

Visit [www.mcoyle.com](http://www.mcoyle.com) to see examples of Coyle's artwork. For information on Coyle's upcoming exhibit at the Center for the Arts, visit [www.center-for-the-arts.org](http://www.center-for-the-arts.org).

Staff writer Tamika Matthews contributed to this submitted report.



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The 'Palette of Paper' exhibit of Megan Coyle's collage work will be open from Feb. 8 to March 22.

## Want to go?

- » **What:** "A Palette of Paper: The Collages of Megan Coyle"
- » **When:** The exhibit is on display Feb. 8 to March 22. Coyle will have an artist talk at 1 p.m. Feb. 18; in case of inclement weather, the talk will be Feb. 25.
- » **Where:** The Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory, 9419 Battle St., Manassas.
- » **Details:** Visit [www.center-for-the-arts.org](http://www.center-for-the-arts.org) for more information.