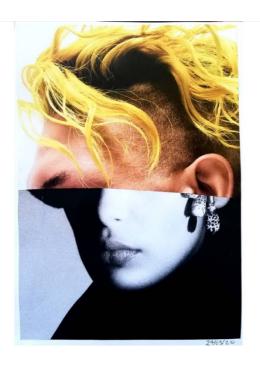
LOCKDOWN CAOLLAGES

Imogen Andrews

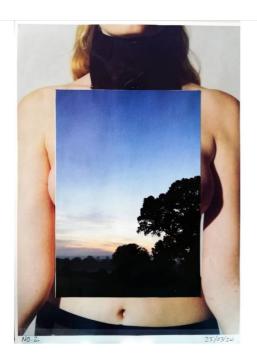


Since it was announced that the UK is in lockdown for the next 3 weeks, I decided I wated to work on something that I can easily do in my tiny ass flat and would distract me from the horrors of my dissertation (Lord help me) anyway, I decided I would create these very simple collages, a collage challenge if you will –

- ~ 1 a day.
- ~ A5 size each. ~ Can only consist of 2 parts.
- ~ No extra paint, pen, doodles, etc.

Normally I don't restrict myself so much like this, but I thought it would be fun whilst providing some sort of routine, and any one of them could provide the basis for something I can work with when we can get back into the studios \odot

So, here is No.1 $\sim 24/03/20$



Been looking at a lot of collage artists who consider the power of concealment in regard to it suggesting desire, lust, promoting imagination and so forth. Also, I was walking to the bus stop yesterday for work (I know, Superdrug has to stay open) And it just felt so warm and nice to be outside. I rave about how much I prefer the cold and winter, so wanting to be in the sun is a weird one for me — I guess I take a lot for granted — The landscape image here comforted me in a way. Plus, the blues in it are amazing.

Those summer nights will be here soon ~



"They cut up photographs, stuck them together in provocative ways, added drawings, cut these up too, pasted in bits of newspaper, or old letters, or whatever happened to be lying around – to confront a crazy world within its own image." ~ Hans Richter, Dada: Art and Anti-Art, pg.114



No.4 $\sim 27/03/20$

Happy Friday! – You'd think it's be easy to create these collages, but I'm actually struggling to create any sort of meaningful idea with only 2 elements, so have a cat, the Internet likes cats, right? "She could have been a cowboy" \sim Stolen from the text running along the right side.



Love a good bit of gender morphing ;) – Anyway, been spending most of the morning figuring out how to get money back for a holiday to Thailand that me and my other half booked for May...We both put £1000 in each and if we don't get this all back or even a part of it, I'm hitting the roof.



No.6 ~ 29/03/20

"The noble conquest of the irrational, the coupling of two realities irreconcilable in appearance, upon a plane which apparently does not suit them." \sim Max Ernst



It's Monday, and I feel this accurately depicts how I'm feeling. Also, I've come to realise that I am very limited by the amount of material I have on hand, as this challenge continues for however long, I feel these collages will begin to take longer to make with the number of images providing inspiration become less...



No.8 $\sim 31/03/20$

Last day of the month! Let's hope the next one is better \sim "- a dance in which elements are placed in competition and signifiers collapse or are displaced, activating new, unexpected meanings." \sim Rebeka Elizegi, Collage by Women.



No.9 $\sim 01/04/20$

April Fool's day is cancelled, this year has been enough of a joke.



I'm cheating a little bit today and using a collage I actually did last term because I have not had the time, sns.

My work is counted as an essential, AKA we sell hand gels, paracetamol hand washes etc. And after doing 2 full days since this lockdown has started (I was off for 2 weeks) I feel it's important to highlight some tips for those of you who are shopping with us or any other essential store:

- ~ If the store that you are in has a queue outside due to limits of customer capacity, PLEASE DO NOT BROWSE. TAKE YOUR ESSENTIALS AND DO NOT BE IN THE STORE LONGER THAN YOU NEED TO BE. It's very frustrating to make people wait outside when they don't need to be (I know its spring now but it's not always warm) WE ARE ONLY OPEN BECAUSE WE SELL ESSENTIAL ITEMS.
- \sim If you approach a member of staff for help and they step away, please do not attempt to get closer, we are around a lot of people during the day and we are only protecting you as well as ourselves.
- ~ IT'S MUCH BETTER TO BE PAYING BY CARD RATHER THAN CASH My store does not have a self-checkout, so we prefer card, you do not know who's been in contact with your cash!
- ~ PLEASE TRY AND KEEP IT TO 1 PERSON PER HOUSEHOLD This helps with customer capacity, and it's very tricky to get past people down a thin aisle if you are in a coupe or a group.
- ~ MOST IMPORTANTLY, DO NOT START SHIT WITH US. THE WAY THAT WE ARE WORKIG HAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED AND WE ARE TRYING TO ADAPT TO IT WHILST MAKING SURE WE KEEP OURSELVES AND EVERYONE ELSE SAFE.

Just have common sense and be aware of what's going on.



No.11 ~ 03/04/20

"Wash your hands, you DETTY PIG!" ~ Eric



No.12 ~ 04/04/20

Bum Licker ~



 $No.13 \sim 05/04/20$

She sees so little but speaks twice as much \sim

"The current renaissance of collage can be seen as a sort of response to the effects of the digital age, as artists look to create images that come as quickly as their ideas pass through their head." \sim Geoff J. Kim



 $No.14 \sim 06/04/20$

Chaos Theory ~

My Monday thought: Do not be made to feel bad doing nothing at home during this time if that is what you want to do, we will probably never get a period of time like this again in our lifetimes, so rest whilst you can \sim



No.15 ~ 07/04/20

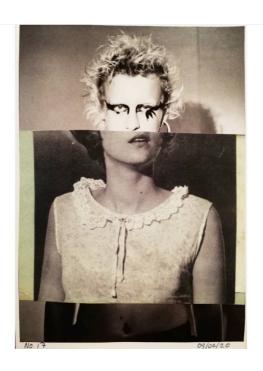
My face when dealing with 90% customers these days \sim



 $No.16 \sim 08/04/20$

Pink Punk ~

For those of you who think it's okey to still see people unnecessarily, PLEASE STOP! I would like to see my other half, my friends and my family in the near future \boldsymbol{x}



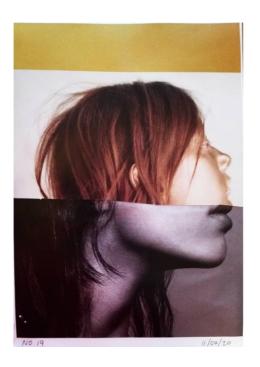
No.17 $\sim 09/04/20$

Being away from people I'm used to being around every day is beginning to make me feel spaced out, is that the right way to put it? I'm currently living by myself, so work has become a saving grace...



No.18 ~ 10/04/20

Isolation is making me go bananas :P



No.19 ~ 11/04/20

When golden hour hits just right \sim



No.20 ~ 12/04/20

Happy Easter! Not much planned this weekend beside eat chocolate and wish things could go back to normal \sim



 $No.21 \sim 13/04/20$

Head in the clouds \sim

Considering I've been doing this for 3 weeks now, I thought this would be the last collage I'd be doing, we couldn't be further from that...



No.22 ~ 14/04/20

It's very hard to apply another layer of creative intent when a lot of fashion magazines are already doing that...



It took way too long to get a good photo of this, damn that glossy magazine paper \sim



 $No.24 \sim 16/04/20$

It's difficult to keep motivated and happy when there is no actual known date to look forward to for when this is all over...This is me on the daily these days...



No.25 ~ 15/04/20

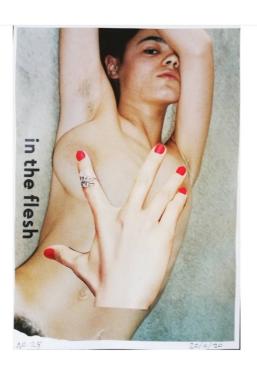
Purple flowers make me happy <3 Also I am high key enjoying this rainy weather now I am not hating on the world for making us stay inside during such lovely weather \sim



Had a video call quiz today with my family. I know I don't see them as much as I should, but I miss the option of being able to go and see them whenever I wanted or needed... I do really miss them all terribly ≤ 3



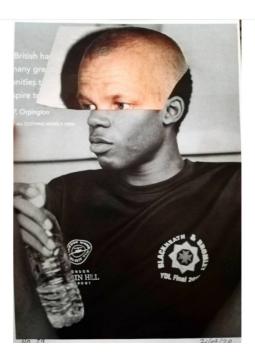
"Put on your red shoes and dance the blues." \sim



 $No.28 \sim 20/04/20$

No, I did not get these images out of a pornographic magazine \sim

It's interesting how you can skip pass the same images hundreds of times in the same magazine and out of nowhere a new context for them comes to light \sim



No.29 $\sim 21/04/20$

I've been spending all day standing by a door controlling who can come into the store like a bouncer, I am too tired to put anything insightful today...



No.30 ~ 22/04/20

Cyclops girl – never been done before of course, very original...

My 30th collage! Meaning I've been doing this for 30 days…Let's hope there isn't too many more to come…



No.31 ~ 23/04/20

Suck it ~

I'm really in need of new magazines... $\ensuremath{\boldsymbol{\otimes}}$



 $No.32 \sim 24/04/20$

Yeh I had to censor this one a bit for obvious reasons, sorry. Also been thinking about the future after all of this is over and it's quite scary and overwhelming...But I can't wait for it \sim



No.33 ~ 25/04/20

Low key me when I listen to any gossip... Also, it's my dad's birthday today and it really sucks I can't be with him \otimes



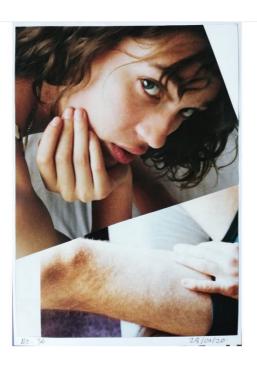
No.34 ` 26/04/20

Just watching ~

Honestly wouldn't mind a nice cold glass of bleach right now, that stops Covid right?



The position of this guy's hand made her look... grandiose? Like a blue marble statue \sim



No.36 ~ 28/04/20

Breakfast ∼

So glad the rain is back, less people unnecessarily going outside \sim



No.37 ~ 29/04/20

Fishnets for daaaayyys \sim

A guy got very hostile and aggressive towards us because we would not exchange a hair dye box his wife brought without a receipt. We have better things to worry about, move along.



 $No.38 \sim 30/04/20$

Turns out I am pretty much getting all of my money back from this holiday to Thailand I booked with my other half for this month, things aren't all bad ©



No.39 $\sim 01/05/20$

I said I hoped last month would be better than the one before, but it really wasn't...And I doubt this one will be either.



You can't put nude coloured trousers in a magazine and not expect me to do this :P



No.41 $\sim 03/05/20$

I've had this guy in my collage box for god knows how long. Also, I've finally submitted all my uni work for this year, but it feels like I haven't...Art isn't something that can be done online \otimes



 $No.42 \sim 04/05/20$



 $No.43 \sim 05/05/20$

Went to a local care home today to give lots of essential products (and treats) from the Superdrug store I work at. Was really lovely $\circledcirc <3$



No.44 ~ 06/05/20

The Hermit ~

Things aren't going my way right now, if you want me, I'll look like this guy on my Switch for the next $36\ \mathrm{hours}\dots$



for Non ~

A much earlier post today than normal, but I've woken up today with the news that my art teacher that I had during college has now passed away after his battle with cancer. He taught me so much about the thing that I love to do, and you can't say that about many people. I'm not going to lie, I had this collage made up already for today, but coincidently it could not depict better my emotions, so I'll be dedicating this particular one to him. Sending my thoughts and love to his family <3





 $No.47 \sim 09/05/20$

Stezaker vibes ~

Don't forget, boys like flowers too \sim



No.48 ~ 10/05/20

This could be my last collage, let's see what Boris boy has to say to night \sim



No. 49 ~ 11/05/20

Boys still like flowers \sim

My thoughts on yesterday's speech – relatively wish washy meaning people will continue to not isolate and even begin not to as we become increasingly agitated and frustrated.



 $No.50 \sim 12/05/20$

Life of the party ~



No.51 ~ 13/05/20

So, I have all my grades back for this year at uni. Maybe I'll actually try and get back into some commission work \sim



No.52 ~ 14/05/20

Pretty in pink \sim

Update: Just been informed that this is a Sonic The Hedgehog reference, who knew? \sim



No.53 ~ 15/05/20

Seriously running out of ideas for these collages that I have not done already, gonna have to get a bit more creative \sim



No.54 ~ 16/05/20

Losing innocence ~

Anyone else think these days are going by quickly even though we are doing NOTHING.



No.55 ~ 17/05/20

Juicy thighs and tight lips \sim

How is one expected to keep up relationships when in isolation?



I enjoyed these colours together – also I tried rose cider today...REGRET \sim



No.57 ~ 19/05/20

Things have potential if you give them a chance \sim



No.58 ~ 20/05/20

If you prioritise that state of the economy over general public health, I honestly don't know what to say to you...



No.59 ~ 21/05/20

John Heartfield vibes today \sim Also is anyone else really struggling with this heat!? Especially as we're advised to stay indoors.



No.60 ~ 22/05/20

Admire the booty, praise the booty ~



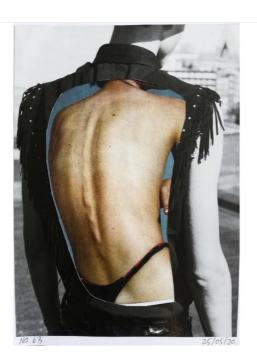
No.61 $\sim 23/05/20$

Been watching the live action Alice in Wonderland films on Disney+, get into that enlarged head vibe \sim



No.62 ~ 24/05/20

...And she's hooked to the silver screen \sim



"Are you a bum or boob person?" Nah I'm a back person \sim



No.64 ~ 26/05/20

He's not high, he's just mesmerised \sim



No.65 ~ 27/05/20

I'm feeling too warm today to actually come up with something to caption this with...



No.66 ~ 28/05/20

This one's more cute than anything ~



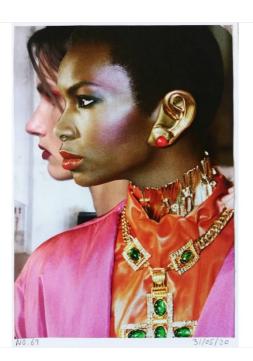
No.67 ~ 29/05/20

What's up bunny?



No.68 ~ 30/05/20

Feeling pretty breezy today, thank god \sim



 $No.69 \sim 31/05/20$

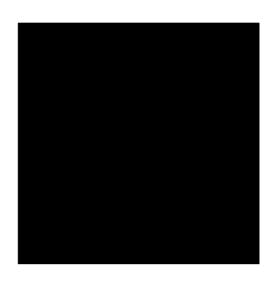
What a chaotic end to another chaotic month \sim I understand that I'll never understand, however I stand with you.



01/06/20

 $No.70 \sim 01/06/20$

It's only after I take a photo of this, I realise how off centre the middle piece is \sim





02/06/20.

For anyone who's actually been following me uploading these collages every day, yesterday was the first time I broke that rule – It's important to acknowledge the purpose of uploading a simple black square as a form of disrupting the usual image fuelled routine of Instagram, a virtual silence. I shall be uploading another collage later today \sim



No. $72 \sim 03/06/20$

"It celebrates fragmentation, a fragmentation that, in fact, requires understanding, deconstructing, nourishing and then knitting together." – Susie Orbach, BODIES \sim



 $No.73 \sim 04/06/20$

Life has become strange and continuously changing, and I didn't realise it would this much or how much it would be affected...



@hn.memon21 got me new magazines and I am eternally grateful.



Yes, I know I'm a day behind now but if you say my post on my personal account, I was somewhat busy protesting basic human rights (which shouldn't need to be done). Someone asked me a few days ago what is the most annoying thing, and I said close mindness...This could not resonate more with current attitudes toward diversity \sim



 $No.76 \sim 07/06/20$

Things have changed, am I okey with this? I will be.



 $No.77 \sim 08/06/20$

This is me just playing catch up now...





No.79 ~ 10/06/20

I'm just tired now \sim



 $No.80 \sim 11/06/20$

I've always believed that things will always fall into place naturally and fit like this collage, but then I remember that I was the one that put this collage together.



No.81 ~ 12/06/20

What's on your mind?



No.82 ~ 13/06/20

Cool as a cucumber.



NO. 83. 14/06/20

 $No.83 \sim 14/06/20$

Saw my parents today for the first time since Christmas really. Looking forward to when I can freely see those that I love \sim



No.84 ~ 15/06/20

In that blue mood ~



 $No.85 \sim 16/06/20$

The blind following the blind \sim



No.86 ~ 17/06/20

Just about the 17th still \sim



No.87 ~ 18/06/20

Ian? ∼



No.88 ~ 19/06/20

Belt fetish anyone? ~

It's been 6 months since my birthday and oh how much has changed \sim