Sewing Pattern Collage Project

Here is the example I showed in class...



Oops, I was so eager to start on this new project that I forgot to take a picture of the pattern envelope before I started cutting it up! I tried to reassemble it as much as I could so you get an idea of what it looked like. (As you probably noticed, I used a newer pattern in my example, above, but for this one, I invaded my mom's old pattern stash.)

I painted my base a nice pink to be a complementary background for my pattern pictures.



Then I started gluing down pattern pieces with matte medium.





I glued part of the pattern instruction sheet on the bottom to 'anchor' my pattern pictures.



I cut out the back of the pattern envelope that gives measurements, etc. I decided to let that be the backdrop for my pattern pictures. I liked the woman in yellow peeking out from behind!





I glued that piece down and also cut out the pattern pieces diagram and glued that underneath. I also added a little yellow paint to the background with a sponge. Then I glued my two main pattern pictures down. I started adding pieces (black striped tissue paper, a pattern piece over the women, & the bold pattern number) to give it more interest because it felt kinda blah.

If you look closely, you'll see that I tried to add a yellow stamp beneath the woman in pink but the background wasn't dark enough for it to show very well. (I was trying to balance the women in yellow's color somewhere else in the piece.)





Here is the finished piece. I got that little yellow stamp in by gluing down a patch of black tissue paper first, but I'm not sure it really works. Hmm, I like my first example (at the top) a lot better...it is much more dynamic. I think that is because of the diagonal lines and color and not as much 'busy-ness' as in this pink one. Oh well, that is the nature of art; sometimes you like what you create and sometimes you don't. (But it was still fun!)