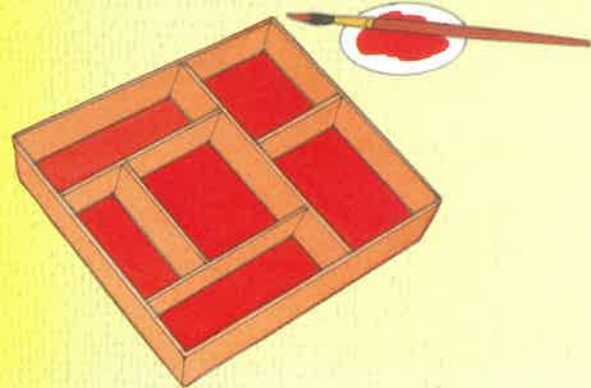


# MAKING A COLLECTION

Schwitters used tickets, stamps, postcards, advertisements, and other objects to make his works of art. If you collect things that you like, you can make an arrangement of them and they will remind you of good times.

WHAT YOU NEED  
Shallow Box • Paint  
Paintbrush  
Cardboard  
Scissors • Glue  
Collection of  
Interesting Things

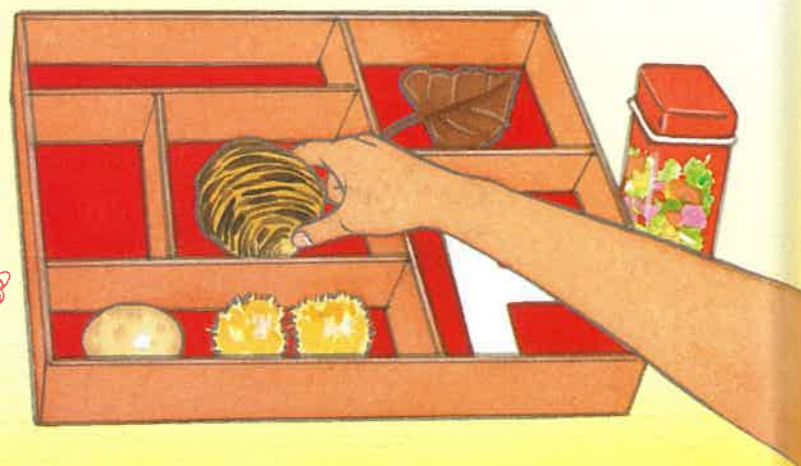
## PROJECT: CONSTRUCTION



**Step 1.** Paint the inside of a shallow box a bright color—for example, red. Divide the box up with cardboard strips, which you can also paint. Collect things that you like or that are special to you and arrange them in the sections of the box. Why not add your initials so your box is made personal?



**Step 2.** When you have finished, glue the objects into the box. You could hang it on the wall.



# GALLERY

Merzbild P 1930  
KURT SCHWITTERS (1887-1948)

### MATERIALS

How many different kinds of material can you see in this picture?



### ARRANGEMENT

Do you like the way Schwitters has arranged his materials, or would you have done it differently?



### FEATURES

One of the main features in this construction is the keyhole. The letter P is also very eye-catching.



Born in Germany, Kurt Schwitters later moved to Norway and then England where he stayed. His art is called abstract because he arranged objects at random without meaning. He collected different materials together and arranged them to make a picture or a construction. He gave this art the new name of Merz because no one had ever done art like it before.