



Design an Album Cover

Introduction

Singers, instrumentalists, composers, and conductors have made music history all over the world. We are going to learn about five famous musicians and share what we learn by creating album covers for them.

Supplies

- Examples of actual album or CD covers (if you have access) or see Printables
 - Old magazines to use for collage pictures
 - Markers, colored pencils, pencils
 - Colored construction paper for creating collages
 - Scissors
 - Tape and glue
 - Construction paper cut into 8-1/2-inch x 8-1/2-inch squares
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Get kids thinking

Ask: Who is your favorite musician? How many famous musicians can you name?

Let's get started!

Step 1

Ask each kid to choose their favorite musician — and imagine that they are creating an album cover for that musician.

To inspire them, share the images of famous album covers (see Printables).

Step 2

Talk about what a “cover” for an album or a single is and why it’s important. What is on an album cover?

- Artwork (can include photographs, abstract or realistic shapes, or hand-drawn text)
- The name of the musician
- The name of the album (sometimes it is just the name of the musician)



Musicians make albums, which are collections of songs. Those albums have an illustrated “cover,” much like a book has a “cover.” The artwork is like the package for the musician and the music. Musicians want that package to showcase who they are and to get the listeners excited about the music they are offering. This same artwork is used with the artist’s music on vinyl records, CDs, and when it streams on iTunes or Spotify.

Step 3

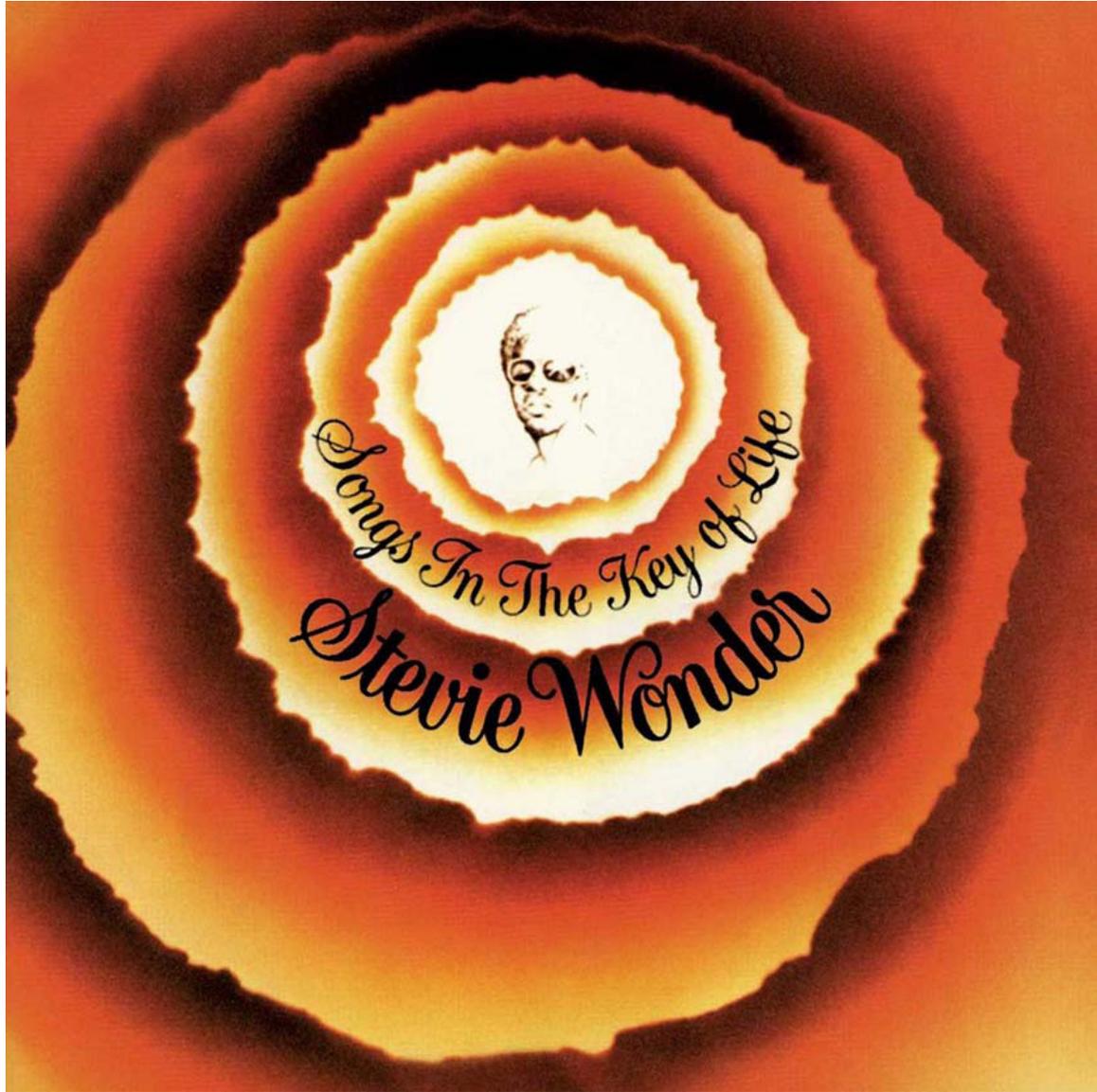
Give kids these instructions for creating their album covers:

- Cut pictures out of old magazines that you like. You can also cut the construction paper into shapes that help express the music of that artist. Use the photos and colored paper to create a collage.
- Arrange them on your square piece of paper.
- Add the name of the musician.
- Add anything else you think will make the album cover great.
- If you wish, display the album cover in your room.

Option for extension

Display the album cover art in an exhibit with the music playing in the background for parents, other groups, or your group to walk around and admire.

Album cover: Stevie Wonder



Album cover: Charlie Parker



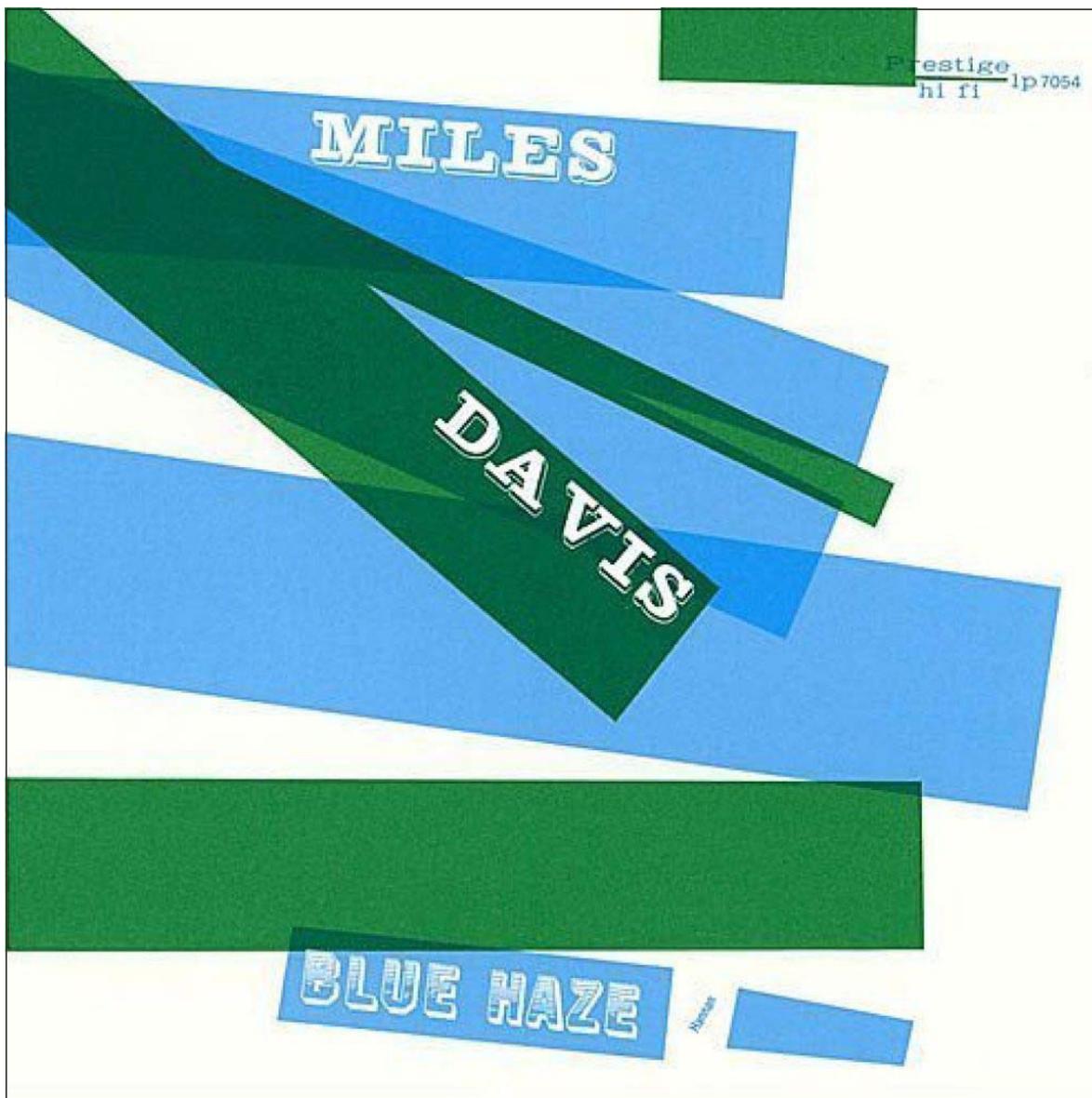
Album cover: John Coltrane



Album cover: Jimi Hendrix

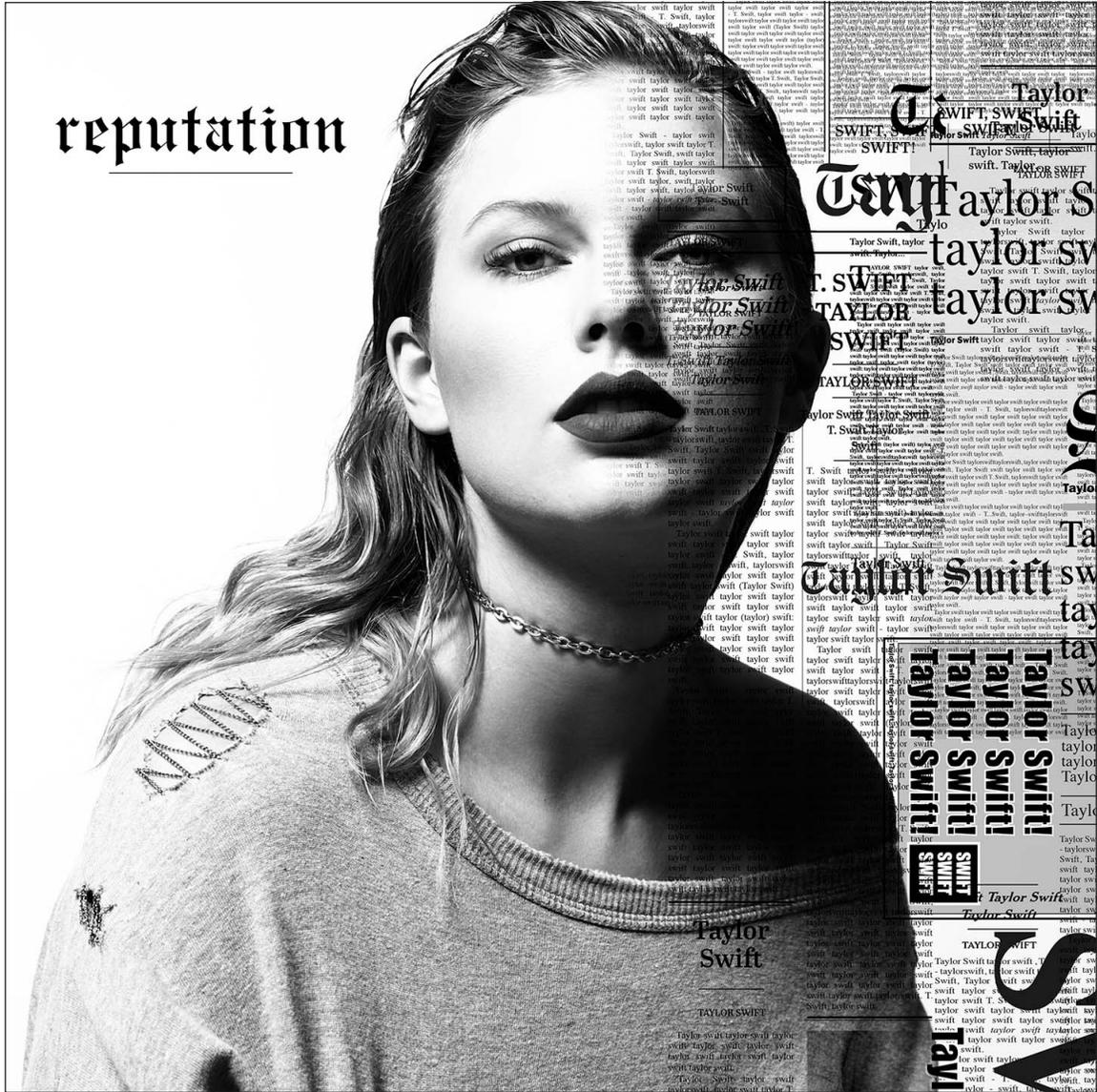


Album cover: Miles Davis



Album cover: Taylor Swift

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Album cover: The Beatles

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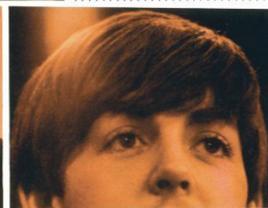
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