How To Make a COLLAGASAURUS!

with James Smithson
(Founder of the Smithsonian Institution)

Citizens of the world! I entreat you to pursue truth and reason.

And the ASTRONAUTS!

Owoooo!

Sounds yummy!

Astounding!

Let us begin.

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in collaboration with the Smithsonian
The AstroNuts were in a jam. Their top-secret mission, commissioned by NNASA (Not NASA) was to build a new creation—a collagasaurus, to go boldly where no artwork had gone before. But they didn’t have any of the pieces.

So they went to the one place where they knew they could find everything—the SMITHSONIAN.

The plan is to make a collagasaurus!

I LOVE collagasaurus! Wait, what is a collagasaurus?

A combination of various public domain elements put together to create something completely new.

Like putting these great muscles on an already great ME!

AstroNuts, you are in luck!

I am the Spirit of James Smithson, the founding donor of the Smithsonian. And I am here to tell you that millions of images of artworks and objects from the Smithsonian museums, libraries, archives, and Zoo are now available for everyone to use, copyright-free. We can help you make your collagasaurus.
The AstroNuts got to work. AlphaWolf found George Washington’s arm in the National Portrait Gallery. LaserShark found the Wright Brothers’ 1903 Flyer in the National Air and Space Museum. SmartHawk found Charlie Parker’s saxophone in the National Museum of African American History and Culture. StinkBug found the Inverted Jenny stamp in the National Postal Museum.

That’s right, millions of pieces from the Smithsonian collections are at your fingertips . . . and paws. Or claws. Or whatever you have.

Choose from all of these wonderful 2D and 3D images. Use any of the 🗳️ images you desire, any time you desire, and in any way you desire.

You may be most excited to know that you are welcome to use my original recipe for toothpaste!

And that was just the beginning!

The Spirit of James Smithson helped the AstroNuts connect their collected pieces.

Together they made their very own . . .
COLLAGASAURUS!

OMG-ʕʔ!!

Black Hawk horse weather-vane pattern

Smithsonian Institution Archives

1903 Wright Flyer

Smithsonian Institution Archives

Stegosaurus model

Natural History Museum

Harriet

Inverted Jenny stamp

National Museum

Thomas Alva Edison's stock ticker

American History Museum

Charlie Parker's saxophone

American History Museum and Library

Henry, the African bush elephant

Natural History Museum

Octavia Butler's Gin and Tonic Studio 46 typewriter keys

Anacapa Community Museum

Gilbert Stuart's George Washington portrait

Portrait Gallery

Well done, AstroNuts! Come back to the Smithsonian to remix and remake any time! This is just the beginning.

This is the best collagasaurus I have ever seen.

I love when a plan works.
Make your very own collagasaurus out of public domain images from the Smithsonian in the box above.

Find it all here! si.edu/openaccess
How To Make Your Own COLLAGASAURUS!

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AstroNuts Mission Two: The Water Planet

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