31 New Year Art Journal Prompts for 2027

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Art-first prompts for collage, paint and junk journals. Use one a day in January, or pick a few for the first week.

Opening the year

1. **2027 title page**
   Big collaged or painted letters. Keep it loose; this is a door, not a masterpiece.
2. **Word of the year**
   One word in lettering, paint or cut paper. Leave room to add to it later.
3. **2027 in three colors**
   Pick three colors the year should feel like. Fill the page with only those.
4. **A new cover or first open spread**
   Decorate the outside or the first inside spread with leftover paper.
5. **Tools of the year**
   Trace or collage the pens, scissors or brush you want to use more.
6. **A handshake with January**
   A small scene or abstract that feels like the first cold week.
7. **A pocket for wishes**
   Add a real pocket, envelope or flap and tuck one wish inside.

Looking back on 2026

8. **A year in tickets**
   Collage tickets, receipts, stamps or copies of them from 2026.
9. **Ephemera from December**
   Wrapping scraps, cards, tags and ribbons from the holidays just ended.
10. **A lesson as a picture**
    No long writing. One image that stands for something 2026 taught you.
11. **People at the table**
    A loose group portrait, empty chairs, or place settings from memory.
12. **A map of last year**
    Places you went, or rooms you stayed in, as a simple drawn map.
13. **What you outgrew**
    An object, habit or color you're leaving behind, treated kindly.
14. **A thank-you collage**
    Names as lettering, or objects that stand in for people you're grateful for.
15. **The year in one weather**
    If 2026 were weather, paint or collage that sky.

Looking ahead

16. **A vision collage**
    Images and color only — a feeling of the year you want, not a strict vision board.
17. **A map to one goal**
    One goal, drawn as a path with a first tiny step marked.
18. **A yes list as icons**
    Five things you want more of, each as a small symbol.
19. **A no list as a closed door**
    What you're not carrying into 2027, drawn as a door, box or gate.
20. **A studio or corner you want**
    The table, light or bag that would help you make more.
21. **A letter to June-you**
    Mostly image, with only a few words if you need them.
22. **A tiny first step**
    The smallest next action, celebrated on its own page.
23. **A calendar as art**
    January or the whole year, hand-lettered or collaged, with room to mark days.

Quick pages for busy days

24. **One color wash**
    A single wash or painted ground. Stop when the page feels finished enough.
25. **Three scraps and a stitch**
    Glue three leftover pieces. Add one line of stitching, pen or washi.
26. **A five-minute pocket**
    A tiny envelope or tab, even if you put nothing in it yet.
27. **Ink blot or tea stain**
    Make a stain on purpose and draw out of it.
28. **A postage-stamp page**
    Fill the spread with tiny rectangles, each a mini collage or doodle.
29. **Only leftover ribbon**
    A page built from ribbon, string or washi you already have.
30. **A monochrome five minutes**
    One color, any marks, timer on.
31. **A door left open**
    An unfinished page on purpose — January can keep going here.

Happy crafting! — Nicole, The Prompt Calendar