

Make Your Own Stop Motion Movie

A Creative Workshop for Children and Adults

A playful, hands-on workshop where children and adults make a short animated movie together using paper, toys, everyday objects and a smartphone.

1 workshop · 3 hours · Children 8+ with an adult · Simple English

One small movie. Made together.

This family workshop is designed for complete beginners. A child and an accompanying adult create a simple stop-motion movie together, step by step.

No animation experience · No computer · Smartphone only · No drawing skills needed

Who is it for?

- Children from around 8 years old
- One accompanying adult
- Families who enjoy making things together
- Complete beginners
- Children who like stories, LEGO, drawing, crafts or photography

By the end, each family can:

- ✓ Turn a small idea into a visual story
- ✓ Make a simple storyboard
- ✓ Create characters or a small scene
- ✓ Shoot stop motion on a smartphone
- ✓ Add a title or simple sound
- ✓ Take home a finished short movie

The workshop is taught in simple English and is highly visual. Every step is demonstrated before participants try it themselves, so strong English skills are not required.

The idea is simple

Move an object a little. Take a photo. Move it again. Take another photo. When the pictures are played together, the object appears to move by itself. Families learn this simple technique and use it to tell their own tiny story.

Three hours from idea to mini movie.

The workshop keeps explanations short and gives families plenty of time to create, experiment and have fun together.

01 Imagine a tiny story

We look at a few simple examples and choose one small idea. Families sketch 3-5 moments on a very simple storyboard.

Result: a clear idea for the movie.

02 Build the scene

Create characters and backgrounds using paper, LEGO, toys, photos, coloured shapes or small everyday objects. No drawing skills are needed.

Result: a small world ready to animate.

03 Animate it

Set up the phone, move objects little by little and take the photos step by step. The teacher demonstrates the process and helps each family as they work.

Result: the stop-motion sequence is filmed.

04 Finish and watch

Add a simple title or sound if desired, save the movie and finish with a small group screening where families can watch each other's creations.

Result: a finished short movie to take home.

Participants bring

- One smartphone per family
- A phone charger
- Optional favourite small toys or objects

Workshop materials

- Coloured paper and magazines
- Scissors, glue and markers
- Simple craft materials and backgrounds