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### What will you need to make your Stop Motion Animation Film?



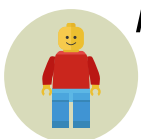
Camera: digital camera, a phone or tablet



Tripod or something to hold your camera  
in the same position.



Animating program: I recommend Stop Motion Studio  
which is a Free app available for downloading to Apple  
or Android devices.



Materials needed to create your scenes and characters:  
action figures, lego, toys, clay, sheet or paper if you  
want a solid backdrop.



Writing Paper or the Storyboard Template.

Thank you to local author, illustrator and stop motion  
animator Peggy Collins for her support with this program.

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## STOP MOTION ANIMATION - DAY 1

### Today's activity:

Put on your writing cap, because today you are going to write a movie! Today you are going to think of a story that you would like to write and turn into a stop motion animation film. You can use the Storyboard Template that we have provided to help write your story.

Check out @CountyMuseum on Facebook for an example of a finished Stop Motion Animation Film.

Stop Motion Animation is a fun way of making movies for beginners and is also a way professional animators make movies. Using Lego, clay, figurines, teddies etc., you move your characters a little bit at a time and take pictures of every movement. When you put all the pictures together it will give you the illusion of a moving image. By the end of this week you will produce your own movie!



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## STOP MOTION ANIMATION - DAY 2

### Today's activity:

You will need to choose 1 or 2 main characters that will move in your film. These can be toys, candy, book etc. Use your imagination! Since there are no spoken words in Stop Motion Animation, the story will need to be told with movement and signs only. Hmmm it is problem solving time..how are you going to tell your story without speaking?

Think about how you can use music, signs, movement, and a scene to help you feel emotion. You could write one story and give it many different feelings just by changing these aspects. When you write your story make sure you think about these components too!

Check out this link for a fun candy themed film! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DFzjP6PbnU>

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## STOP MOTION ANIMATION - DAY 3

### Today's activity:

Today we are going to make our scenes! Pick a space with lots of natural light in front of a window, and a space that you can leave your scene set up for a few days. Your scene is anything that is going to stay still during your filming and help to tell your story.



Your scene can be as simple or complicated as you would like! Do you have a favorite bat cave, doll house or lego set? These are all great starting points to use for your movie.

If you want to make a more simple movie you can also use paper and make it two dimensional on a table.

Use the resources you have available and your imagination. Share your sets with us on Facebook @CountyMuseum!



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## STOP MOTION ANIMATION - DAY 4

### Today's activity:

It's picture taking day!  
Remember small movements  
are better, and take a picture  
every time you move an item.

The more pictures and  
movements the better. You will  
want to take at the very least 30  
pictures to see movement in  
your film, but longer movies  
could be 1000's of pictures!

### TIP:

Use a camera stand, tri-pod or a home  
made stand. You will want to keep your  
camera in the same position for every  
picture you take.



If you need to take pictures  
over two days, make sure you work  
during the same time of day  
for the same light.



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## STOP MOTION ANIMATION - DAY 5

### Today's activity:

Congratulations everyone, you have almost finished your movie! Using the animation app you have chosen, add all of your pictures into the film. You can also add music or sounds, and for the more experienced there are lots of other features available. We can't wait to see your movies!

Did you know that the way you just learned how to make movies is the same process that professional movie makers make movies? Stop Motion Animation and Claymation movies are enjoyed by millions of people around the world since 1898! Keep writing and capturing your stories and learning!

We would love to share your videos on Facebook @CountyMuseum.