

MAKE: ANIMATION CREATION

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Animation is a method of combining individual drawings that are manipulated to appear as moving images. This simple activity will have you hand draw your own animation. What will you create?



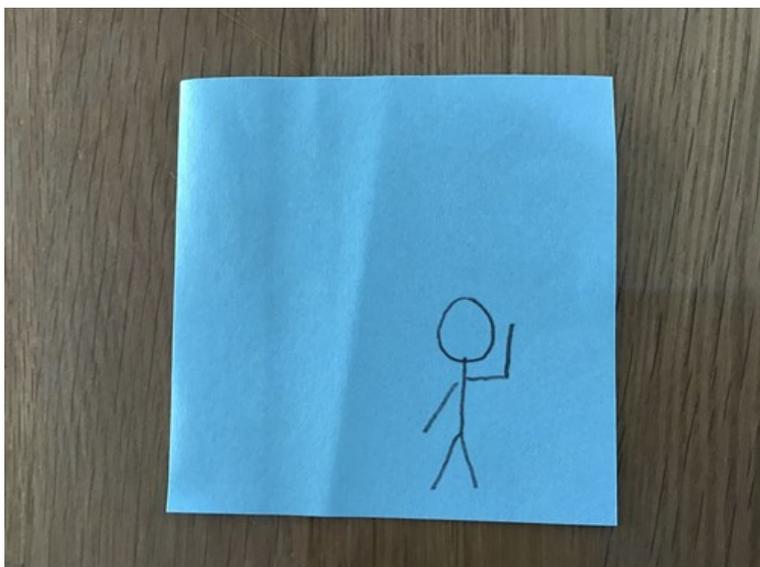
RESOURCES:

- Sticky note pad, or small notebook, or stack of paper (about 10cm x 10cm).
 - Grey lead pencil.
 - Optional – colour pencils/markers.
- If using a stack of paper you will also need:
- Scissors.
 - Small bulldog clip or stapler.



STEP 1:

Start with your stack of paper and secure one edge.



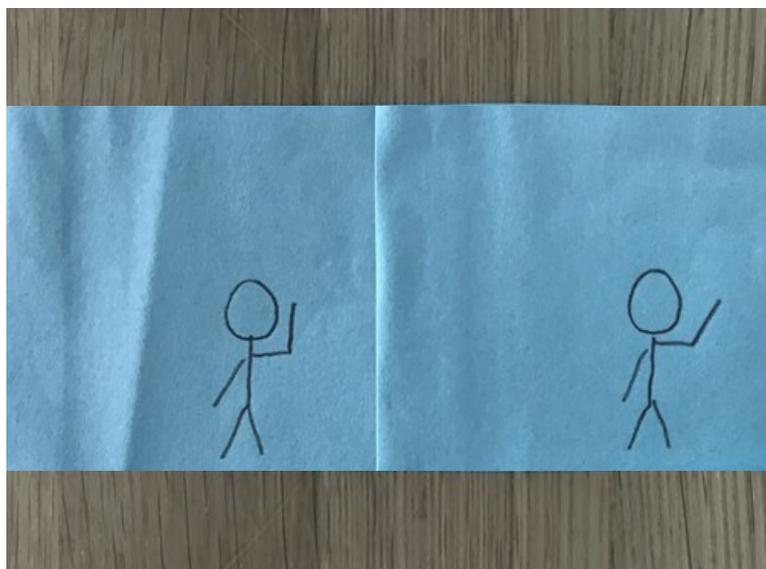
STEP 2:

Use a pencil to draw a stick figure on the last page in your book. This will be the first sequence of your flipbook animation.

Remember to draw the image toward the bottom right corner so it's visible when you're flipping through the book.

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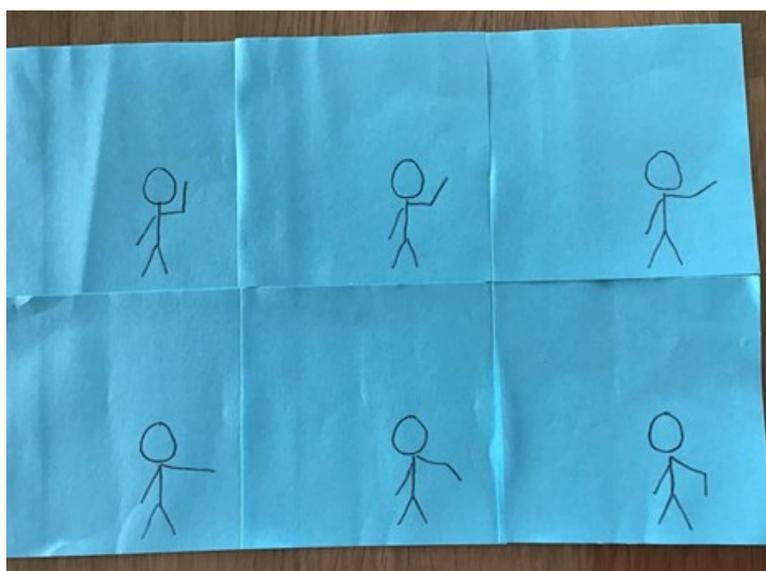
STEP 3:

Draw the same image on the next sheet of paper, changing it slightly.

If the person is waving, move the position of the arm slightly.

Remember to draw in the same spot each time so that your image doesn't 'jump' all over the page!

TIP: You could use a window as a light box to help you .



STEP 4:

Continue drawing slightly varied images on each subsequent sheet of paper.

Always draw the next image on the page that's on top of the previous image you drew.

These slightly varied images will create the animation when you flip through your book.



STEP 5:

When you've finished, flip through your flipbook to watch your animation.

Flip through fast enough that your drawing starts to move, but not so fast that you accidentally skip over pages.

What's Next:

Design a more complex flip book with your own design.

Or, try a digital animation using the FlipaClip app.