

## STOP MOTION ANIMATION CHALLENGE

with animator Lucy Whitehead.

Stop motion animation is a method of creating a short film by taking lots of pictures of objects or drawings, and moving them between pictures so it looks like they are moving.

### TODAY YOU WILL

Create your own  
animated movie

### YOU WILL NEED

Smartphone/tablet,  
Paper, colouring  
pencils, scissors,  
blue tack

Click to  
watch the  
film



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### Prepare

Using a tablet or a smartphone download a stop motion animation app (Stop Motion Studio or iMotion) and make sure your device can stay still and steady.

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### Come up with your idea

Think about the things you know are changing in our environment, and decide what you want to animate. How did Lucy show the changing environment in her film? Some examples include: a growing plant, a fish swimming through rubbish.

Remember to keep your idea simple.

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### Create a setting and characters

Using a big piece of paper, draw your background showing the setting. Place this in front of your camera and secure it with blue tack.

Next, draw and cut out one or two 2D cut out characters that you will move on top of your background to tell the story.

Remember, these could be people, animals or objects.

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### **Animate**

In your stop motion app, start by taking 5 photos before any movement. Next, move your character/object a tiny bit, then take 2 photos. Keep moving your characters/objects in tiny movements, taking 2 photos for every small movement. Take as many photos as you need to complete your story in small movements.

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### **Watch and share**

Export your animated film, watch it back and share it with your friends.

Don't forget to ask an adult to share on youtube or social media and tag us @EastsideLondon and #EastsideAtHome.

### **Try this**

- Import into iMovie to add sound effects and music
- Add speech bubbles (make sure words are big enough).
- Make your own music in Garageband. You can even record sounds with your voice.

