

# MAKE A STOP-MOTION VIDEO

Turn your young people into film directors with this challenge!

SUITABLE FOR **CUBS**, **SCOUTS**, **EXPLORERS**, **NETWORK**

**1** First, get your section to make the 'set' where their animation will be filmed. It's a simple set comprising a couple of pieces of white foam board, one for the base and one for the background. You'll need to prop the background board up against a heavy object.

**2** Ask your young people to bring in some of their favourite characters and toys, which will be used to take a starring role in the film.

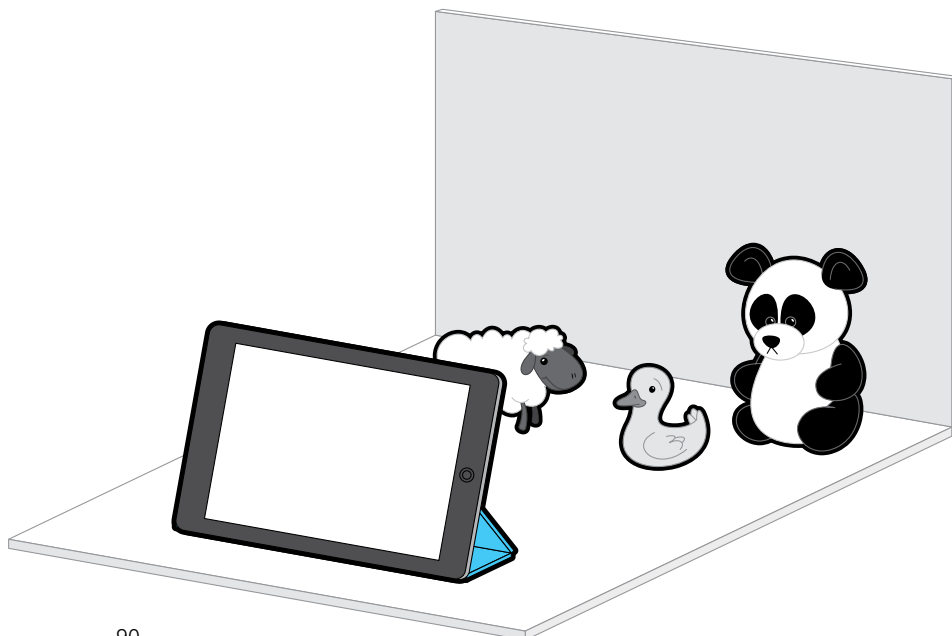
**3** The entire section will have a go, so while one member of your section is filming, the others can

choose which characters and toys they're going to use in their film.

**4** Using your smartphone or tablet, download free stop-motion software, such as JellyCam or qStopMotion. If you're using an iPhone or iPad, you can download Stop Motion Studio from iTunes.

**5** Show your section the demo run of the software you'll be using to make the film to familiarise yourselves with the process.

**6** Start shooting the movie! Each young person can have a go at creating a scene or short animation.



## TIME NEEDED

45–60 minutes

## EQUIPMENT NEEDED

- Two pieces of foam
- Collection of objects to animate
- Smartphone or iPad
- Tripod or stand to hold your device steady
- Stop-motion animation app

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## OUTCOMES

This exercise will introduce your group to the process of film-making. They'll gain experience of creating an animation through stop-motion – the same technique that is used on the much-loved Wallace and Gromit films.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Once Scouts are familiar with the technology, they could have a go at making another film, this time planning the story in advance using storyboards.

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