



Sweet Potato STOP MOTION VIDEO

PROJECT GOAL:

To create a short 15 seconds or longer stop animation video using sweet potatoes as one of your objects. There's no wrong way to do this. You can use objects in your home, draw paint or create 3D set pieces, dress up your family as characters...whatever you need to tell your story. You can shoot it on one surface or in different locations around your home or yard. You can have people in your film or just objects. The options are endless, the only requirement is that you weave sweet potatoes into your story.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- ✓ Phone with camera
- ✓ Sweet potatoes
- ✓ Download a stop animation app onto your phone. Stop Animation Studio has a free option and is very popular and easy to use
- ✓ Paper and pencils for storyboard

OTHER USEFUL MATERIALS:

Materials to create your objects/characters:

Construction paper, scissors, tape, glue, paint, colored pencils or markers, clay

Tripod or create a makeshift tripod to stabilize your phone. If you don't have a tripod use a book or clip a clothespin to each side of your phone to help stabilize (i.e. in tutorial)



PRE PRODUCTION

STEP 1 **Come up with your story.** This will steer your whole movie making process so spend some time on it. Start by brainstorming, throw a bunch of ideas out there and then pick the one you want to use. Create a basic outline and then make a storyboard to help you organize how you are going to shoot your stop animation film. Decide if you're going to be creating all of your sets, objects etc., and directing. Or maybe you want to cast some family members in your movie, or have a sibling help create some objects etc. Assemble your team or come up with a plan to do it yourself.

STEP 2 **What will you need to create your story?** Make a list of everything/everyone you'll need to make your movie. Start creating any objects/set pieces you need to shoot your movie. Things to think about. Will you be shooting it all on a table, will you be creating a background, will you be using your house, what rooms will you be using and how will you arrange the furniture/pros.

STEP 3 **Familiarize yourself with the app you'll be using.** Do some research so you feel confident before you start filming and let the fun begin!

STEP 4 **Shoot your movie and share!**



TIPS:

- You can use fishing wire if you want to have any objects fly in
- Be aware of lighting. Use natural light or light your set as directly as possible. If there's a light behind you that's creating shadows try using different lamps in your house or get creative and use the shadows.
- If you get stuck or have any issues do some research online. There is so much information out there.