



Stop Motion Animation

The Guide





Welcome

Thank you for checking out my guide to stop motion animation. You will find a few more hints and tips to help you create great animations.

But first let me introduce myself.

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My name is Jack and I am a movie nerd. I just love film, from a trip to the cinema to learning how it's made. I love it.

That is probably why I created Beyond The Brand, my video production business. The idea of telling stories online excites me. I get to apply my passion and my 20 year career of working in many different aspects of TV, Film and Video into something I love.

I hope what I can teach and what you can learn will inspire your creativity.

Thank you and enjoy

Jack

Getting creative

This guide will give you examples of how I have used stop motion animation but that's not to say it's the only way to use it.

You have my permission to create whatever stop motion animation comes to your mind, try different things. If it doesn't work try something else. Just be creative and have fun.

Ideas

Lego

Animating lego characters can be fun as there are lot's of different scenes you can do. They are also easy to move and animate.

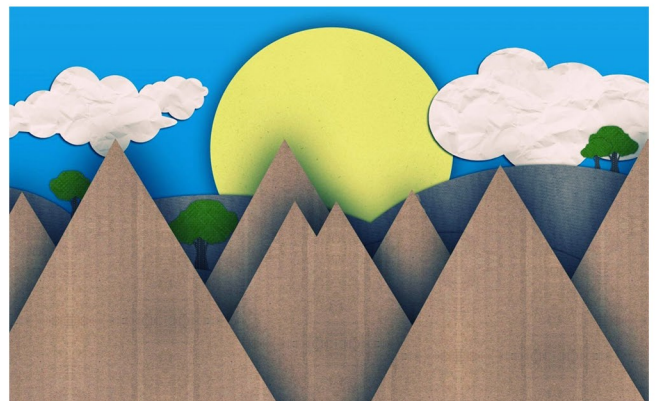


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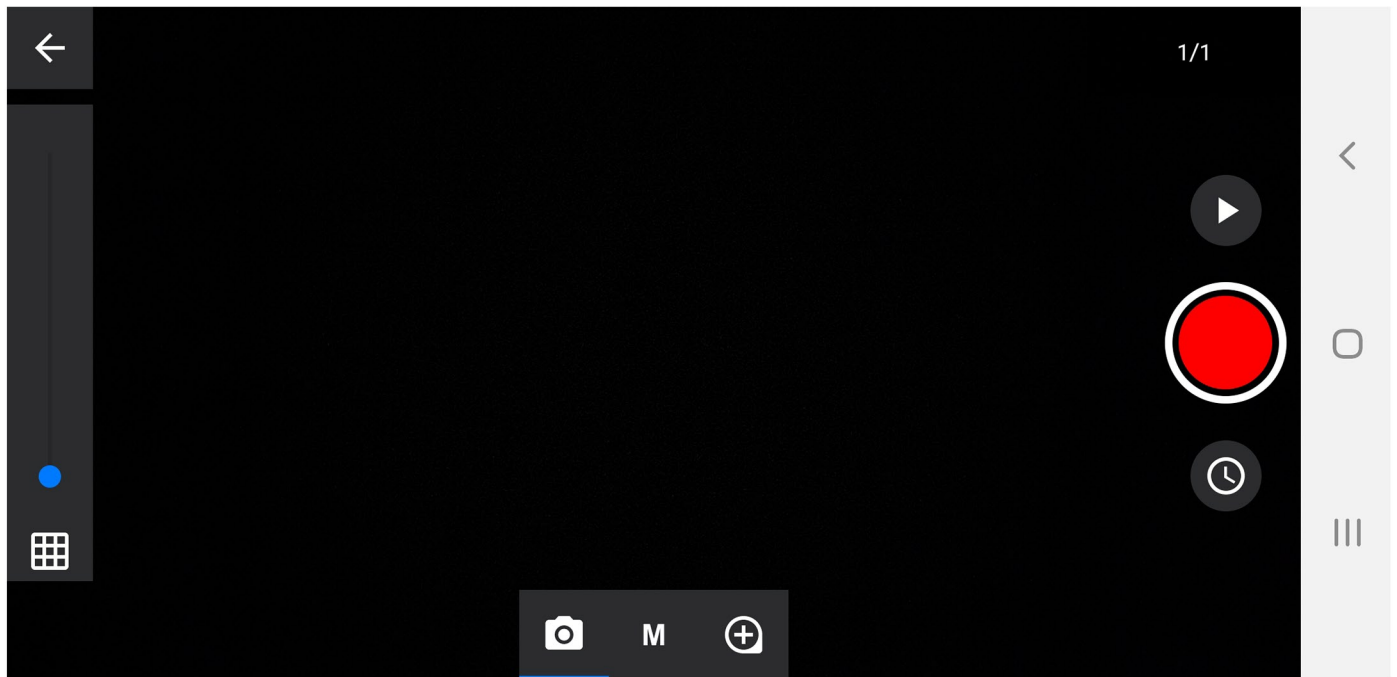
Much like lego it can be fun to see figures, dolls, cars etc come to life.

Create a scene

You can also animate scenes like this. Instead of figures create scenes and animate the different pieces. A sunset maybe? Animals in a field?

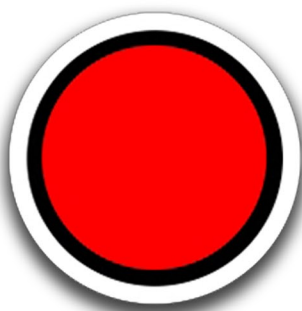


Understanding Stop Motion Studio



Onion Skin- Slider

Strange name but this slider will give you a transparent copy of your last image over the top of your camera image to help you make the right movements.



Take your picture

Simple enough but remember to press this after each movement.



Watch your progress

Want to see how your animation is coming together? Hit the play button to see your progress so far.

Set a timer

Want to go hands free? Set a timer to take the pictures instead. Just remember to be quick with the movements.

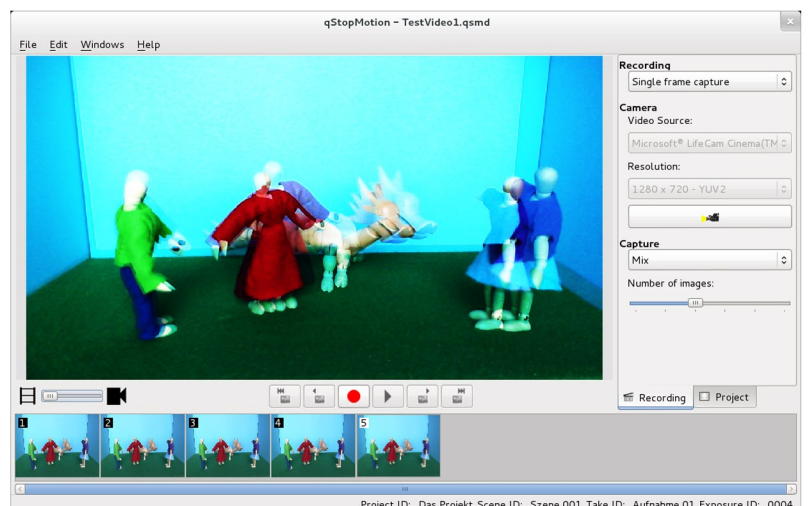


Watch your progress

There are many softwares and apps to choose from. If this doesn't work for you then simply search "Stop motion" in your app store or on Google. Below is software for PC's that I recommend.

qStopMotion is the only free software I know of and definitely worth trying if you would prefer to record from your webcam

SEARCH "qStopMotion"



Creating your animations

Set up

Firstly make sure you have a good place to animate with plenty of light.

Secondly set up your camera, tablet or phone so it is secure facing your scene/object.

Don't worry if you don't have a tripod just make sure that your equipment is secure and won't move whilst recording.

Recording

Whatever you choose to animate. Remember to use small movements.

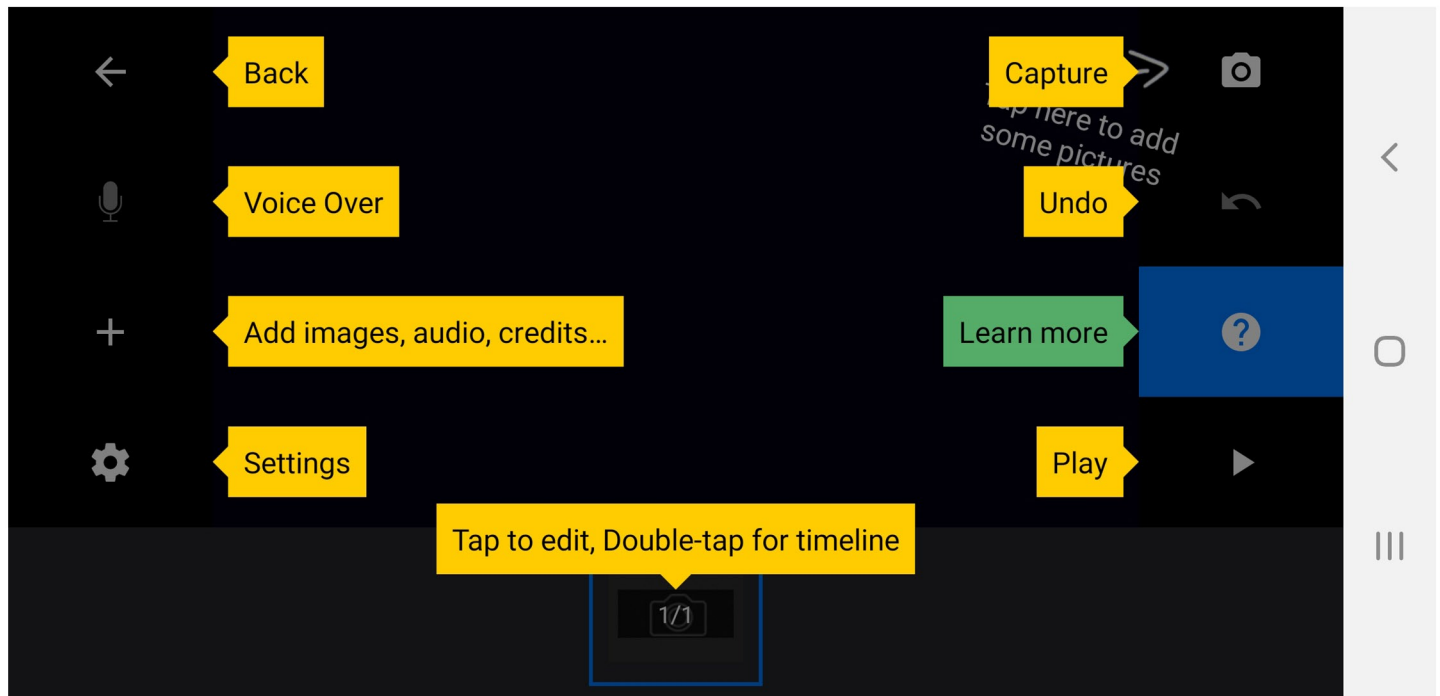


Use the onion skin slider to measure the movements you are making. Press the play button to watch your progress.

Be patient it can take a while but will look great once it's finished.

Finish

Finished! Well done. Now to finish up. Below is an image of the editing screen. you can remove odd photos or add voice over and more.



Once done you are ready to export, click the back arrow, select your video and share your good work with the world.

Well done!

What next?

Why not share your
animation online?

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see the great work you have done.

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the Film School community and share your
ideas and be inspired by the other brilliant
participants.

Thank you and see you in the next class!