

Family Art from Home

Stick Figure Flip Book

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Making art and being creative can be understandably intimidating. Over my years of facilitating art projects, I have often heard people, especially adults, say "I can't draw anything but stick figures." I'm pretty sure that's not true but I understand the sentiment. This flip book is a fun and rewarding project for anyone and everyone, regardless of their confidence in drawing. Enjoy!



Image 4

Supplies Needed

- Blank index cards (found at office supply store)
- Circular stickers of the same or different color. (found at any office supply store)
- A pen or Sharpie for drawing your character
- Crayons, pens, etc., to add color
- One strong rubber band or a few thinner ones used together

How to Do It

1. Spread index cards in rows and number them at the top right corner to keep track of the order (See Image 2). The more index cards you have, the better as there will be a smoother transition of movements. I have only used 20 index cards for the sample so that I could show the whole sequence in one photograph. In fact, double the amount of index cards would be ideal!



Image 2



Image 3

2. On the first card, draw an easy character. Remember that you will be repeating it many times over, so keep it very simple. Draw it towards the left side of your index card.
3. Go to the next card, each time drawing the same character at the same location but slightly changing the placement of arms, legs and head. You can also figure out the placement of the sticker as you go. If the sticker is meant to be a ball like in the sample, you can add small lines behind it in the opposite direction the ball is going to emphasize movement (See Image 2)
4. Once the main drawing on each index card is done, go back and add details in pen or crayon such as the hair, a background, or details in the outfit (See Image 3).
5. Stack the cards with number 1 at the top, then continue in numerical order until the last is at the bottom. Tie the rubber band tightly on the right side. (See Image 4).
6. Using your thumb, flip the pages quickly to see your drawings spring into action!



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