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Materials you will need:

Pen or pencil
A note book or post it notes

Or

Sheets of paper of any size,
a peg or some string.

Stick Figure Stories

What is a Stick Figure Story?

A Stick Figure Story works as a flipbook - a book with a series of pictures that change slightly from one page to the next, so that when the pages are turned quickly (flipping the pages), the pictures seem to move.

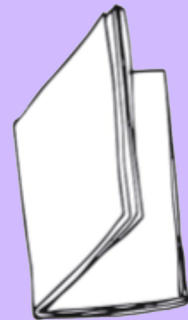
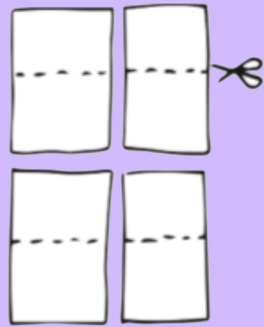
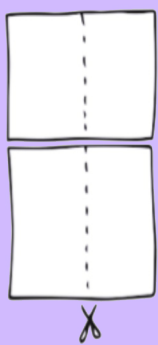
Because the images you are looking at are moving fast, your eye isn't able to keep up. So instead of seeing separate individual pictures, your eyes only see one that looks as if it is moving.

Each picture needs to be slightly different than the last one to make the picture 'move' when it is flipped. Lots of pages showing with very small differences will cause a slow movement - and a few pages showing large differences will cause a fast movement.

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How to make a note book from scrap paper

- 1) Cut your scrap paper so it is all the same size. This can be any size you want, but it will need to be big enough for you to draw a small image on and allow space for you to flick from one page to the next.
- 2) Gather all your paper together into a neat pile
- 3) Fix the paper together at one edge, either using some string or a clip.



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How to make a Stick Figure Story

1) Draw the first picture on the last page of your notebook. It can be anything you want it to be, but you should keep it simple for your first attempt. Your picture should be in the bottom corner of the page.

2) Your next image goes on the page before your previous drawing and should be in the same location on the page as your first image (bottom corner) and should be very similar to your first drawing with just one small change. For example, if you are drawing a character running, the first drawing might show them standing still, and the next drawing would show them with one foot raised slightly off the ground.

3) Add as many drawings to your Stick Figure Story as you want, altering your character each time to show the next action.

4) You can check how your picture is progressing at any time, by going back to your first drawing (on the last page) and flicking through your images in turn.

