How to Make a Flipbook

What is a Flipbook?

A flipbook is a book with a series of pictures that change gradually from one page to the next. When the pages are flipped quickly, the pictures appear to move like an animation. Some photographers and film pioneers in the late 1800s used flipbooks as a way to display series of sequential photos before the invention of film projectors and movie cameras. Today, flipbooks can be made with illustrations or photographs, and some are even included in the page corners of novels or magazines!

Materials:

- Paper (pick one option)
  - 1 pack of sticky notes
  - 1 stack of index cards or equivalent
  - Sheets of printer/cardstock paper
- Glue or medium size binder clip
- Tape
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Eraser
Instructions:

- Note: If you are using a stack of index cards, please have 20+ pages and skip ahead to instruction #4. If you are using sticky notes, go to instruction #7 and if you are using cardstock or computer paper, please continue to read below.

1. For this activity, you will need no less than 20 pages. On page 5, you are welcome to cut out the flipbook stencil and trace the stencil on sheets of blank paper. You can also print multiples of the last page of this PDF to create the flipbook.
2. Once you have cut out all the flipbook pages, place them in a horizontal pile. Take one page and glue on the edge marked “binding”. If you are gluing index cards, glue one inch into the cards.

3. Take the next page and place it directly on top, with the binding side face up. Glue and repeat this step with all 20+ pages. Make sure to align your pages as straight as possible in order to create a smooth animation.
4. Using a medium size binder clip or a heavy household object, bind the spine together as it dries. Wait a few minutes for it to dry completely and then take the binder clip off. Once it is dry, test out flipping the pages in your hand.

5. Next, use regular or washi tape, to secure the binding of the flipbook.

6. Once everything has been bound together, begin drawing and have fun animating!
Flipbook Stencil

4"

3"

Binding Side.

Cut on the edge of the black outline.

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