

Course Information Sheet

Stop Motion Animation



Bring your characters to life! Learn the fundamentals of stop motion animation in this fun and engaging 4-week Saturday course.

Course Description:

Have you ever dreamt of creating your own animated films? This exciting Saturday course is the perfect place to get started! Across four interactive sessions, you'll gain the practical skills and creative know-how to bring your stop motion ideas to life.

Our friendly and experienced tutor will guide you through all the steps, from storyboarding and character creation to set building, filming techniques, and basic editing. Experiment with a variety of materials and discover the magic of stop motion animation!

What will I learn?

- Week 1: Introduction to Stop Motion Animation - Explore the history and techniques of stop motion. Learn about storyboarding, character design, and basic animation principles.
- Week 2: Building your world - Create your characters and sets using a variety of exciting materials.
- Week 3: Bringing it to life! - Master the art of stop motion filming, focusing on lighting, camera movement, and creating smooth animation.
- Week 4: Editing and Showcase - Learn basic editing techniques to polish your animation and prepare it for sharing with the world!

How will I be assessed?

This course is designed to be fun and practical, with an emphasis on learning by doing. Your progress will be monitored through ongoing feedback from your tutor and group discussions. You will also be encouraged to present your completed short animation to the class at the end of the course.

Who is this course for?

This course is perfect for anyone with an interest in animation who wants to learn the basics of stop motion. Whether you're a complete beginner or looking to develop your existing skills, this course will provide you with a strong foundation and a chance to unleash your creativity.

Progression Opportunities:

Once you've completed this course, you could progress to a more advanced stop motion animation course or explore other areas of animation, such as 2D animation or 3D animation software. Many

online platforms and resources are available to help you continue your learning journey [link to website withheld].

Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:

This course can be a stepping stone towards a variety of exciting careers in the creative industries, including:

- Stop Motion Animator
- Animator
- Character Designer
- Storyboard Artist
- Model Maker

How do I enrol?

If you are paying the full fee, the quickest way to enrol is online at www.oucoursesouthwest.co.uk, simply create an account and select enrol now. Alternatively, you will need to speak to one of our customer service team on 01752 660713.

How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

You will be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course. It is always useful to practise your skills between sessions. Your tutor may encourage home learning, or independent research.

How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan.

What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

<https://www.onsouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner>

Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.

