

CADETTE BADGES TO DO AT HOME



Digital Movie Maker

A movie doesn't just tell a story, it shows a story. If you could show the whole world a story, how would it look? Bright and cheery? Fast-paced and full of changes in scene? With what visual would it start and end? You've probably spent countless hours watching movies — now's your chance to show others how you want them to see the world.

Steps

1. Learn digital video basics
2. Film. Then film some more. . . .
3. Pick the perfect subject
4. Action!
5. Edit and premiere your movie

Purpose

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to create a digital movie.

To earn this badge, please complete one option per step.

STEPS	BADGE REQUIREMENTS	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Step 1	Learn digital video basics	Email a local film expert to learn filming basics. Try a local news station, film professor, or digital arts teacher.	Take an online class. Contact a local community college, arts center, or camera shop and see if they offer any beginners video classes.	Teach yourself! Spend at least two hours visiting websites about digital video and moviemaking.
Step 2	Film. Then film some more....	Study a sporting event. Take notes on the different shots and angles that the camera captures to get all the action.	Film a family celebration. To best capture the moment, take time to film one-on-one interviews with your families.	Film a day in your life. Take inspiration from your favorite vlogger on YouTube for tips on how to get started.

Step 3	Pick the perfect subject	Share a scene from a book in the public domain (works published before 1924, most original fairy tales, or other works that are not under copyright). Search your favorite books for a scene that would make a great short movie.	Share a cause. If you volunteer somewhere, ask if they could use a short movie to help their cause.	Share a family story. Pick your favorite tale and re-create it on film. You might case actual family members so they can enjoy reliving a happy experience!
Step 4	Action!	Work solo. Keep it simple and use a basic digital camera or phone camera to capture your subject.	Work with friends. Contact members of your troop to divide up the work.	Work with a mentor. If you're planning on using some advanced techniques, an experienced filmmaker can help you take your movie to the next level.
Step 5	Edit and premiere your movie	Add a sound track. Add music to your movie for extra suspense.	Add a title and credits. Most digital-movie editing programs will let you add a title screen, as well as credits to the start and end of your movie.	Add transitions. Also called a "wipe," a transition is a neat effect that you can smooth your cuts from once scene to the next.