Stop Motion Shapes
by Alejandra Abad

Born in Venezuela and partially raised in Florida, Alejandra Abad is an interdisciplinary artist with a penchant for dense, fantastical landscapes and abstract shapes. Her installations use analog and digital processes - including painting, sculpture and animation to make immersive environments that reflect her identity and values. One animation process she uses is called stop-motion. Stop motion animations are made by taking individual images of an object, drawing or collage, movement by movement, and putting them together to create a series of pictures that make it look like the subject is moving by itself! Use this activity booklet to create your own stop motion shape animations with the free app Stop Motion Studio on your phone or tablet.

Email photos of your completed projects to yaamuseum@gmail.com and share your stop motions with Alejandra by tagging her @alejandraabad

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Alejandra created the video *Floria* using simple, hand-cut shapes and the stop motion animation process. See how she moved each shape slightly in the images below which were then put together to create the moving shapes you can see in her video!

Watch *Floria* here: https://vimeo.com/417918409
Stop Motion Shapes

Cut out Alejandra’s shapes above to use in your own Stop Motion Shape animation! Once you’ve cut them out think about how you’d like to see them move and use the next page to plan out your animation, step by step, so that you can make them move or interact with each other over the course of your video. Find a flat surface and a background for your shapes to move on top of and you’re ready to begin!
Create Your Stop Motion Story Board

Plan out each “frame” of your stop motion animation using the storyboard grid below so you can see how you will need to move your all shapes each time you take a picture with your phone or tablet in the Stop Motion Studio App. Each picture you take inside the app will become a frame in your animation video, and when you press play you will see your shapes move in the animation just like you planned below! Once you create your animation within the app you can adjust the frame-rate which makes the animation faster or slower, change the colors and even add transitions and filters! Export your stop motion video and send it to yaamuseum@gmail.com to be featured on our social media!
Creating Your Animation in Stop Motion Studio

Click here to download the free app Stop Motion Studio to get started on your animation. Find a well lit, flat surface and a cool background for your cut-out shapes to move on top of. Then open the app and follow the steps below to create your video.

**Step 1:** Create a new movie

**Step 2:** Take photos of your shapes as you move them to add frames to your animation

**Step 3:** Adjust the frame rate of your animation depending on how many frames you add. Add filters, transitions and more!

**Step 4:** When your animation is complete go back to the main page, press and hold on your movie and click “export movie” to save it to your phone or tablet.

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