

Toyimation Stop Motion Film Making

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Lego and Stikfas toys allow film makers the ability to skip over the puppet making process for instant gratification.

Almost no artistic experience is needed. With the inexpensive digital web cam's and software, anyone can create a stop motion film.

Some people will print out small mouths on clear plastic adhesive labels to make Lego toys appear to talk.

One popular web sites <http://www.stikfilmmaking.com/> the community is:



Stikfas are customized in several ways. One particular way is to just mix and match different colored parts with different kits in the same way as Legos. The other is to use fine paint brushes to paint faces on their heads, pockets on their chests and belts around the waist area. Some of the more fun custom jobs I've seen were ones where people use strands of wire or string for hair, and Sculpey polymer clay built up to add muscles and details that you won't normally get when you open a brand new boxed Stikfas kit.

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For animating purposes, 3mm magnets can be inserted into the square hole sockets in the feet of the Stikfas. This allows you to balance your Stikfas and keep it from falling over if it is on one leg, as long as it's on a metal surface. Metal Altoid cans and cookie tins work great for making a small set floor base just for this purpose.

A popular place to see what can be done when customizing Stikfas is Paint Stik: <http://www.paintstik.com>

You can buy Stikfas and 3mm magnets in our online shop [here](#)