

# A Journey Around My Room - The Bed

**Explore your room by making your own stop-motion animation using the objects you have and simple actions. What shapes, forms or stories can you imagine making with what you can find? How can you play with the objects you have and communicate an idea?**

A stop-motion animation is a series of pictures put together to create moving images. The scene changes a little bit each picture, and when ordered one after the other, creates the illusion that they are moving. You can make animations using objects, drawings, clay, real people or anything you like. When you make a stop-motion animation, you place your objects in front of the camera, take a picture, move it a little and then take another picture, and so on and so on. When the pictures are played fast by a computer or tablet it looks like your object is moving.

## **Make your own animation:**

Watch the stop-frame animation called The Bed to get some inspiration, then try making a simple animation using a pillow, duvet or blanket and choose a simple action to explore like rolling, jumping, pushing, shuffling, dancing, breathing, hiding or building.

## **You will need:**

Your room

An object like a duvet or blanket.

A phone or an iPad and a stop-motion app. You can get lots of different free stop-motion apps for your phone or tablet. They are all very simple to use.

## **Make your stop-frame animation:**

Place your phone or tablet so it doesn't move. You can use a tripod or prop it up with some objects and fix it in place.

Then get your object, for example your pillow or cushion, choose an action that you would like to explore e.g. rolling. Roll your cushion forward while taking a photo with your app for every little movement you make with the pillow. Keep going for a while. See where the movement takes you.

Explore a new action perhaps. You need a lot of photos! So be patient and have fun.

Finished animating? Have a look at what you have made.

Now you have learned the technique you can try exploring other actions or using different objects from your room.