

Rainy Day DIY Movie and Home Cinema



Have you ever wanted to make your own movie? Would you like to be the star of your own film? Well, if the weather outside is gloomy and terrible, why not create your own home cinema with a homemade movie with you as the star.

Follow these simple steps to help you put on a spectacular show!

Step 1: Think of a Theme

First, think of an idea for your movie. Will you do a pirate adventure, a TV soap opera with real-life problems, a magic show, a fairy tale or something else? The choice is yours!



Step 2: Write a Script

At this point, you will need to plan who is going to play which part and write a script with what each person will say. Remember, you will need someone to hold your recording device unless you have a camera stand.



Step 3: Music and Songs

You may wish to add music and songs to your movie. Decide if you wish to use a popular song you know and who will sing it.



Step 4: Costumes and Props

Look around your home for costumes and props you may need. You might have some dressing-up clothes already that you can use in your movie or create a new outfit by combining different clothes in your wardrobe. You may need props too, such as a magic wand, a sword or a broomstick. Use toys and objects around your home to help make props. Always check first with an adult if it is safe to use them beforehand.



Step 5: Practise, Practise and Practise

Now you have everything set for the movie, it's really important that you practise lots of times so that you know where everyone will stand and what everyone will say. The more you practise, the better you will know your lines which will make for a better movie.

Step 6: Lights, Camera, Action

Now comes the most important part – filming time! Use a video camera or a digital recording device such as a tablet computer (get permission from an adult first). Film each scene for your movie separately and in different locations around your home if you need to. Remember, if you make a mistake, you can always film it again.



Step 7: Editing Time

Now it's time to put all your scenes together. Use a video editing app to edit all the scenes together to make your finished movie. You can even add music and special effects with some apps.



Step 8: Showtime

Now it's time to watch your movie! Gather your friends and family for the grand unveiling for your film. Make sure you close all the curtains, turn down the lights and have popcorn for a real theatre experience.



Extra activities you may wish to do whilst making your movie:

Poster: Create a poster advertising your movie which can be placed in your home. The poster must have the title of the film and names of the stars in the film.

Tickets: Make tickets for your home cinema which you can give to people in advance.

Design costumes: A great idea for your movie is to design and make your own costumes. Ask an adult if you have any old clothes and materials that can be adapted and changed for your film. If you have fabric pens, this would be a great way to add your own design to old clothes for your film.

Write your own song: Write your own song that can be performed in the movie. An easy way to do this is to choose a popular song or nursery rhyme you already know and change the lyrics to suit your film. If you have instruments, you could create your own music for the film too.

