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Activity pack



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A Zoetrope is a rotating disc or drum, lined with pictures which when spun at the correct speed create the illusion of those pictures animating as if one live image is being seen.

Originally invented in the 1830's by English Mathematician William George Horner, the pictures are separated by small, evenly spaced gaps, and as the Zoetrope is spun, you can look through the gaps and see the moving image produced by the spin.

French inventor Émile Reynaud improved and scaled up the original design to create a projected form of Zoetrope which could be shown to audiences in theatres – an early version of modern cinema projections.

Kit list

- ✓ Printer
- ✓ Pen/pencil
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Adhesive

Useful resources:

- ✓ Thin card

Safety note

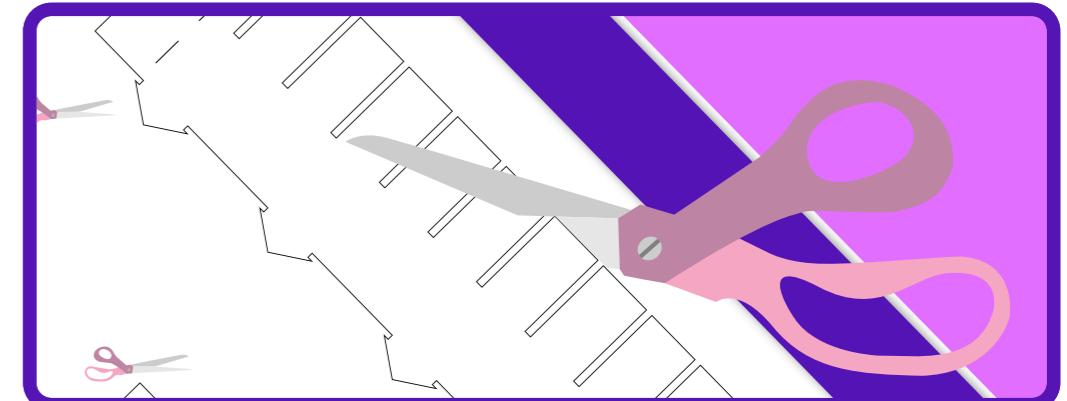
Take care when cutting the slits and central hole- please ask an adult to help you.



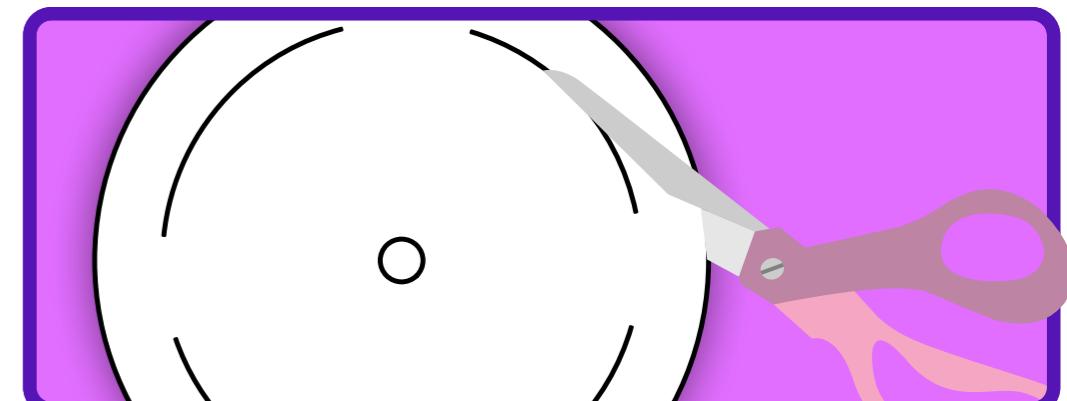
1 Print out the attached template



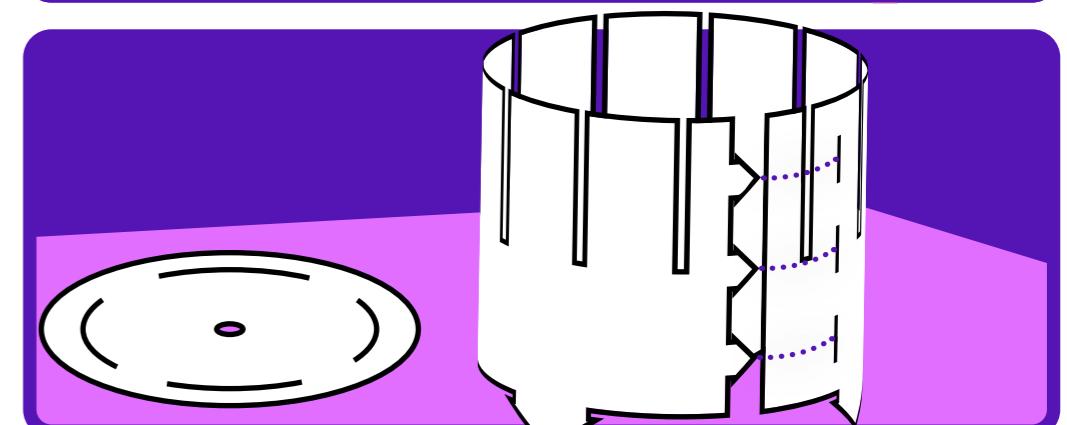
2 Cut out the template to create the body of the Zoetrope machine
Optional – stick the template to thin card before cutting, for a more rugged Zoetrope



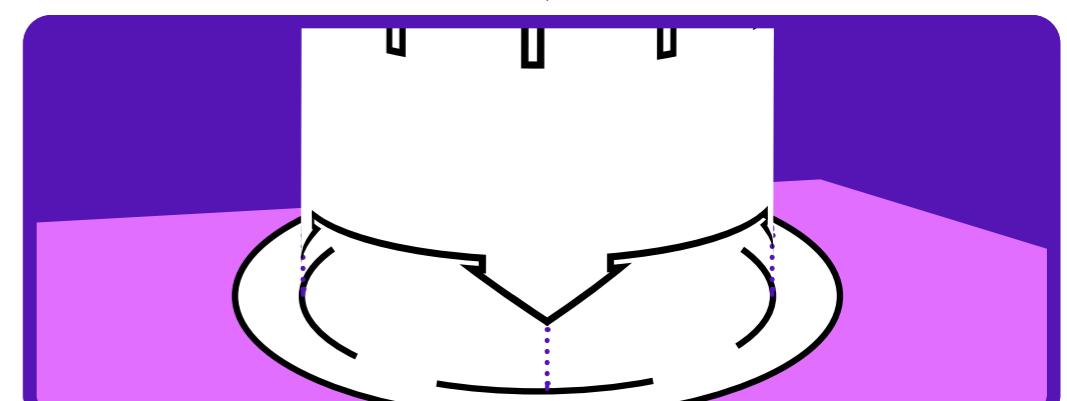
3 Cut the circular base and the central hole. This will combine with the frame to form the Zoetrope



4 Wrap the frame into a circle and insert the three small arrows into the corresponding slits



5 Insert the four large arrows into the corresponding slits on the circular base



More things to explore

Using scratch

Create your own animation
tinyurl.com/2eyurm5h

Measure the noise level in your room
tinyurl.com/4ztjwr74

Using a camera on a tablet or phone

Create a stop motion animation
tinyurl.com/m8ub4pmv

Using Raspberry Pi

Create a stop motion animation
tinyurl.com/htunhydj

Using Blender

Learn how to animate a car in a snow scene
tinyurl.com/t4r55azy

Have a go activities

Using a Micro:Bit or the Micro:Bit emulator

Make some noise
tinyurl.com/uuasaljj

Play a tune
tinyurl.com/dagveum5

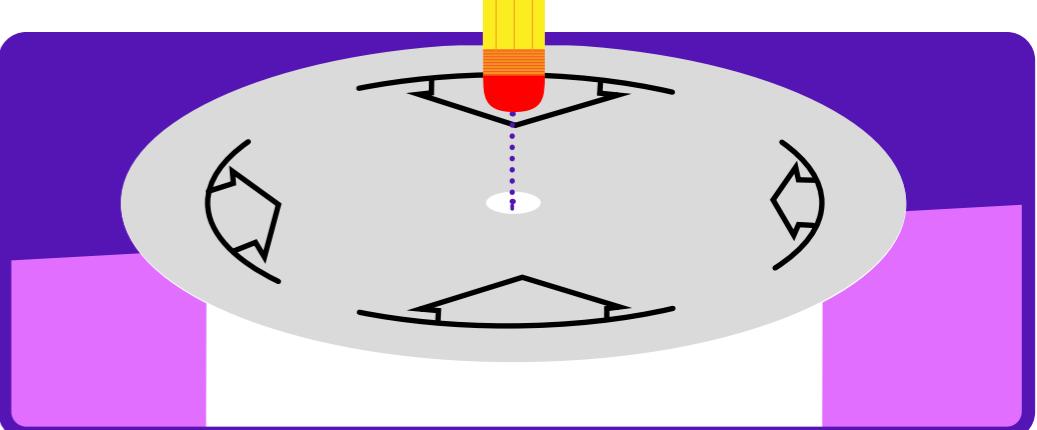
Make a guitar
tinyurl.com/1juhyyge

Create some guitar chords
tinyurl.com/1mw6unrh

Thinking about octaves
tinyurl.com/1q6qwxuw

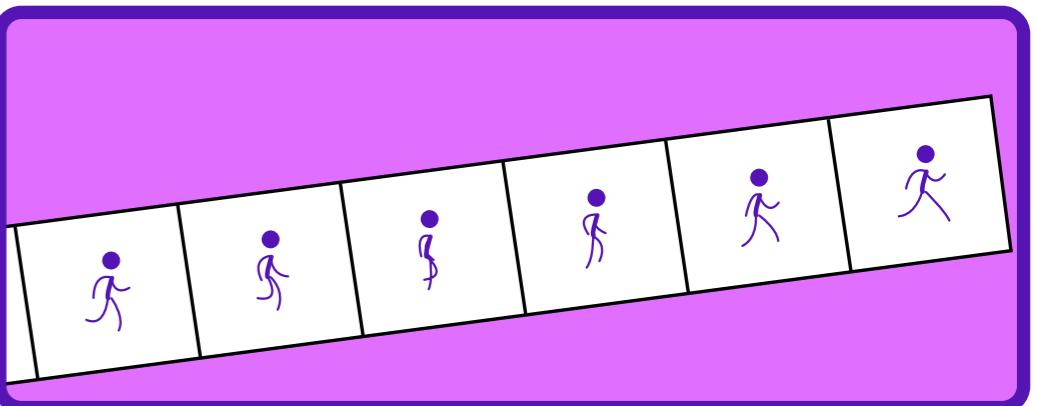
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Insert the eraser end of a pencil into the circular hole in the middle of the Zoetrope base



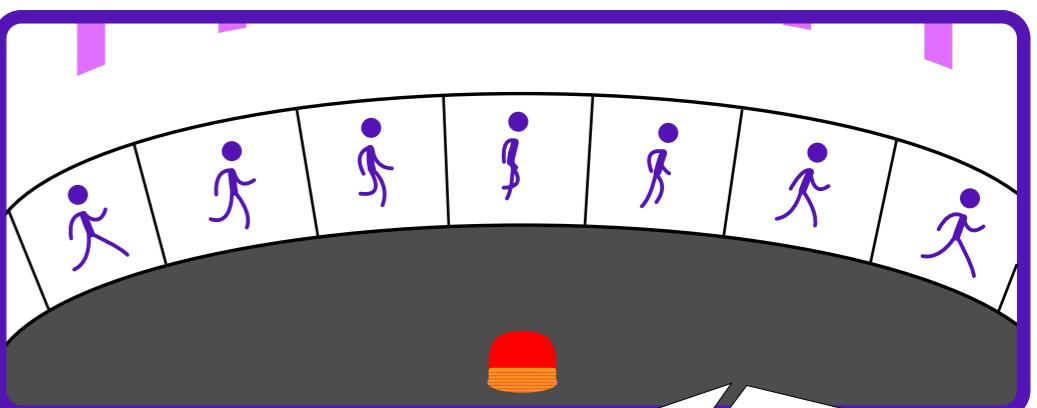
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Cut out animation strip and fill in with your own design



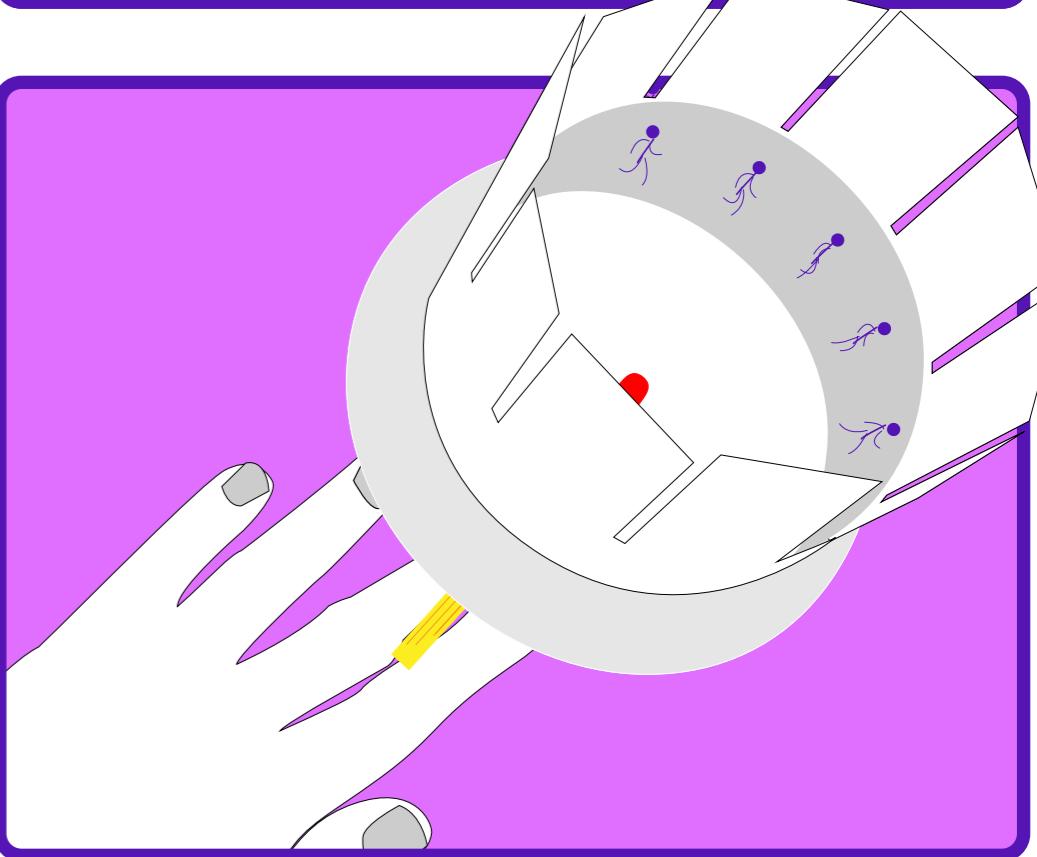
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Insert an animation strip inside the Zoetrope frame towards the bottom, making sure that the frames are facing inward and therefore visible



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Hold the Zoetrope in your palms, and spin it while looking through the slits in the frame. With the proper angle and lighting, you will see an animation!



Zoetrope

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