



Drawn to Life

ANIMATION IN NATURE



with
MIKE COPE



In this special video series, cartoonist and artist educator Mike Cope will lead you step-by-step through animation art projects that **YOU** can create, whether you're at home, learning remotely or in a school classroom. This arts education project is made possible thanks to the generous support of the Ontario Arts Council's "Artists in Communities & Schools Projects Grant" and the District School Board of Niagara's Outdoor Education.

Suitable for Remote and In-Person Learning in Grades 4 to 8!



EPISODE 1: INTRODUCTION (2 min.)

A quick introduction to the "Drawn to Life: Animation in Nature" video series, including its purpose, goals and a peak at each art project/activity.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/dEc-keOVdOk>

EPISODE 2: ROLL & FLIP ANIMATIONS | WARM-UP ACTIVITY (5 min.)

For our warm-up activity, Mike Cope will show you how to make "Roll & Flip" animations. These are fun and easy to make, plus a great way to practice the basics of animation.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/-m0KwWLoU1Q>

Time to Complete Activity: 10 to 15 minutes (more practice, the better!)

Materials: blank paper, pencil, scissors

EPISODE 3: ANIMATED HABITATS & ECOSYSTEMS | ART PROJECT (9 min.)

For our first art project, we'll combine "Roll & Flip" animations with illustrated backgrounds to create interactive artworks. Depending on your grade, this art project can be themed around habitats and communities, ecosystems, as well as environmental awareness.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/O1kuBCU0J4Y>

Time to Complete Project: 1 to 2 hours (depending on size/detail)

Materials: blank paper, pencils (graphite + colour), scissors, clear tape

EPISODE 4: PHENAKISTISCOPES | S.T.E.A.M. PROJECT (11 min.)

For our second project, learn how to make optical illusion discs based on an early animation invention called a "Phenakistoscope." *A great STEAM activity!*

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/5N2ffJ5k-6E>

Time to Complete Project: 30 minutes

Materials: blank paper, pencil, scissors, ruler, thin black marker, empty cereal box, circle stencil (ex. plastic bowl or lid), wire hanger

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