

# Content Resources

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## Tasks and Tools

As discussed at our workshop here is a recap of a few useful tools and techniques for experimenting and developing video content:

1. Gathering footage and visual materials via the internet.
  - Develop an image/video library which reflects what intrigues you
  - Consider different kinds of useful footage: mood establishing, relevant content, color/shape/composition, movement and tone
2. Shooting your own footage.
  - Grab a video camera, iPhone/iPad (or Android device with video capabilities), webcam or any other video device and gather some content. Invite colleagues to participate as subjects, or search out interesting compositions which do not include people.
  - Don't forget to consider mood and atmosphere- lighting and color can alter these elements dramatically.
3. Create some graphic or illustrated content.
  - Make use of paint, collage, pen and ink, charcoal or any other mixed or fine art medias which inspire you.
  - Photograph the results of your activities for use as layers in your video compositions.
  - Experiment with basic animation.
4. Explore Stop-Motion animation.
  - Through the iOS app "iStop Motion" you can easily explore stop-motion and it's possibilities.
  - A digital camera can also be employed to create basic stop-motion animations.
  - Explore the use of everyday objects as characters. Be careful to keep your hands out of the composition!
5. Digital collage and compositing:
  - Use of Adobe After Effects and Photoshop can raise the bar on your digital compositions
  - Explore these programs in the Digital Arts lab on campus, or download a trial at home and try out a few tutorials
  - If Adobe feels intimidating then play around with Adobe Collage for the iPad, or explore something like the "Paint" program if you work in a PC environment

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## Online Support

These websites provide useful support and may offer inspiration into ways Video can support or ignite the creation of a theatre piece.

- Download and keep YouTube videos with:

<http://keepvid.com>

- Very awesome and amusing video 101 techniques tutorials produced by Vimeo:

Shooting Techniques- <http://vimeo.com/17853099>

Choosing a Camera- <http://vimeo.com/17853047>

Editing Basics for Mac- <http://vimeo.com/17853047>

Basic Editing project for PC- <http://vimeo.com/17857159>

- Adobe Collage

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKfHi3pYqAo>

- Great step by step tutorial on how to build stop motion animation with your digital camera:

<http://content.photojojo.com/tutorials/stop-motion-digital-camera/>

- iStop Motion Animation for your iPad, try out what we did in the workshop on your own:

<http://boinx.com/istopmotion/ipad/>

- iStop Motion for your MAC laptop, tons of cool videos, ideas and information on how to use their tools:

<http://www.boinx.com/istopmotion/mac/>

- Adobe Photoshop Forum, every question and answer you could imagine- Use the Find function to avoid going cross eyed with this huge list:

<http://forums.creativecow.net/adobephotoshop>

- This is where you can ask a question, or search for questions other people have asked and see the answers:

<http://forums.creativecow.net/adobeaftereffectsbasics>

- This is a very useful series of tutorials for getting started with After Effects:

<http://library.creativecow.net/series/After-Effects-From-The-Ground-Up>

- A great list of everything DIY in the video world, includes tons of amazing videos of things people have explored and created:

<http://www.skynoise.net/videos-by-jean-poole/video-primer/>