

# The Perfect Pair

How did popcorn become a favorite part of watching a movie? It started during the Great Depression, when most people had little money. At about 5¢ per bag, popcorn was one snack even cash-strapped families could still afford. At that time, movies were affordable too — about 25¢ per ticket — so when clever popcorn vendors set up their carts near movie theaters, most folks couldn't resist. Before long, theater owners began making popcorn in their lobbies, luring moviegoers inside with its warm, buttery smell, and the popular pairing of popcorn with a movie became history.

Popcorn has not changed much over the years, but movies have! Today we have computer-generated imagery (CGI) to add extra excitement and streaming to bring movies into our homes.

It's even easier to make movies today. Before CGI, for example, animated movies were made with a series of drawings, each one a little different from the one before it, to show movement from frame to frame. To make a full-length animated movie in those days you might need more than 200,000 separate drawings! No wonder most animators today use CGI to tell their stories.



## Part 1

Would you like to make an animated movie? The old ways still work, and all you need is paper and a pencil. Try it by creating an animated movie about popcorn's journey from seed to snack. You might show a kernel that slowly pops or one that pops and jumps around the page. Just follow these steps.

1. Stack up some 3 x 5-inch file cards or slips of paper and staple them together on the left side to make a booklet.
2. Begin drawing your story in the bottom left corner of the bottom page. Start by drawing a popcorn kernel.
3. When you have finished your first drawing, lay the next page down on top of it and draw your picture again, but with a little difference. For example, draw the popcorn kernel again in the same location but show it starting to explode or pop.
4. Continue in this manner until your popcorn kernel is completely popped and this is the image on the top page.
5. When you are done, flip through the pages quickly, from bottom to top, to see your popcorn transform from a kernel into a fluffy snack.

## Part 2

On the back of this sheet, design a movie poster advertising your animated popcorn movie. Visit [www.popcorn.org/Recipes](http://www.popcorn.org/Recipes) for delicious recipe ideas you can use to add a popcorn pairing to your poster!

