



## Cadette Digital Movie Maker

### Pillar: STEAM

When you've earned this badge, you'll know how to create a digital movie.



### Cadettes will follow these steps to earn their badge:

1. Learn digital video basics. (Discover, Take Action)
  - a. Watch this to learn where to begin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t33owpmMTfo>
  - b. Know what you will use to create your movie. Will you use a phone, camera, computer, tablet, etc. Then decide what app or program you will use to edit and create your movie. Take the time to use the program or app so that you know how it works. Do some practice editing, splicing, even adding music.
  - c. Watch examples of short films: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fzn\\_AKN67ol](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fzn_AKN67ol), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVPYIRF9RCQ>,
  - d. You might try a stop motion film. Learn about it here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_ppedXZHhEQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ppedXZHhEQ)
  - e. Watch stop motion videos here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3DFzjP6PbnU>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEglOulvgSY>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljwy8XFC4wg>
2. Film. Then film some more... (Discover, Connect)
  - a. Film small clips. Look for lighting, listen to the sound, look at camera angles. Change one thing at a time and refilem to get the look and sound you desire.
  - b. Begin by practicing with plans! Start putting small plans together like a very short story, do some practice filming around those plans. Watch the practice film, make improvements then keep going!
  - c. You might try a couple of ideas and see which one you like better. Go with the idea that most suits you and is most doable!
3. Pick the perfect subject. (Discover, Connect)
  - a. Make your plans! Decide what you will film and how you will film it. What is your story or idea? Are there characters? Will they speak? If so, you need a storyline and a script. Write out your idea so that you have your own director's notes. This will keep you on track. Create a script if you need one. Choose music if you need it.
  - b. Now is the time to decide who your actors will be and practice with the script you wrote. If you do not need actors, will you need a narrator? Practice with the text and with whoever you have working with you.
  - c. Do you need backgrounds or are you filming on location? Make these decisions and put them in your plans. Visit locations, prepare backgrounds.
4. Action! (Discover, Connect)
  - a. Do last checks to make sure you have addressed and worked out:
    1. Story elements, scripts, music, etc.
    2. Characters/items



3. Backgrounds
  4. Lighting
  5. Your filming device is ready
  6. Your software is ready
- b. Film your movie!
  - c. Make changes as necessary as you are putting it all together.
5. Edit and premiere your movie. (Discover, Take Action)
    - a. Spend time with the editing process! If you filmed your movie, make sure you have every scene you need and that it is put together in a way that you are happy with. If you did a stop motion film, make sure that when the frames play, you see the film you envisioned.
    - b. Go back and refilm and edit if you need to.
    - c. Once your film is ready, plan a movie premier in your home with your family! Pop some popcorn, prepare snack trays, get dressed up, take pictures. Toast with sparkling water or juice! Make it a fun party for you and your family to showcase the work you did!

**When you're finished:** Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase online at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/CADETTE-DIGITAL-MOVIE-MAKER-BADGE> We may also have these badges in stock at the GSKSMO Shop. Book your appointment now at [www.gsksmo.org/shop](http://www.gsksmo.org/shop).

You can also purchase your Girl Scout Virtual main patch and bars at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/GSKSMO-Virtual-AllPatch> or just the main patch / bar individually at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/NE-KANSAS-and-NW-MISSOURI-COUNCIL>.

