ART LAB AT HOME!
MOVING IMAGE: DIY FLIP BOOKS

We’ve been making flip books during Play Dates, our monthly family program, for nearly a decade! We keep making them because they’re fun, simple, and who doesn’t love seeing their drawings in motion? In thinking back to our 2018 exhibition *William Forsythe: Choreographic Objects*, we thought it’d be a great DIY activity to blend art and movement.

Patience and the ability to draw the same image repeatedly are key here.

YOU WILL NEED

- 13 Index cards
- Paper
- Pencil/Pen
- Scissors
- Binder clip/Rubber band
- A Window/Light-up surface
1. **CUT** your index cards in half so that you have a total of at least 26 cards.

2. **PLAN OUT YOUR FLIP BOOK** on your separate piece of paper. What scene do you want to create? How will it start? How will it end? Remember, simple images (hello stick figures!) can make the best flip books. Also, because we will be binding the left side of the book, draw on the right side of each card as that will be the space that's visible when you flip your book.

3. **DRAW** your first scene on your first card.

4. **CONTINUE DRAWING** the rest of your scenes. Hold up your cards to a window to help you trace. In order for your drawing to move realistically, you will need to place objects and figures in the same place on each page. Each card should show progression from your first scene to the last scene.

5. **PUT YOUR CARDS IN ORDER AND SECURE THEM** together with a clip or rubber band. It may be helpful to number your cards as you go to make sure they stay in order.

6. **ENJOY** your moving image! Holding your book with your left hand, use your right thumb to flip your pages!

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