

Design Your Own Animated GIF | Ages 9-12

Calling all digital artists! In this class, you'll use The Wick Editor to draw and animate your own GIF.

What is a GIF?

A GIF is a simple animated image on the web. It's usually short and plays over and over.

Before Class:

Look at some examples of drawn GIFs:

<https://tenor.com/view/incat-walking-cat-drawn-cat-gif-14143711>

<https://tenor.com/view/skateboard-drawn-ollie-dude-cartoon-gif-7735747>

Get started with the Wick Editor

Wick Editor is a free online tool that lets you create animations and more.

Before class:

Watch Getting Started with Animation | Wick Editor:



https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=18&v=pAsrXT8Klrl&feature=emb_logo

Before class:

Open an internet browser (like Chrome, Firefox, or Safari).

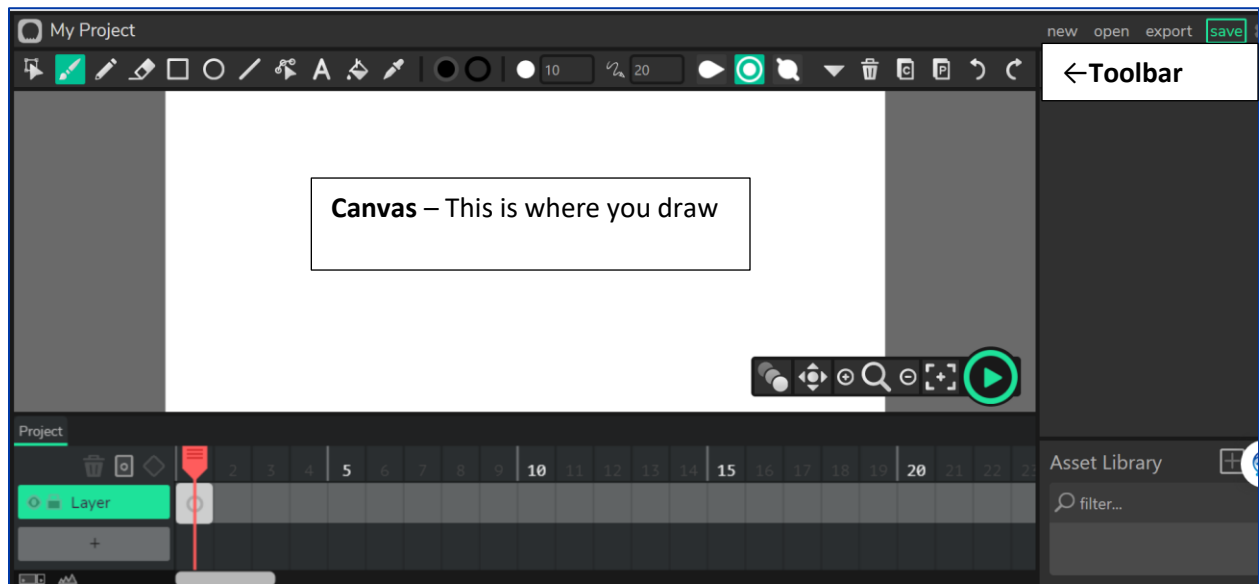
Go to <https://www.wickeditor.com/#/> Make sure the site works well on the device you are using in class by clicking **Launch Editor**.

Draw

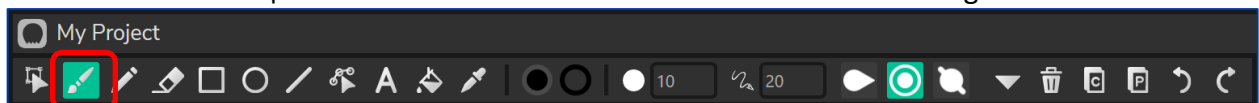
Before class:

Click **Try it**

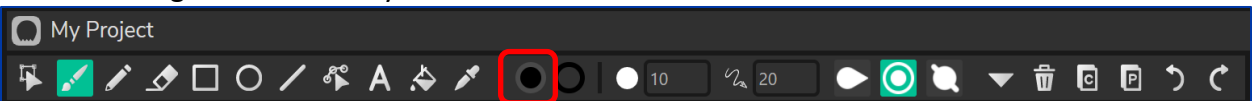
You'll see the Wick Editor workspace:



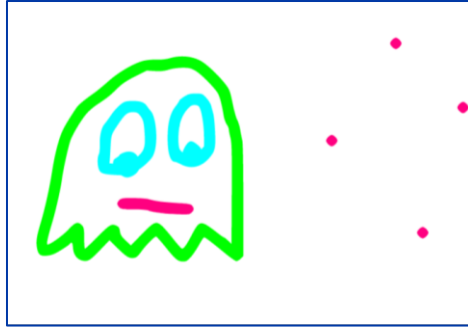
The toolbar is at the top of the screen. Click on the **brush tool** to start drawing.



You can change the colour of your brush here:



Draw something simple. Here is a drawing I made:



What we'll do in class

Welcome, Wonder, and Warmup

We'll welcome everyone to the class. Ask "What do you wonder about this topic?" and do a short warmup activity.

Demo

We'll demonstrate some features of Wick Editor including how to animate your GIF and share your project.

Here's my GIF:

Challenge

You will have some time (usually about 20 minutes) to work on animating your GIF.

Sharing

Kids who want to will share their work with the whole group.

Reflection

We'll ask you to reflect on your learning.

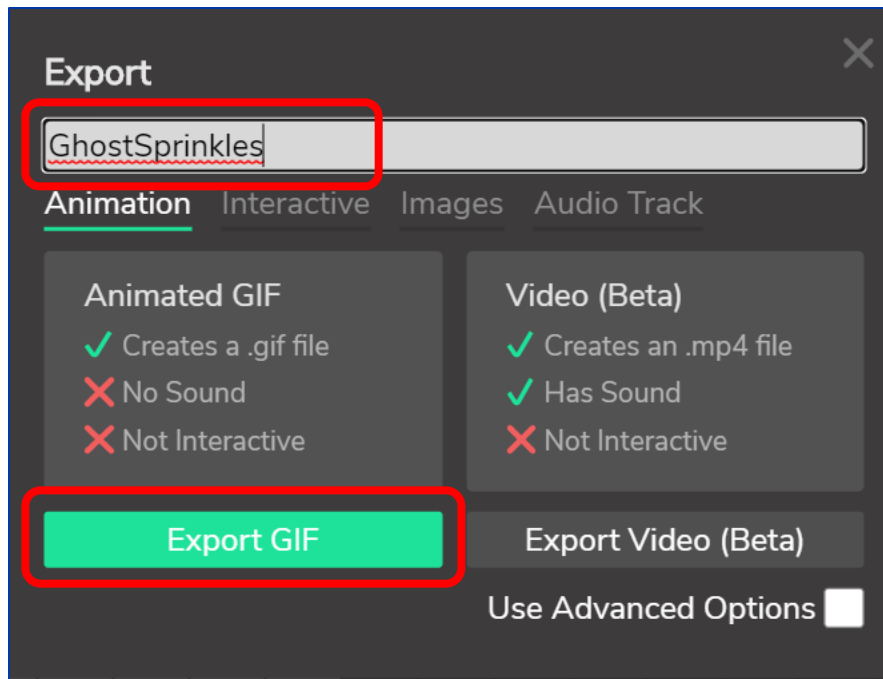
- What did you like about your pixel art experience?
- What did you learn?
- What do you think you'll next with this tool?

Share your GIF

You will be asked to share your GIF with the class. Here's how you can do it:

Click **export** (it's on the right side of the screen).

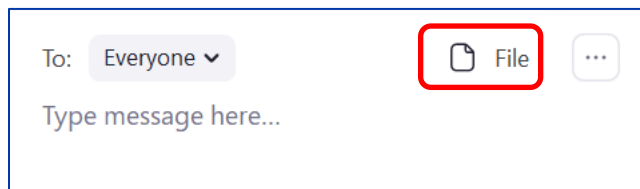
Give your GIF a name. Click **Export GIF**:



Your GIF will save to your Downloads folder.

Share it in the chat on Zoom:

Click on **File**:



Click **Your Computer**.

Find your GIF and click **Open**.

You GIF will be sent!

You can email also your GIF to us. Please send it to youth@westvanlibrary.ca

Can't connect using the Zoom link?

If you have problems connecting to the class in Zoom, please contact LibraryConnect at 604.925.7400 or <https://westvanlibrary.ca/visit/services/need-help-ask-us>