

SCRATCH FACILITATOR GUIDE

Animate Your Name

This guide offers ideas for leading a one-hour workshop using Scratch. Participants will gain experience with coding as they animate their names.

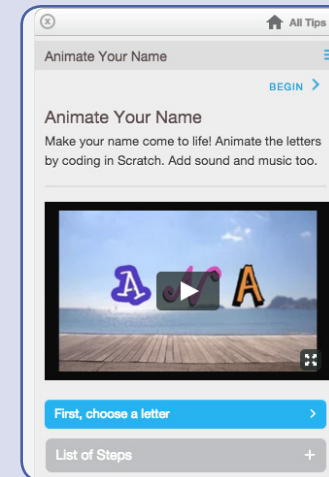


This guide is designed for use with this tutorial:

scratch.mit.edu/name

Preparing for the workshop

Try the tutorial



scratch.mit.edu/name

Print the cards



scratch.mit.edu/name/cards

Make sure participants have Scratch accounts

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Join Scratch

It's easy (and free!) to sign up for a Scratch account.

Choose a Scratch Username

Choose a Password

Confirm Password

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Set up a projector or large monitor (if available)

Workshop plan



IMAGINE
5 minutes

Start as a group, introducing the project theme.



CREATE
35+ minutes

Support participants as they create projects, working at their own pace.




SHARE
10 minutes

Gather together to share and reflect at the end of the session.


Sample projects

Animate a Name Studio (207 Followers)


Projects (100+) Comments (432) Curators Activity




DAWSON
Animate a Name - Daw...
by DCBrannan



I LOVE
Animated Word!
by apatel_22



ALBERTO
02 Anima tu nombre
by Narutaki2000



MBI
My Animated Name :D !!!
by sb34228

scratch.mit.edu/studios/432299



Imagine

Introduce the idea to the group and get them brainstorming.

Inspire

Show the intro video from the *Animate Your Name* tutorial for ideas and inspiration.



scratch.mit.edu/name or view at vimeo.com/llk/name

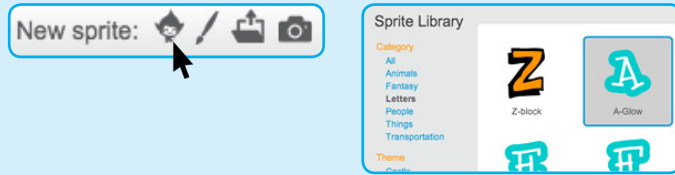
Warm-up: Introductions

Gather the group in a circle. Ask each participant to say their name, what their favorite animal is, and one word that describes that animal.

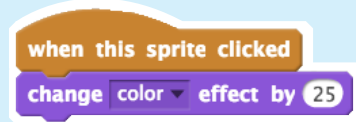


Demonstrate how to get started

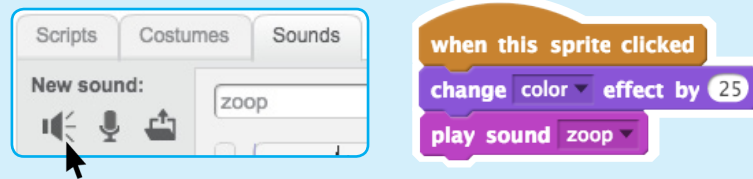
In Scratch, click Create.
Choose a letter from the Sprite Library:



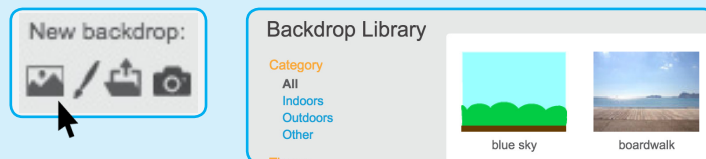
Make it do something:



Add a sound:



Choose a new backdrop:



Create

Support participants as they create interactive name projects.

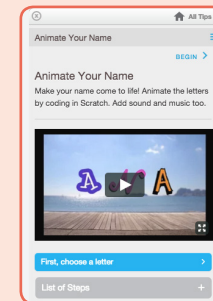
Prompts for getting started

What letters and colors do you want to use to introduce yourself?

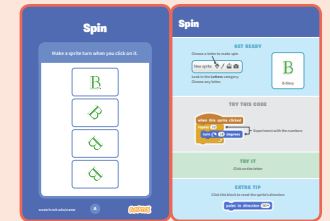
How will you show your style?

Provide resources

Offer options for getting started



Some may want to go step-by-step through the tutorial.



Others may want to explore using the activity cards.

Ideas for starting

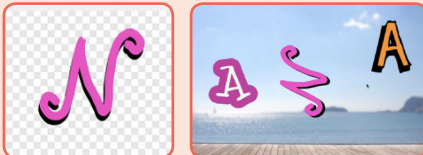
- Choose a letter
- Add a sound
- Make it change color
- Add a backdrop



Customize and personalize!

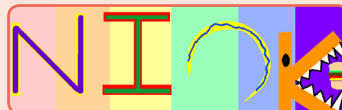
- Draw a letter
- Make it spin
- Make it glide
- Change size

Add more letters and motion!



Support collaboration

- When someone gets stuck, connect them to another participant who can help.
- See a cool idea? Ask the creator to share with others.



Encourage experimenting

Help participants feel comfortable trying different combinations of blocks and seeing what happens.

To understand their thought process, you can ask questions:

What are you working on now?

What are you thinking of trying next?



Share

Have participants share their project with their neighbors.

Ask questions they can discuss:

What do you like best about the project you made?

What was the hardest part?

If you had more time, what would you add or change?

Variations



Other Names

Animate the name of a favorite character from a book or movie. Or, animate the letters of the name of your school or town.



Start with an Image

Have participants bring in a picture (or find a picture on the web) and animate a word that goes with the picture.



Acrostics

Make an interactive acrostic (a poem in which the first letters of each line spell out a word reading down).