

# Creating GIFs with Transparent Backgrounds

Nicole McCoy  
[ndmccoy@sdlancaster.org](mailto:ndmccoy@sdlancaster.org)



# Why DIY GIFs?

- Able to provide adaptations/modifications
  - A lot of GIFs are geared towards students without disabilities
- Like my students seeing me as the model
- Quicker than having to film a move for an allotted amount of time
- A transparent background allows for versatility in how you use them



# GIF Examples



Standing

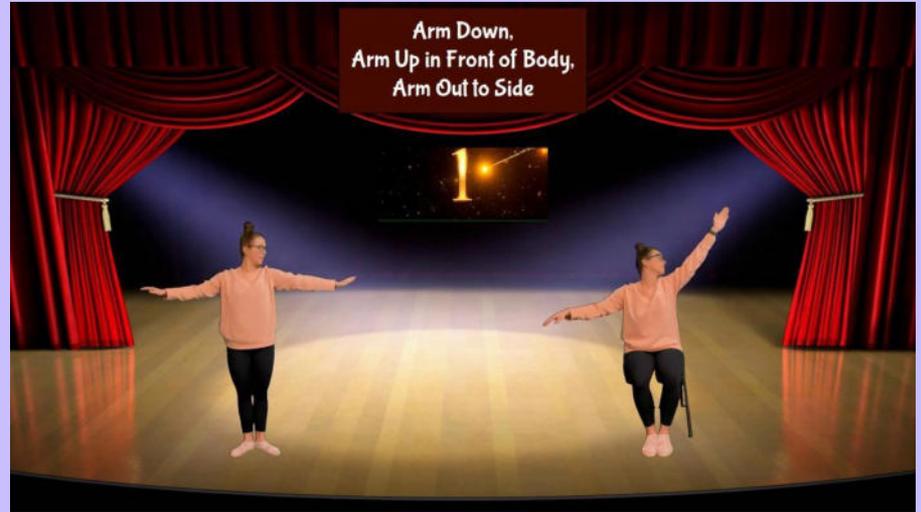


Seated

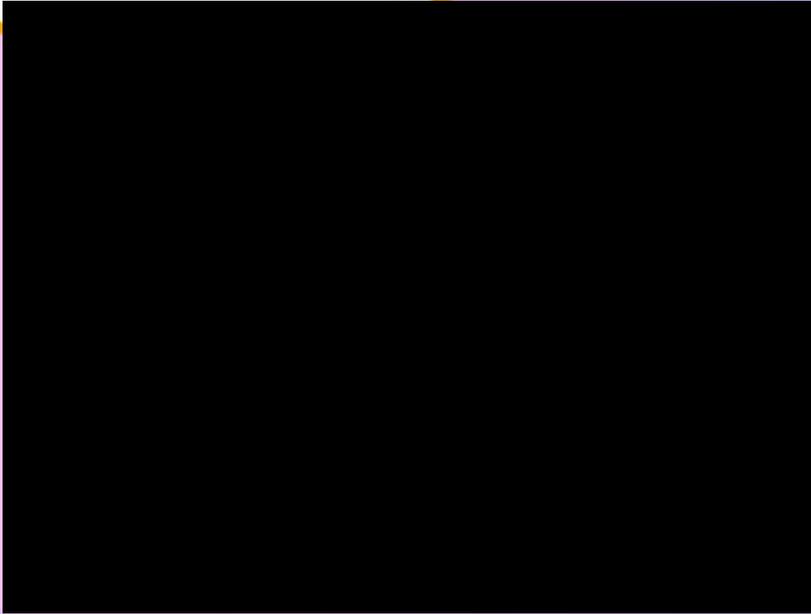


With Assistance

# How I've Used GIFs



Created Full Workout Videos



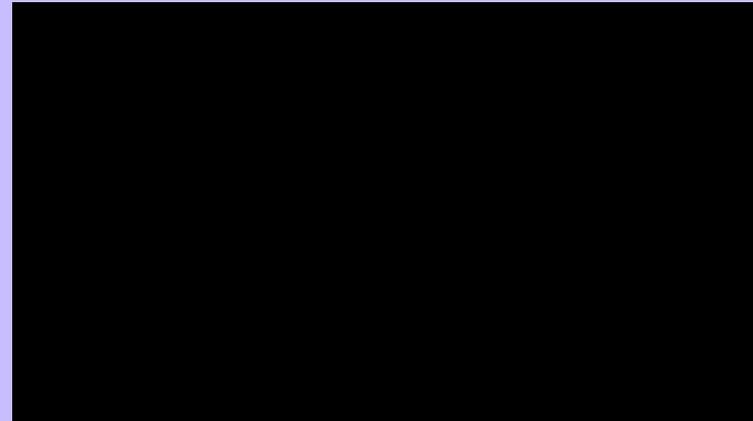
Used for Virtual Multiple  
Disability Classes



Used for Virtual Autistic  
Support/Life Skills Classes

# Getting Started

- [www.unscreen.com](http://www.unscreen.com) account
  - Hit Login/Sign Up
  - Bypass the upload limit/day
  - Free option, but different plans available



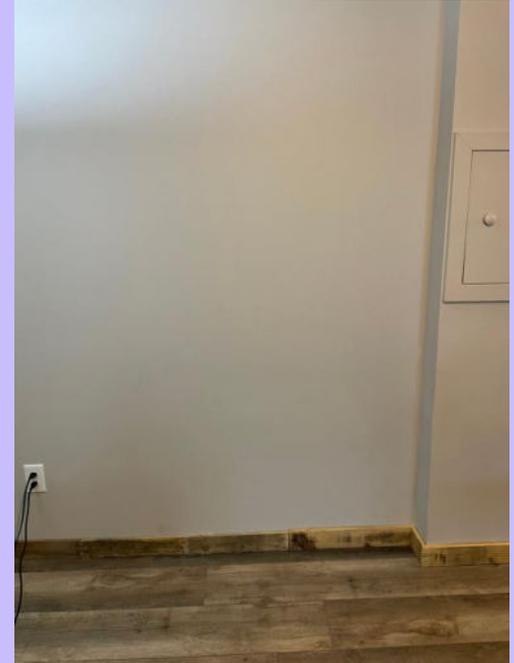
# Getting Started

- You will need something to film with (I typically use my iPhone)
  - Demonstrate the process straight from an apple device
- A green screen/blank wall space
- Suggest creating a GIF folder on Google Drive



# Step 1: Film Yourself

- If using the free version, limited to 5 second clips
- Good lighting (this can factor into how grainy the GIF looks)
- Make sure you fit in the camera view



## Step 2: Edit & Upload Your Clips

- Best 5 seconds, seamless
- Crop out excess space
- If uploading from your phone/iPad, change display settings so phone doesn't sleep and disrupt upload



## Step 3: Start Creating!

- Once you've uploaded your GIFs onto the Drive you can start creating!
- I always start in Google Slides
- Export into PowerPoint if needed
  - PPT has a lot of features I've learned about and some I prefer over Google Slides
  - From PPT you can export as a video



- Share
- Open
- Input address
- Make a copy
- Email
- Download
- Share with others offline
- Version history
- Recent
- Move
- Add shortcut to Drive
- Move to trash
- Publish to the web
- Document details
- Language
- Page setup
- Print settings and preview
- Print



# Contact Me!



[ndmccoy@sd lancaster.org](mailto:ndmccoy@sd lancaster.org)

Twitter @NMCCoy\_APE