



## How to Have an Outdoor Movie activity sheet

**'I think cinema, movies and magic have always been very closely associated. The very earliest people who made film were magicians.'** - Francis Ford Coppola.

Who doesn't love a movie night? There's just something about the combination of snacks, loved ones and cozy PJs that really make this one the perfect night spent indoors.

Why not shake things up and get the kids excited by moving your screening outdoors and taking in a film as a family under the stars?

Follow the steps below to create your very own outdoor movie night:

### Step 1:

Lay down a rug or sheet (it's a good idea to lay down a mat first, or even a bin liner, to stop any dampness coming through). Then set up your beanbags, cushions and pillows. If you're going to take in a movie in the great outdoors (aka. your backyard or on a balcony), then you're going to need to be comfy... And while you're at it, grab a few blankets and a selection of stuffed toys to join the movie night!

### Step 2:

Set up a bed sheet for your projector screen. This can be hung off a rope between two posts, or trees (as we did in our How to Video) and fixed with washing line pegs. We kept ours still on the ground with some small hand weights, but bags of sugar or flour, or anything heavy that you can find around would help keep it straight and still. Even better still, if you have access to a large blank outdoor wall, this can also be used... Especially if wind is an issue on your chosen night!

### Step 3:

Share popcorn and snacks. This might be the most important step of all, because what is a movie night without a selection of movie night treats to enjoy as you take in the film?

### Step 4:

No, REALLY, share the popcorn. No one likes a snack hoarder, after all! Our family in the video had a great time trying to throw and catch the popcorn. Lots of mess, but lots of fun.



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**Step 5:**

Snuggle up and enjoy. Your outdoor cinema is ready for its very first screening! Now all you need to do is agree on a movie, get your favourite PJs on and enjoy.

PS. To take your movie night to the next level, jazz up your set up with some fairy lights to really make it special. Dig out the old Christmas tree lights and string up around your screen for a little extra wow factor.

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