iMovie is an intuitive, clever, and incredibly productive software that will enable you to create a short documentary in no time. Getting started in iMovie is easy. Before long you’ll be adding and cutting footage, tweaking fades and sharing your film with the whole school. This tutorial will take a look at setting up a basic project.

1. Getting started

On your iPad open the iMovie app. From the home page of iMovie (tap the Projects button if you’re not there):
- tap the Plus icon +
- select movie in the pop-up field
- choose a theme
- select create movie (top right-hand side)

2. Accessing content

After choosing the theme, you’ll see an empty interface with no videos or images in the timeline at the bottom of the screen. To add your first video clip, tap the Media Library button when the iPad is in portrait. If the screen is in landscape, you’ll see a scrollable list of videos in the Media Library window in the upper right corner.
3. Previewing video clips

iMovie will automatically display the most recently filmed video content. Scroll up or down to go through the list. You can preview a clip before putting it into your timeline by tapping the small Play button that appears when you touch a clip.

4. Adding a video clip

Once you’ve chosen your first clip, tap the Import icon that appears when you tap a video clip to add it to the timeline in your project.

3. Adding photos and audio

You can also use the Media Library button to add photos and audio. The Photos button will display every image stored both on your device and within Photo Stream. The Audio button enables you to import sound effects and music stored in the Music app.
6. Cutting clips

To cut a clip into two. Stop the video at the moment where you would like to make a cut. Select the clip (it will be framed in yellow). Swipe down with your finger on the white center line.

7. Adding transitions

Tap on the square icon (located between two separate clips) to reveal options available for transitioning between two clips.
8. Recording video and audio

To record a video on the spot, tap the Camera button. The Camera app will automatically open, enabling you to capture video or snap a shot. You can also tap the Microphone button to record any sound through your mic.

9. Settings

By tapping the Settings button, you can change the theme, loop background music, fade in from black and fade out to black.

10. Adding text

To add captions, titles or any kind of text, first tap on the clip that you would like to add text to so it highlights yellow. Tap the Title button to choose from a selection of different styles for your text and tap on the text on the screen to personalize the content.

Notes:
- The title will be added to the entire clip. Cut the clip where you would like the title to end.
- The selection of styles available depends on the selected theme.