

05 FOR LITTLE FILM FANS

Cinema

Getting started, step by step

Movie night becomes a real night out: a ticket for every seat, an usher at the door, popcorn at the snack bar and a curtain that opens on the TV. Here is how to set up the cinema, and how the first show goes.

Difficulty 2/5 · Easy

Ready in about 10 minutes



What you need



A computer, laptop or tablet **NEEDED**

With an up-to-date browser (Chrome, Edge, Safari or Firefox) and internet. Nothing to download or install.



Something to scan with **NEEDED**

Best with a USB hand scanner that works as a keyboard; a 2D model also reads QR codes. Or scan with the camera or a spare phone, or type the numbers under the barcode.



A printer **NEEDED**

For the tickets, the seat and station signs, the snack menu and a poster for the door.



A label printer **EXTRA FUN**

A thermal printer for 100 × 150 mm labels turns them into real stickers. An ordinary printer works too.



Your email address **NEEDED**

For your free account. There is no password: you log in with a link or a code from the email.



Seats, a TV and snacks **NEEDED**

Cushions, the sofa and a few chairs as the rows of the hall, a table as the box office, a film for the TV, and popcorn and drinks for the snack bar.

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Setting up

Do this once, together with your child. After that, they can carry on by themselves.

1 Make a free account

Go to **beeptown.app** and tap **Try for free**. Enter your email address. You get an email with a link and a 6-digit code: click the link or type the code.

2 Open Cinema

Choose Cinema among your play worlds. On an iPad, tap **Share** in Safari, then **Add to Home Screen**: the play world then opens like a real app, full screen. Log in there with the code.

3 Connect the scanner

Plug the scanner into a USB port or pair it over Bluetooth. **Settings** → **Test your scanner** shows whether it works. No scanner? Tap **Camera** at the bottom, or **Phone** to make a phone the scanner.

4 Make it yours

Open **Settings** (the sliders, top right). Give the cinema a name and choose the ticket prices. In **The hall**, make the hall like your living room: the cushions are row A, the sofa row B, chairs row C.

5 A cinema card for everyone

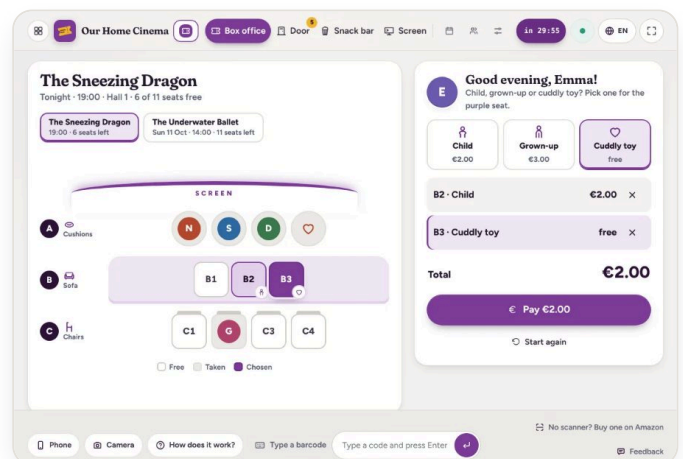
In **Guests**, make a cinema card for each child (and a teddy), with a photo if you like. **Print all cards** puts eight on a sheet. A library card or any other barcode works too.

6 Print the starter pack

In **Settings**: a sign for each station, a sign for every seat and the snack menu, all in one go. Print at actual size (100%). With a label printer, every ticket becomes a real sticker.

7 Set up the cinema

Put a seat sign on every cushion and chair. The TV is the screen, a table by the door the box office, the kitchen counter the snack bar. Scan a station sign and the app becomes that station.



The hall: every cushion and chair has a number of its own.

The first game

Who does what? One child sells tickets at the box office, another is the usher at the door and serves at the snack bar; the others (and their cuddly toys) are the guests. Every station runs on one device: carry it along.

1 Tonight's show

In **Programme**, tap **New show**: a title, a time and a picture. The app makes a poster for the door: print it and put it up.

2 Tickets, please!

At the **Box office**, scan your cinema card and tap a free seat. Child, grown-up or cuddly toy? Pay with play money or the card, and print the ticket.

3 Welcome at the door

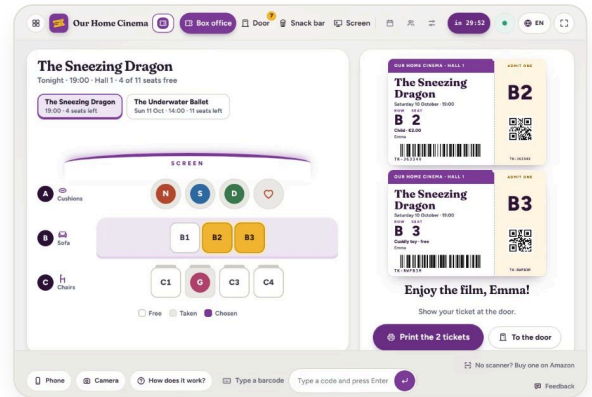
At the **Door**, the usher scans every ticket: "Welcome! Row B, seat 2." Scan the seat sign too: is everyone in the right seat?

4 Popcorn at the snack bar

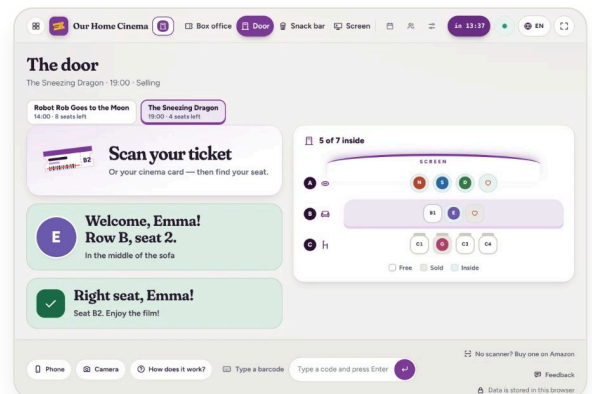
At the **Snack bar**, tap a snack or scan it on the printed menu. Popcorn with a drink is a combo, and a little cheaper.

5 Lights down!

Put the **Screen** on the TV: it counts down, then the curtain opens with your cinema's name and the film can start. Afterwards: **Roll the credits**.



Two tickets: B2 for Emma, and B3 for teddy, for free.



At the door: the usher shows everyone to their seat.



Lights down: the curtain opens on the TV.

Real screenshots, with example data.



Tap **How does it work?** at the bottom of the screen together: a short tour shows everything, on the real screen.

Ideas for playing



Theatre night

No film tonight? Make a

Theatre night with their own acts. Scan an act card and the screen announces who is on.



The whole crew

Add tonight's helpers to the show: they get **Staff badges**, and their names roll in the credits.



A new snack

Scan the barcode of a real bag of crisps at the snack bar: it joins the menu, with a price of its own.

Something not working?

The scanner does nothing

First tap or click once in the app's window: the scanner types wherever the cursor is. **Settings** → **Test your scanner** shows what arrives, and whether the scanner sends an Enter after each code.

Odd characters or numbers

Set the scanner to the same keyboard layout as your computer. Its manual explains how, usually with a barcode to scan.

The camera won't start

Allow the browser to use the camera, and close other apps that use it. Hold the code still inside the frame, in good light. Typing always works: the numbers are under every barcode.

No email?

After a few minutes, look in your spam folder. A link and a code work once, for 15 minutes; otherwise ask for a new one.

Good to know

Try it free, pay once

With a free account you play with 1 guest and 3 tickets; the door, the snack bar and the screen always work. Want more? This play world costs €17.99. You pay once: no subscription, no ads.

Everything stays at home

Names, photos and everything your children play stay in the browser on this device: we never receive them. A backup (**Settings** → **Export backup**) also moves everything to another device.

Playing safely

Hand scanners use laser or LED light: never point one at anyone's eyes. Play together, especially with young children.

Need help?

In the app, **How does it work?** shows everything again. A question, an idea, or something not working? Email **hello@beeptown.app** or use the form on beeptown.app. We read every message ourselves.



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