Make your own character: guide preview

The kit's guide is for people who don't write code. You make one picture and a few short videos of your character in the Gemini app, then one command turns the videos into the frames the page uses. This page is the first two steps. The prompt is also in `character-prompt.txt`, for copying.

1. Pick your page colour

Your character stands on one plain colour, and the page uses that same colour, so there is no box around the character. Pick one bold colour and write down its hex code, for example `#3351EB` (cobalt, the demo), `#FF4A1C` (tomato) or `#0F9D58` (green). Avoid a colour close to the character's skin, hair or clothes.

2. Make the character picture

Start a new chat in Gemini and paste this. Change the parts in [brackets]. Make a cartoon of a fictional person or a cartoon version of yourself, not a known film character or a real person you have no right to use.

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3D animated film character in a modern Pixar-like style, high-quality stylized render, not
photoreal. A cute fictional [young woman / man / person], head and shoulders, centered, facing
the camera straight on, gentle closed-mouth smile, eyes looking straight at the camera. [Hair:
curly high bun]. [Accessories: small gold hoop earrings]. [Clothes: chunky sage-green knit
sweater]. Solid flat background, exact colour [#3351EB], completely plain, no gradient, no shadow
on the background, no props, no text, no sparkles. Soft studio light from the front. The
character fills about 75% of the image height, shoulders cut off by the bottom edge, plenty of
empty background on both sides. 16:9 landscape.
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Make a few and keep the one you like. Before you go on, check that:

- the background is one flat colour, with no gradient and no glow,
- the face looks straight at you and the body is square to the camera,
- the head is in the middle, with empty background left and right of it,
- the hair is not the same colour as the background, and the character is not holding anything.

Gemini gives a different picture each time, so expect a few tries. It marks the images it makes; keep the mark.

In the full kit

- 3. Five video prompts (the ones behind the demo clips) and how to make each video from your picture.
- 4. How to pick good takes, and 5. watermarks.
- 6. The frame builder: one command turns your videos into frames, plus check pictures to spot bad frames.
- The CV page itself, with a 305-frame demo character and one file for your text and colours.

> Videos from a picture need a Gemini plan that includes video. Which plans do, and how many videos you get, depends on your plan and country, and Google changes it. Check yours first.