



Fool 101: Recipe for a Clowning/Physical Comedy* Film

Preparation Time: 8 hours; Duration: 2 minutes including credits

In any genre, combine human, children, pets, or animated objects with clowning ingredients of your liking in a scenario of your choice paying special attention to being, revealing, and reacting with comic timing.

Submit to Play the Fool International Short Film Festival through [FilmFreeway](#).

These are only a list of suggested ingredients. Feel free to come up with your own and improvise. Further Google or YouTube searches on any of these characters or terms will bring up more approaches and behaviours. Customize recipe to taste.

INGREDIENTS: Clown As ...

Metaphor

Ex. [Borat](#)

- Stands for uncomfortable truth
- Expresses the unutterable
- Innocent though guilty
- Instigator of emotions and misunderstanding

Alter Ego

Ex. [Mork & Mindy](#)

- Mirrors your idiosyncrasies
- Stands apart
- Talks gibberish
- Miracle worker

Philosopher

Ex. [Philosopher Clown](#)

- Truthsayer
- Troublemaker, Psycho
- Naive
- Irrational, Inverse, Grotesque
- Masochist

Provocateur

Ex. [Steve-O](#) [Klinger in M.A.S.H](#)

- Cuts tension with a fork
- Dresses for reaction
- Always in the moment
- Always out of time
- Pushes boundaries like walls in a bouncy castle

Hero

Ex. [Top 10 Eddy Murphy Performances](#)
[Johnny English Reborn](#)

- Speaks with no filters
- Resilient without pretension
- Innocently effortless
- Hopelessly optimistic
- Oblivious to a fault
- Treads precariously

Political Commentator

Ex. [Spitting Image](#)

- Editorial cartoonist
- Uncensored
- Satirist
- Black humor
- Provocateur

Non-verbal Expressionist

Ex. [Harold Lloyd 'Safety Last'](#),
[Cirque du Soleil - Best of Clowning](#)

- Acrobat
- Dancer
- Burlesque
- Mime
- Musician
- Magician
- Puppeteer
- Animator

***Fool - Clown - Troubadour - Bouffon - Court Jester - Jongleur - Minstrel - Charlatan
Juggler - Magician - Snake Oil Salesman - Comic - Character Actor - Mime - Artist
Street Performer - Stand up Comedian - Satirist - Cartoon - Puppet - Mask - Acrobat
Mascot - Jack in the Box - Cosplay - Drag - Burlesque - Super Hero - Dance - Slapstick - Storyteller**