



## Tips For Recording Yourself At Home

### Find A Quiet Location:

Avoid busy public areas and instead find a comfortable spot at home or in a quiet area. Busy backgrounds can be distracting for viewers, and outside noises can get picked up easily on your microphone.

### Look For Good lighting:

Finding a source of light is key to making your videos look higher quality. Avoid placing yourself in front of, and having the camera directly face, a window or bright source of light. Try flipping it around and make sure the window or light source is in front of you, illuminating your face, while the camera is pointed at you. Stay away from dim rooms or find a table lamp that you can use as your main source of light and place it directly in front of you. Another helpful tip is to avoid sitting directly below overhead lighting, as it can cast strange shadows on your face.

### Check Your Audio:

If you're recording with a webcam or built-in camera microphone, it's important to avoid areas where you might encounter background noise, loud A/C, wind, etc. The best way to ensure higher quality audio is to use an external microphone. This can be in a headset with an attached microphone or a microphone that can be plugged into your computer. An example for an affordable option can be found online [here](#).

### Set Up Your Shot:

Framing your shot nicely helps keep the attention of your viewers on you, and makes the overall video look clean and well presented. Keep an eye out for the spaces around your head to make sure you're not giving yourself too much or too little headroom. Make sure there's nothing behind you in the background that can be distracting, for example, a poorly placed plant can make it look like you have leaves sticking out of your ears.

### Test Your Equipment:

When you're ready to press record, a good idea is to do a quick test run and make sure everything is working properly. Record a quick, one-minute test video and make sure to play it back. Does your audio come through? Does the shot look clean, clear and focused? It's often easier to notice small details after you've finished recording your video, so this practice can help you catch anything that might be amiss.

