

TIPS FOR FILMMAKING AT HOME!



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LIGHTS!

Don't have a professional lighting set-up at home? No problem! Open those curtains and blinds and get as much daylight into your room as possible. You can even make your own reflectors out of tinfoil to bounce more light onto your actors. Even a large sheet of white paper will help – if you have enough help, get them held at different angles to really bring a glow to your actors' faces!

And for other scenes, you can use lamps or torches to create dramatic lighting effects at home. Remember, lights can get hot so be careful, and use LED lights if you have the option.

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CAMERA!

No tripod at home? You can keep steady by leaning against doorways, walls – whatever you have available.

You can also create professional smooth tracking shots by using wheelie chairs or pushchairs – whatever you have with wheels that can be carefully moved around the house. Always remember to be extra careful when you're doing this – keep well away from staircases when filming tracking shots (smooth moving shots) – and make sure the floor is clear of objects: tidy away wires and cables before starting!

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ACTION!

Make your films a little extra special by finding great costumes and props around the house – speak to your parent/guardian and see if they can help you find eye-catching **and unique** costumes for your actors and props for them to use. Dig deep in cupboards, maybe you can find things that will give your film a special unique feel!

Remember – you can find more resources on **lighting** and **camera** and everything to help with filmmaking on the Into Film website – and remember to follow these three rules when filmmaking at home:

1. Safety to people
2. Safety to equipment
3. Make a great film!



You'll need to plan and prepare to make the best film – so here is a collection of apps to use and sites for downloading copyright free music and sound effects!

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Free Apps to help you get the most out of your home-filmmaking adventures

- **iMovie** – a great editing app for use on iPhones and all Apple devices
- **Kine Master** – one of the best free editing apps available for android devices
- **GarageBand** – Making your own soundtrack is easy with GarageBand, which is free and works on all Apple devices
- **Music Maker Jam** – a great soundtrack app which is available for both Apple devices and android/PCs
- **Da Vinci Resolve** – this is a free app for the very advanced filmmakers – it gives you professional colour grading tools (please note: this app is best for laptop computers and can be downloaded for Apple computers and PCs)

Remember – it's important to use music which is not copyrighted in your film – and your film can be much stronger with great sound effects added. If you can't make your own music or record your own sound effects then here are some places you'll be able to find everything you need for your film!

- **Bensound** – All the music here is copyright free, and is organised under genres so it's easy to find just what you're looking for
- **Incompetech** – Just like Bensound, this is another copyright free music site that arranges everything by genre
- **YouTube Audio Library** – This is a collection of copyright free music and sound effects, all free for filmmakers to use
- **Freesound** – This site features a huge collection of recordings – need a creaky door for your film, or a distant train whistle? This site has everything you could want