How to film a great video podcast on your phone

Tick each box as you go. Full guide: shafintaosifstudio.com/guides/film-podcast-videos-on-your-phone/

Project _____ Date _____ Filmed by _____

What you need A phone per speaker · Phone stands · A quiet room

01 Start with the questions your listeners ask

VIDEOS TO FILM

- [ ] Where do I start?
- [ ] What's the biggest mistake people make?
- [ ] How did you do it?
- [ ] What's changing right now?
- [ ] Full episode: For YouTube and your website.
- [ ] Clips: One idea each, filmed for vertical.
- [ ] Trailer: A short teaser for every episode.

02 Set up the phones properly

- [ ] Use one phone per person, each pointed at one speaker, plus a wide shot if you have a spare. Film horizontally with space around each speaker; we crop the vertical clips from it.
- [ ] Use the main (back) cameras, not the selfie cameras. They are sharper and handle light better.
- [ ] Put each phone on a stand at eye level, just to the side of the other person, so speakers look natural talking to each other.
- [ ] Plug the phones in and free up storage before you start. Long recordings fill a phone fast.
- [ ] Clap once where every phone can see and hear it before you start, so we can line up every camera and microphone.
- [ ] Lock focus and exposure by pressing and holding on the speaker's face before you record.

03 Use the light you already have

- Seat each person facing soft light: a window or a lamp in front of them, slightly to one side.
- Keep the light similar for every speaker, so the cameras match.
- Record at a time of day when the light won't change much over an hour, or close the curtains and use lamps, so the start and the end of the episode look the same.

04 Get clear sound in an ordinary room

- [ ] Small, furnished room
- [ ] Fans and air conditioning off
- [ ] Each phone close to its speaker
- [ ] Notifications silenced on every phone
- [ ] One clap at the start to sync

Optional upgrade Two clip-on microphones are the best first upgrade for a podcast. Separate voices make the conversation far cleaner to edit. They are optional, not required.

05 Talk to each other, not the camera

DO

- [ ] Look at each other
- [ ] Let answers breathe
- [ ] Ask follow-up questions
- [ ] Restart an answer if you stumble

AVOID

- Talk over each other
- Check the phones mid-episode
- Tap the table or rustle notes
- Worry about the length

06 Agree the details with your guest

- [ ] Guest release: Written OK for the episode and the clips.
- [ ] Topics: Anything off limits agreed in advance.
- [ ] Screens: Laptops and phones out of shot.
- [ ] Private details: Names and numbers bleeped or cut.

07 Send the clips and let the edit do the heavy lifting

- Upload the original files from your phone to Google Drive, Dropbox or WeTransfer rather than sending them by messaging apps, which compress the video.
- In the edit we line up every phone and microphone, cut between speakers as they talk, clean up the sound, and deliver the full episode with captioned clips for social media.
- If you'd like help setting up your first episodes, book a call.
- We'll plan the setup with you, then handle every edit.

Filmed everything? Send it to us.
Upload the original files to Google Drive, Dropbox or WeTransfer, then share the link. We edit it into a finished video, with unlimited revisions.

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