

How to Shoot a Testimonial Video with Just Your Mobile Phone

A simple step-by-step
guide for beginners





Find the Right Spot

Background

- **Best choice: a plain wall or black curtain.**
 - **If not possible: just make sure the background is simple, tidy, and not distracting.**
 - **Stand or sit at least 6 feet away from the wall so no shadows fall behind you.**
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Quiet Space

- **Close windows, turn off fans, TV, or anything that makes noise.**
- **Put your phone on Airplane Mode or Do Not Disturb to avoid calls or notifications.**

Set Up Your Phone

- **Place the phone on a tripod if you have one.**
- **If not, balance it on books, a table, or any steady surface.**
- **Keep the phone at eye level so it looks natural.**
- **Use horizontal (landscape) mode unless you're told to use vertical for social media.**
- **Use "Cinematic" or "Portrait Video" Mode if you have on your device.**
- **Use the rear camera for best results (Get someone to assist if possible)**

➤ Get the Best Light

Daylight is your best friend.

- Face a window so the light shines on your face (not from behind you).
- If the light is too strong, close the curtain slightly to soften it.

At night or no window?

- Use two house lamps.
- Place one in front of you (slightly to the side) and another on the opposite side if you can.

➤ Make Sure You Sound Clear

If you have a small clip-on microphone, use it. If not:

- Sit close to your phone (2–3 feet away).
- Make sure the room is quiet.

Do a quick test recording to check how your voice sounds.



Recording Tips

- Look straight at the phone's camera lens.
- Sit in a relax and comfortable position
- Speak clearly and naturally, like you're talking to a friend.
- Start by Introducing yourself.
- Start recording, wait 5 seconds before speaking, and let the video run 5 seconds after you finish.
- Record at least two takes, so you have options.

Quick Checklist

Background plain (black or simple).

Quiet room, phone on airplane mode.

Phone steady, at eye level, in landscape mode.

Face a window for light, or use lamps in front of you.

Speak clearly and naturally.

Do a short test before the main recording.