

Level Up

Your online music studio

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Disclaimer - these are my own
views and experiences.

I hope this inspires you to explore these
different options to suit your own needs
for your studio.

Intro



Laptop Stand \$15



Tablet / iPad Stand \$50

I know this one is a bit pricey but it is very stable so it can take different sizes of tablets or ipads - I would suggest an Amazon search for more options

Table

Any table you may have around the house will work

Level 1



Light

Any floor light you have around the home will work

Stand and Boom \$100

There is a wide price range on stands and booms if you do an Amazon search - you are looking for something stable.

The one thing you really need is the attachment in the circle, this is what connects to either a webcam or a phone holder.



option 1

Webcam

(too many choices to include as a link)

OR

any old phone you have around the home.



option 2

Phone Holder

If you are using a phone - you need a holder for it

Option 1 - \$20 - Plastic

Option 2 - \$40 - Aluminum

Cables

Cables to connect the phone to the laptop - this depends on the phone and your laptop

are from the Amazon.ca website - Prices quoted are from November 1, 2024

Level 2



Plugable Hub - \$80 USD

This is the hub I use.

Please note - any hub you get make sure it has the right connection to your computer - I have a Mac with USB-C

Make sure to get one that has enough ports if you want to expand your setup. It would be best if the hub was powered and not using the computer for the power.



Lights

Option 1 - Ring Light - \$45



Option 2 - Light - \$60 (per light)

Two would be perfect (if it is in the budget)

One on the left and one on the right.

Both at a 45 degree angle



Keyboard Light - \$19

Level 2



Microphones

Here are three possible types of microphones

Wired - USB

Blue Yeti Nano - \$130



Wired - Lav mic

Neewer Lav Mic - \$25 (pack of 2)



Wireless

Rode Wireless Go II - \$270

Please note this is only one option - and this is what I am using.
There are so many options and new ones coming out all the time



Bluetooth Speaker

Many brands and options

Level 3



Stand (with ball head for extra camera) - \$40

** Please note you will need another iphone holder from Level 1 to hold the camera on this stand
The ball head allows you to angle the camera a bit better.*

This is only one example - I included it since it can be set up to view keyboard or adjusted down to view the students feet.



Donnor Wireless Foot Pedal - \$65

There is a bit of a learning curve on using the pedal and where to place it - but worth the effort



Elgato Stream Deck - \$180

This is a 15 button switch - they also come in 6, 8 or 32 buttons
Will need to download software and extra plugins to work with software - works with many



** Most images included are from the Amazon.ca website - Prices quoted are from November 1, 2024*

Level 3 - Software



Camo

Works with Mac and PC

Free version - works well

Subscription - \$49 a year/ \$99 Lifetime - unlocks pro features



OBS

Works with PC and Mac (a bit quirky with Mac)

Free

Bit of a learning curve

Interfaces with Zoom

Uses virtual camera to give you access to all the cameras and inputs



Ecamm Live

Works only with Mac

Easy to work with and set up

A bit pricey - by subscription \$32 USD a month

Uses virtual camera to give you access to all your cameras and inputs



Stream Deck

You will need set up an account to download and setup the software for the Stream Deck to work with the software.

You will have to access their Marketplace to get any addition interface for different Apps that you may use.

Free

Apps - Mentioned



forscore

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