

Start Recording Without Wasting Money



A no-hype gear guide for new YouTubers who want better videos without wasting money.

This guide focuses on what actually matters when starting out.

Important: You do not need all of this gear to start. Prioritize audio first, stability second, and video quality last.

Starter Essentials (Start Here)

- Smartphone or any camera you already own
- DJI Osmo Mobile phone gimbal

DJI Osmo Mobile 8

- DJI Mic Mini or DJI Mic 2

Mic Mini

Mic 2

- Basic tripod
- Small LED light



This setup is designed to remove friction and help you start recording immediately.

Your phone is already capable of producing excellent video when paired with good audio and stable shots.

A gimbal smooths out movement, while a tripod allows you to focus on what you're saying instead of holding a camera.

Good lighting reduces grain and makes your footage look cleaner, even in average indoor spaces.

Tip: Most beginners quit because recording feels awkward or complicated. This setup minimizes technical decisions so you can focus on learning how to communicate clearly on camera.

Mid-Range Creator Gear

- **Sony ZV-E10 II or similar mirrorless camera**

[Sony ZV-E10 II](#)

- **DJI Mic 3 Wireless Microphone**

[DJI Mic 3](#)

- **Compact tripod or monopod**

- **LED panel**

[NEEWER GL1C RGB 15.5" Key Light](#)



Mid-range gear is for creators who want more control over their image.

Mirrorless cameras offer better low-light performance and sharper images.

Wireless microphones reduce echo and background noise in untreated rooms and help to isolate unwanted noises when shooting outdoors.

Tip: Do not upgrade to a better camera hoping it will fix low views. Upgrade when you understand framing, lighting, and storytelling.



Future-Proof Upgrades

- **Camera gimbal**

DJI RS 4 Mini

FeiyuTech SCORP Mini-3-Pro (Great Alternative)

- **Second camera (B-cam) Action Cam or Simple Drone**

DJI Osmo Action 6

DJI Neo 2

- **Softbox or studio lighting kit**

There are a lot of options if you need lighting. Research for your situation.

These upgrades improve consistency and efficiency. A second camera adds visual variety and improves viewer retention when used intentionally.

Tip: If you're not uploading consistently yet, pause here. Consistency matters more than production value.

Must-Have Accessories

- Extra batteries
- Fast SD cards (64GB+)
- Camera bag or hard case
- Windscreen / deadcat for microphones

Accessories prevent small problems from stopping you from recording. Dead batteries or bad audio are common reasons beginners abandon filming.

