

## **How to make a short film – quickly explained**

Source: <https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Short-Film>

**1 Get an idea.** Do you know a place that has its origins in Germany, Austria or Switzerland or has to do with a German-speaking historical person?

*Don't forget to register early, so you get the OneDrive Link on time!*

**2 Optional: Write a short script and draw a storyboard.** Short films should have a beginning, middle, and end. A ten-minute film will only be about 7-8 pages long.

A storyboard is a series of pictures that outline what will happen in each scene. These pictures don't need to be detailed or artistic, but clear enough so that you get a good idea of what each scene will look like and what will happen in it. Creating a storyboard before you start filming will also help you stay on task during the shoot and will save time from having to think of things on the fly.

**3 Scout for locations.** Find locations to match the script. Ask small businesses and shops if you can use their locations for a short film. If the film takes place indoors, you may be able to use your own apartment or house. If the shoot is happening outdoors, find a safe and legal place to film.

**4 Ask the person / the owner of the place you want to make a film about for permission of filming.** Some people may not want to be in front of the camera or do not want their building to appear on a film. Make sure you have all allowances you need for your short film.

**5 Recruit a crew.** Ask friends/ relatives/ people who are interested in filming to help you out. You may need people before (for example, an Interviewer, or a person guiding through the movie) and behind the camera (for example, to prepare the set). For short films in general, you could also look for actors, costumes and props or ask others to help you with this.

## **6 Shooting time!**

**6A Optional: Rehearse the scene.** Before actually filming, it might help you to go through the scene beforehand.

**6B Camera, set, action!** The storyboard that you created earlier will give you a shot list. When you work with actors in the future, work around actor's schedules and take advantage of days when your filming location is free for filming. If you have access to a certain location, try to film as many scenes as you can while you're there. This will save you time and prevent you from having to revisit shoot locations.

- You don't need to shoot the movie in chronological order. You can shoot whatever scenes are the easiest to do, then order them during post-production.
- Plan ahead for outdoor scenes, especially if you have specific weather in mind, such as a gloomy, rainy day or a bright, sunny afternoon.

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**7 Upload the film to movie editing software.**

Upload the video files into video editing software. Organise each of the scenes into bins or folders so that you have access to the video files quickly. This will help keep you organised while you work. Once the files are transferred and organised, you can start cutting them up and editing them.

Examples of video editing software includes: Avid, Final Cut Pro, and Windows Movie Maker.

Further Links:

<http://filmshortage.com/the-short-guide-to-making-an-awesome-short-part-1-scripting/>  
<http://lwlies.com/articles/a-guide-to-making-your-first-short-film/>  
<https://www.ifc.com/2011/09/five-tips-for-short-filmmakers>  
<https://www.nyfa.edu/student-resources/how-to-make-short-film/>  
<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Short-Film>  
<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Movie-As-a-Kid>  
<https://www.hercampus.com/school/utrgv/how-make-short-film-three-easy-steps>

In German:

<http://www.filmmachen.de/tipps-und-tricks/allgemeines/kurzfilme-drehen-10-tipps-fuer-den-eigenen-film>