

Ten Tips to make Standout Movies

1. Auto settings can be great for the inexperienced, but you will get a better result using manual control
2. Avoid using the zoom wherever possible
3. Use a tripod or find an object to brace against while holding the camera
4. Record sound for every shot, and preferable with a microphone that is held separately from the camera
5. Ensure the person speaking can be heard without straining your ears
6. When framing people shots be conscious of headroom
7. Remember that everything that happens, from acting to editing must have a reason
8. Understand the story you are telling and prepare a rough storyboard to help you decide the shots you need
9. It's hard to tell a story that is compelling without conflict
10. Always remember your audience. Who will see your finished film and what will they be looking for



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