

USEFUL FILMMAKING RESOURCES

Where To Start

LESSON BUCKET

Brett Lamb, a media educator from Melbourne, has put together one of the clearest but most comprehensive sites for students who want to make films – from finding ideas to designing a title sequence. Brett has a guide and great links for every category listed below. It's a one-stop-shop for the emerging filmmaker.

Visit [Lesson Bucket](#)

MEDIA LAB

The Australian Film Television Radio School (AFTRS) provides free media arts resources for primary and secondary teachers and students with Media Lab. The resources offer a practical introduction to documentary filmmaking, screenwriting, stop motion and more.

Visit [Media Lab](#)

As a starting point, it's also worthwhile checking out this [handy guide to filmmaking](#) and watch this video on [how to make a short film](#). The below list of resources cover every category of the filmmaking journey.

Writing A Script

- How to [Format a Screenplay](#) in less than 5 minutes
- How to lay out a script: [A guide to format an Oscars script](#)
- The [7 mistakes](#) rookie screenwriters make
- [Celtx](#): Production planning software used to create film, video and new media.

Production

- Most non-professional movies are now shot on phones. To get useful tips on how to shoot try to find sites for everyday filmmakers, [like this one](#).

Pre Production

- [A guide](#) to schedule and budget a film
- [Film It](#) has useful tools for planning a shoot
- [Storyboarder](#), a storyboard generator, is a quick and easy way to visualise a story

Post Production

- [Before you begin editing](#) - advice on both hardware and software
- The [13 Steps of Post Production](#)
- What not to do: [the 10 don't's](#) of recording sound for film

Free Sound Effects & Music

- Discover royalty-free music on [Incompetech](#)
- [Free Music Archive](#) is a useful resource for free and royalty free music

Finding An Audience

- Get advice on the [many ways](#) that you can find an audience for your film.

Establishing A Career

- Screen Australia has put together relevant information on [starting in the industry](#)

