

Essential Filmmaking Tools Checklist

This checklist helps filmmakers ensure they have all the essential tools before starting a project, covering both basic and advanced equipment.

Item	Description	Est. Cost	Packed/Ready
Camera	Basic DSLR or mirrorless camera for filmmaking	\$500 - \$2000	
Lens	Standard 50mm and wide-angle lenses	\$100 - \$1000	
Stabilizer	Tripod or handheld stabilizer for steady shots	\$50 - \$500	
Microphone	Shotgun mic or lavalier for clear audio	\$50 - \$300	
Headphones	Noise-canceling for audio monitoring	\$20 - \$150	
Sound Recorder	External recorder for high-quality audio	\$100 - \$400	
Basic Lighting Kit	3-point lighting kit or LED panels	\$150 - \$1000	
Editing Software	Premiere Pro, DaVinci Resolve, or iMovie	Free - \$20/mo	
Storyboard Template	Printable template or digital tool	Free - \$10	
Shot List	Organized shot list for each scene	Free - \$5	