My Best Microphone Recommendations for Online Teaching & Music Recording

Looking for a microphone to use at home for online lessons or classes? Looking to record lesson content or teaching demonstrations? Interested in podcasting or recording interviews? Interested in doing some live-from-home music recordings in your living room?

Here are my best microphone recommendations for all of these things, plus a few other tech-related equipment that may come in handy.

Microphone Recommendations

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UNDER \$50:

MAONO AU-902 Cardioid Condenser (\$49.99 on Amazon)

This is a great low-cost option to improve your sound when recording at home or teaching online lessons or classes.

Neewer Professional Microphone Pop Filter (\$8.99 on Amazon)

If you plan to use the microphone primarily for speaking and recording spoken voice, I recommend purchasing a <u>pop filter</u>. This will protect the mic from picking up plosive consonants like p, t, and k. (This is the one I have and use personally.)

UNDER \$50 (CONT'D):

Samson MK-10 Microphone Boom Stand (\$17.54 on Amazon)

I recommend purchasing a <u>microphone stand</u> if you want to position the microphone in different ways (this is especially useful when miking a piano). **Pro tip:** Make sure your microphone is compatible with the stand you buy so it will attach properly.

UNDER \$100:

<u>Blue Snowball USB Microphone (Brushed Aluminum)</u> (\$69.99 on Amazon)

A great all-around microphone for spoken voice (podcasting, interviewing, recording presentations) and music.

Blue Microphones Snowball iCE Black Microphone Bundle with Knox Gear Studio Boom Arm and Pop Filter (\$74.99 on Amazon)

This is a great option because it comes with a stand and pop filter — a great deal!

<u>Blue Yeti USB Microphone - Silver (Renewed)</u> *Pre-owned* (\$83.95 on Amazon)

This is the microphone I have and use for all my recording and teaching. From podcasting to recorded lessons to live teaching and demonstrations at the piano to stereo recordings in our living room. The sound quality is great and it comes with multiple settings so you can experiment with what sound you like the best.

A LITTLE OVER \$100:

Blue Microphones Yeti USB Microphone (Satin Red) with Knox Gear Pop Filter and 3.0 4 Port USB Hub Bundle (\$139.99 on Amazon)

This is a new Blue Yeti (the microphone I use for all my recording and teaching) that comes with a pop filter, which is great for speaking and recording spoken voice.

Blue Microphones Yeti Slate USB Microphone Bundle with Knox Studio Stand, Studio Headphones and Pop Filter (4 Items) (\$139.99 on Amazon)

This is a great deal on a complete recording setup: the Blue Yeti microphone (my personal favorite!) + a microphone stand, pop filter, and studio headphones.