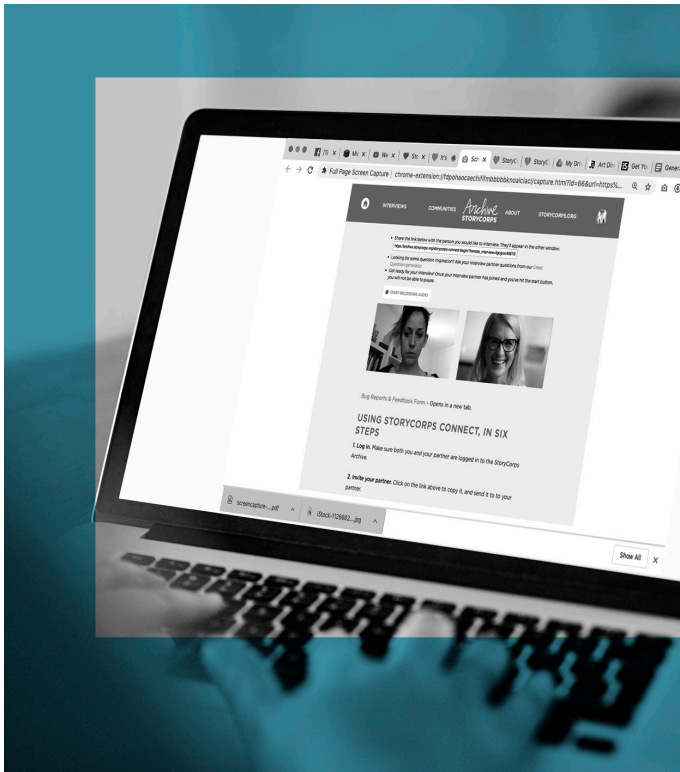


## How to Create Your Own **STORYCORPS** Studio

Here are some ways to thoughtfully choose and prepare a room to improve the sound quality of your recording.



### Use rooms that have:

- Carpeted floors
- Drop ceilings
- Closed windows and drapes
- Irregular shapes
- Full bookcases

### Avoid using rooms that are large and have:

- Uncovered or tiled floors
- High ceilings
- Square shapes
- Bare walls
- Big windows without curtains
- Noisy appliances or audible background noise

### While recording on the StoryCorps App or StoryCorps Connect:

**If you are recording on a phone or a tablet**, for best quality, make sure your device's microphone is always pointed toward the person speaking and 6-10 inches from their mouth. Hold the device in a way that is comfortable and that you won't have to adjust too many times.

**If you are recording on a laptop**, position yourself as close to the laptop as is comfortable for you. Your partner will be better able to see you, and your voice will be clear.

### How to “sound-treat” a space:



Put down a thick rug



Cover 1/2 of the walls with heavy blankets



Shut all the windows and close all drapes



Find comfortable chairs that lock in a fixed position