



# HAPPY HOME ALONE WORKBOOK

**CAMERA ANGLES**

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## Setting up your tech

Not everyone is a techie and not to worry! You don't have to be. Most of the time, all you really need is a webcam-enabled device OR a stand-alone camera, plus a smartphone that allows you to access the video feed. Sounds simple.

Whether you are using a stand-alone camera (like WYZEcam for example), or another mobile device, you will need to do a little trial and error to find the sweet spot where you have the best view.

Step 1: Power is key - make sure that your device has power and the energy settings are adjusted so that it does not turn off after X number of minutes or hours.

Step 2: Angle - finding the right angle takes a little work, but test out a few different spots. Ideally you can see your dog's whole body that also allows you to see their face and expression. If your dog leaves the room where you have your "eyes" set up, you may need a secondary camera in the area where they tend to go.

Step 3: Sound - this is a biggie! You'll want to test the sound out from both sides. You want to be able to hear any sounds your dog may be making when you check in on them, but you certainly don't want them hearing you! Be sure to mute yourself, but not them.

Step 4: Are you certain your dog isn't going to knock the device over, chew the cord, or otherwise block access? There are some great tools out there that allow you to adjust the angle of a smartphone or tablet. If you search for "rotating iPad stand" (or whichever tool you have) you will find plenty that allow you to place it out of reach and aim it downward.



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- Great view of the front door if the dog tends to hang out there during absences
- Can likely see most of the dog's full body if s/he is near the door
- Can see some of the couch if the dog chooses to relax there

## CONS

- Limited view of the rest of the room where the dog may move
- Can't see dog's face if s/he is facing the door
- Can't see much of the couches if the dog moves or goes to the window





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- Can't see much of the couches if the dog moves or goes to the window
- Obstructed view of dog's body and face due to gate and angle of camera



## **PROS**

- Good view of the front door if the dog tends to hang out on couches or near door
- Can see the dog's full body if s/he is near the door, pacing, resting, or checking the window
- Wide view of full room

## **CONS**

- Obstructed view of dog's face if s/he is facing the door



## PROS

- Good view of the front door and living area
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- Wide view of full room

## CONS

- Can't see dog's face if s/he is facing the door



## YOUR TURN!

Test out a few camera angles to see what works best.

Take into consideration the power outlets required to run the camera (don't rely on battery!), where your dog is likely to be situated during the absence, and the likelihood of your dog knocking the camera source off if they become anxious.