

Play It Forward Movement

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Equipment Required

1. AUDIO-VIDEO RECORDING DEVICE

If recording yourself using:

- Your phone -
Best to use a sturdy object to support the phone, and avoid hand-held footage to prevent video-shaking ☺
- Your laptop (Apple MacBook) -
You can use **Photobooth** or other similar software to record.
- Your laptop (Windows) -
You can use **Camera** app or other similar software to record.

2. GUIDE TRACK (KARAOKE-STYLE)

Available at this link (or create your own!):

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W02YhwLPdX8&feature=youtu.be>

You may wish to review and familiarize yourself with the guide track prior to recording. Best to play the guide track on a device that is not the same one used for audio-video recording.

3. EARBUDS or HEADPHONES

Connect your earbuds or headphones to the device that will be used for playing the guide track. This will enable you to hear the guide track without the guide track being audible to the recording device.

Recording Tips

1. SET-UP SUGGESTIONS

- Find a **fairly quiet** and **well-lit** spot, so you can be heard and seen clearly in the recording. You may wish to consider variation in lighting and ambient quality created by day and night hours.
- Best to ensure the recording is in **HD (1920x1080 pixels)**. If this isn't available on your device, select the next best option.

Choreography Tips

1. There's no strict formula here, so let your **creativity** shine!
2. That said, **if you're collaborating with others**, you could brainstorm a sequence that creates **dynamism and synchronicity**.
 - You may wish to request that your participants upload their recordings to **Google drive** and send you their links via email.
 - Alternatively, you could set up a submission portal via **Google forms** and have your participants input the relevant information.

Video Editing

1. If you're interested in editing your video, there are open source programs such as **Blender, OpenShot, Shotcut**. These programs may also be useful for group collaborations that require the stitching of individual recordings into a seamless video (alternatively, you could experiment with teleconferencing tools such as **Zoom, Google Hangout**).

Sharing

1. When you're ready, share your video on any web-based and/or social media platform(s) such as FaceBook, YouTube, Instagram.
2. You might like to use the following text for sharing or come up with your own:
Join me/us in the #PlayItFwdMovement in appreciating the <who the tribute is for> who have <your words of encouragement>. #playitfwd @theukuleleassemble
3. p/s: Include **#playitfwd** and **@theukuleleassemble**, so we can feature your contribution in the Play It Forward 2020 Movement!

Good Luck!