

The Flip 'Prompter

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<http://tinyurl.com/flip-prompter>

When it comes to professional-grade teleprompter software and associated video brackets, I couldn't find anything better than the products from **Bodelin Technologies**. But their ProPrompter Wing bracket setup - although it *will* work with the Flip series - was just a little excessive for my meager needs: a teleprompter setup solely for my new Flip UltraHD. I don't need the adjustability and other options that the Bodelin Wing offers.

Bodelin's ProPrompter software for the iPhone and iPod touch is amazing. Everything's included: scrolling speed, fonts and font size, background color, cue points, smooth scrolling - it's a bargain at \$9.95 from the Apple App Store. That price includes access to their free, secure ProPrompter Producer script management site - offering the ability to move and manage large scripts and share them with others.

So - With the ProPrompter software loaded on my iPod touch, it's time to get its display at the same sight level as the lens of the Flip UltraHD!



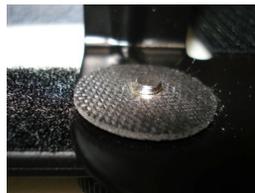
Here's most of the items needed for this project.



The video bracket is a Dynex model DX-VIDBKT from BestBuy (SKU 9463047). RitzCamera.com has a Smith Victor Accessory Bracket that is essentially the same thing. Staples carries the 5" tall metal bookends.



Drill a 1/4" hole in the bookend. Make it so that the Flip camera's base fits right at the point where the bracket angles upward.



The bracket comes with that flat washer. Use it between the Flip and the bracket. Photo on right shows a layer of double-sided sticky tape between the bracket and bookend. The Velcro® to the left of the bracket just is a "spacer" - giving the Flip a flat mounting surface.



The Flip mounted to the bracket. Velcro® hook added to the bookend, too ...



Velcro® loop added to the back of my iPod touch's hard plastic case. And there's the Flip and touch on the bracket.



A little light comes in handy - for fill and/or low-light situations. This Dynex unit (again, BestBuy - Model DX-VIDLT SKU 9462645) is compact, offers two brightness levels, and a pleasant whiteness. But it is powered by 2 **AAA** alkaline cells. If you want longer run times between battery changes, power it with **AA** alkaline cells instead.



Attach alligator clips to the + and - contacts in the battery compartment. Then cut a notch in the battery door (probably voiding any warranty) to accommodate the new wires. I decided to solder the wiring from the lamp directly to the AA case's battery contacts, instead of splicing them - it just made a cleaner install.



Oh - don't forget to add Velcro® to the backside of the bookend and the new AA battery case! *Where would our society be without Velcro® ...*



Why didn't I whack off the "tongue" of the bookend - shown there on the right photo? 'Cause I'll mount SOMETHING to it - via Velcro®, of course - in the future.

Suggested Parts List

Flip UltraHD not included ...

Dynex Video Bracket	Model DX-VIDBKT	Best Buy
Dynex Video Light	Model DX-VIDLT	Best Buy
Enclosed AA Battery Tray	Part No. 270-408	Radio Shack
Mini Alligator Clips	Part No. 270-378	Radio Shack
Scotch Mounting Tape	Model 411-LONG	Home Depot
5" Steel Bookends	Item 617571	Staples
Velcro® Industrial Strength	Assorted	Home Depot

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ProPrompter software for iPhone, iPod touch
<https://apps.bodelin.com/proprompter/producer/>
The Apple App Store, \$9.95

iHandySoft.com

iHandy Level Free
The Apple App Store, free

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My attorney tells me to place such a copyright notice on projects and papers I publish ... even though I tell her that these aren't brain surgery projects or rocket science stuff - just Velcro®, Scotch 411 mounting tape, and meager amounts of creativity.

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