

USING FLAGS (CONT.)

A flag is a tool used in video production that blocks light to a specific area. Flags come in all shapes, sizes, and materials, and virtually anything that is opaque can be used. The “industry standard” flag that you would find on a typical film shoot would consist of a wire metal square or rectangular frame stitched with black duvetyne (a velvet-like fabric), which is placed in front of a light to block unnecessary spill. Black wrap (a black foil) and light reflectors (translucent, silver, gold white, and black) are other examples of flags.

Good luck with your lighting. And again, if you are filming a two-person dialogue scene and your key light is supposed to hit the main character only, you can use a flag to block the light so it doesn't spill onto the other person.