

# Isolated Sound Art Exercise

## *Real House Music* [Short Brief]

*Record kitchen and bathroom sounds on a smartphone*

*Layer or sequence the sounds and upload them to Soundcloud*

1. Download the programme 'Audacity' available here: [www.audacityteam.org](http://www.audacityteam.org)

2. Google *Musique Concrète*, a form of music that developed in Paris in the late 1940s that used sound recordings instead of instruments. You can be part of that tradition too.

3. Familiarise yourself with your kitchen and bathroom sounds and divide the sounds around you into:

- Continuous sounds as an extractor fan.
- Short sounds such as the beeps on a microwave, a door handle turning.
- Percussive sounds. Pan lids, letters through the door, typing.
- 'Slow Start' Sounds. Turning a tap on or a washing machine filling up.

4. Simply 'play' your house-sounds in real-life and record them on your smartphone or borrow the project's recorder.

5. Practice:

- *Repetition*, doing the same thing with a sound
- *Variation*, doing the same thing but changing it each time
- *Contrast*, introducing something new

6. Email yourself the sounds from your phone

7. Learn Audacity basics from this person:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aCisC3sHneM>

8. Edit your sounds together in one file, how so, is up to you

9. Create a free account at Soundcloud.com and upload your sounds with a cover picture. Follow and communicate with other creators. Tag your sounds #stationaryspacestation