

7 Things to know about the Austin “True Blumlein” Kit:

1. It takes about the same determination and patience as building an Ikea 5-drawer dresser. You can build the True Blumlein™ Kit in around 8-10 hours, or split it over a couple weeknights after work.
2. The True Blumlein stereo pattern picks up both the stereo source sound *and* stereo room reflections, for an amazingly accurate stereo image. See the Wikipedia entry for *Blumlein Stereo Pair*.
3. It uses an Aluminum-alloy ribbon 50% thinner than brand-name microphones, world-class transformers, and an open-weave windscreen mesh, which enables beautiful high-frequency response.
4. The kit comes with all the tools and supplies needed, except for a screwdriver, soldering iron and a new razor blade. It even includes a hand-operated, geared ribbon corrugation machine!
5. The plans detail how to near-perfectly match the elements without expensive equipment, delivering exceptional stereo quality.
6. You can contact me directly for help if you get stuck or have questions, before, during, or after your build.

Last but not least, #7, our Mission Statement:

Austin Ribbon Microphones will deliver a DIY Microphone Kit which:

1. Exceeds the quality of a mass-produced, imported ribbon microphone, at a similar cost.
2. Is simple to understand and well-illustrated, so that English does not need to be the builder’s first language.
3. Uses locally-made parts, solar power, and recycled shipping products wherever possible.
4. Uses materials and manufacturing processes which do not skirt the law or harm the environment.
5. Enables easy access to the designer for one-on-one customer support, as necessary.

