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COMPANION TOOLS & TEMPLATES TO HELP YOU CREATE YOUR MARKETING STRATEGY



## 1. MARKET ENTRY PLAN

#### WHAT IT IS:

A comprehensive worksheet to define your market positioning, launch strategy, messaging, budget, and success metrics. This tool helps you answer: How will you enter your market? What will you say? Who will you reach? And how will you measure success?

#### WHY YOU NEED IT:

The Market Entry Plan cards prompt you to consider positioning, channels, and launch strategy, but you need a structured approach to map it all out. This worksheet gives you a step-by-step framework to create a clear, actionable market entry plan.

#### **HOW TO USE IT:**

**STEP 1:** Define Your Market Positioning Answer: What problem do you solve? Who is your ideal customer? What makes you different? Write your brand positioning statement using the formula provided.

**STEP 2**: Choose Your Entry Strategy. Decide: Will you do a soft launch, hard launch, stealth launch, or prelaunch? Map out your timeline (pre-launch, launch day, post-launch) and choose your announcement channels.

**STEP 3:** Craft Your Launch Messaging. Define what you want people to know, feel, and do. Choose your call-to-action (e.g., buy, sign up, join waitlist) and plan your launch content (e.g., announcement posts, behind-the-scenes content, testimonials).

**STEP 4**: Set Your Launch Budget Break down your budget: paid ads, content creation, tools, partnerships, and other expenses. Identify who's on your launch team (you, VA, designer, copywriter, etc.).

**STEP 5:** Define Success MetricsDecide how you'll measure launch success: sales/sign-ups, email list growth, website traffic, social media engagement, media mentions, or partnership inquiries. Set specific goals for each metric.

**STEP 6:** Plan Your Post-Launch StrategyWhat will you do after launch? Thank customers, collect feedback, analyze metrics, continue content marketing, and plan your next campaign.

🛓 Download: Market Entry Plan Worksheet PDF

Tip: Complete this worksheet 4-6 weeks before your launch. Share it with your team (or accountability partner) so everyone knows the plan. A clear plan = a confident launch.



# 2. CONTENT CALENDAR

#### WHAT IT IS:

A 90-day content planning system to map out your content pillars, posting schedule, monthly themes, and content ideas. Includes a batching plan and repurposing strategy so you can create once and post everywhere.

#### WHY YOU NEED IT:

The Content Calendar card asks you to plan 90 days of content—but without a structured system, it's overwhelming. This tool breaks it down into manageable steps: pillars, schedule, themes, batching, and repurposing.

#### **HOW TO USE IT:**

**STEP 1**: Define Your 3-5 Content PillarsContent pillars are the main themes or topics you'll post about. Examples: Education, Inspiration, Behind-the-Scenes, Customer Stories, Promotions. Write yours down.

**STEP 2:** Choose Your Content FormatsDecide what types of content you'll create: static posts, carousels, Reels/TikToks, Stories, long-form video, blog posts, email newsletters, live videos, podcasts, or other.

**STEP 3:** Set Your Posting ScheduleFor each platform (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, TikTok, YouTube, Blog, Email), decide how often you'll post per week and the best days/times. Create a weekly content theme (e.g., Monday = Motivation, Tuesday = Tips, etc.).

**STEP 4:** Plan Your 90-Day Content ThemesFor each of the next 3 months, choose a monthly theme, key topics, and any campaigns or promotions you'll run.

**STEP 5**: Batch-Create ContentDecide when you'll batch-create content (e.g., every Sunday), how many posts you'll create per batch, and what tools you'll use (Canva, CapCut, etc.). Schedule a day to upload and schedule content in Later, Buffer, or Planoly.

**TEP 6:** Build Your Content Ideas BankBrainstorm 30 content ideas you can create right now. Keep this list handy for when you need inspiration or have extra time to create.

**STEP 7:** Create a Repurposing PlanPlan how you'll repurpose content across platforms. Example: Turn a blog post into a carousel for Instagram, a podcast episode into audiogram clips for Stories, a YouTube video into short clips for TikTok/Reels.

🛓 Download: 90-Day Content Calendar Sheet

Tip: Plan your content in batches (monthly or quarterly), but stay flexible. If something timely or trending happens, adjust your schedule. Consistency + flexibility = sustainable content strategy.



#### WHAT IT IS:

A step-by-step plan for audience growth without paid ads, covering goals, engagement strategies, hashtag use, collaboration, community-building, and a tracker for organic growth.

#### WHY YOU NEED IT:

The Organic Growth cards offer ideas, but a structured plan is essential for consistent execution. This worksheet helps set goals, select tactics, and track progress for strategic audience growth.

#### **HOW TO USE IT:**

#### **Step 1: Set Organic Growth Goals**

Define specific 3-month growth targets for followers, email lists, and website traffic.

#### Step 2: Choose Focus Platforms

Select 2-3 platforms for growth efforts, such as Instagram or LinkedIn.

#### Step 3: Plan Engagement Strategy

Decide on engagement methods and set a daily time commitment.

#### Step 4: Build Hashtag Strategy

Create four categories of hashtags with 5-10 per category and determine usage per post.

#### **Step 5: Identify Collaboration Opportunities**

List 10 potential partners for collaborations and decide on collaboration types.

#### **Step 6: Build Your Community**

Plan how to foster a community around your brand and define the value provided.

#### Step 7: Track Organic Growth Tactics

Use the tracker to document tactics, frequency, and platforms.

🛓 Download: Organic Growth Strategy Worksheet PDF

🛓 Download: <u>Hashtags Worksheet PDF</u>

🔋 Tip: Commit to 3-5 tactics weekly for 90 days and track results monthly to optimize efforts.



# NETWORKING

# 4. NETWORKING & REFERRAL STRATEGY

#### \*Networking & Referral System Overview:\*

#### What It Is:

A system for building relationships and generating referrals, including networking goals, outreach templates, nurturing tactics, and a referral program.

#### Why You Need It:

Provides structure to ensure follow-ups and referrals are not overlooked, turning relationships into revenue.

#### **How to Use It:**

#### Step 1: Set Networking Goals

Define monthly connection and conversation targets.

#### Step 2: Choose Networking Channels

Identify platforms (e.g., LinkedIn, events) for networking.

#### Step 3: Plan Networking Strategy

Determine the conversation initiation methods and utilize the provided templates.

#### **Step 4: Nurture Relationships**

Follow up, send personalized messages, and celebrate others' successes.

#### Step 5: Create Referral Strategy

Generate referrals through customer asks, referral programs, and partnerships.

#### Step 6: Track Networking Activity

Log interactions with a tracker for consistency.

#### **Step 7: Identify Referral Partners**

List potential partners who serve your ideal customer without competing.

🛓 Download: Networking & Referral Strategy Worksheet PDF

Tip: Networking is about relationships, not transactions. Focus on giving value first (share their content, make introductions, offer help) before asking for anything. The referrals will come naturally.



# **5. MARKETING METRICS TRACKER**

#### WHAT IT IS:

A comprehensive 8-sheet dashboard system to monitor your entire marketing ecosystem: Dashboard Overview, Monthly Tracker (daily metrics), Social Media Performance, Email Marketing Campaigns, Website Analytics, Paid Advertising ROI, Goals & Benchmarks, and Content Performance Analysis.

#### WHY YOU NEED IT:

This tracker provides a centralized system to monitor your marketing performance across all channels, helping you identify what's working, what's not, and where to focus your energy and budget for maximum ROI.

#### **HOW TO USE IT:**

#### Step 1: Set Goals & Benchmarks

Start by defining your marketing goals and targets in Sheet 1. Use industry benchmarks to set realistic expectations for your business stage.

#### **Step 2: Track Daily Metrics**

Log daily reach, impressions, engagement, and leads in the Monthly Tracker to monitor momentum and spot trends early.

#### Step 3: Monitor Social Media

Track platform-specific performance and post type breakdowns weekly to identify which platforms and content formats drive the best results.

#### Step 4: Analyze Email Campaigns

Evaluate each email campaign by tracking open rates, click rates, conversions, and revenue by email type (newsletter, promo, nurture, etc.).

#### **Step 5: Review Website Analytics**

Monitor monthly website traffic, conversion rates, bounce rates, and traffic sources to understand visitor behaviour and optimize your funnel.

#### **Step 6: Track Paid Advertising**

Log ad spend, ROAS (Return on Ad Spend), CPC (Cost Per Click), and platform-by-platform performance to maximize your advertising budget.



### **5. MARKETING METRICS TRACKER**

#### **Step 7: Evaluate Content Performance**

Analyze which content types and topics perform best to guide your content strategy and double down on what resonates with your audience.

#### Step 8: Review Dashboard & Adjust

Use the auto-populated Dashboard for weekly quick checks and monthly deep dives. Assess what's working, what needs adjustment, and set priorities for the next period.

**Download:** Marketing Metrics Tracker Google Sheet

Tip: Set a recurring calendar reminder every Monday morning to update your metrics. Tracking = accountability. If you don't track, you can't improve.



#### **QUICK LINKS & TOOLS**

#### 1. | MARKETING STRATEGY & PLANNING

- <u>HubSpot Marketing Plan Template</u> Free downloadable template with step-by-step guide to building your marketing plan
- <u>Neil Patel's Marketing Strategy Guide</u> Comprehensive guide covering marketing fundamentals, strategy development, and execution
- <u>CoSchedule Marketing Strategy Templates</u> Collection of free templates for marketing calendars, campaigns, and strategic planning
- <u>\$100M Offers by Alex Hormoz</u> Learn how to create irresistible offers that make your marketing 10x more effective (free book + resources)

#### 2. <a> CONTENT CREATION & SCHEDULING</a>

- Canva Design School: Free tutorials on graphic design, branding, and visual content creation
- <u>Buffer's Content Marketing Library</u> Articles, guides, and templates for content strategy and scheduling
- Loom Video Tutorials Learn how to create quick video content for social media and marketing

#### 3. SOCIAL MEDIA MARKETING

- Meta Blueprint (Facebook & Instagram Training)
   Free official training courses for Facebook and Instagram marketing
- <u>Later's Instagram Marketing Blog</u> Up-to-date strategies, algorithm updates, and best practices for Instagram
- <u>LinkedIn Marketing Solutions Learning</u> Official LinkedIn guides for B2B marketing and professional networking

#### 4. MARKETING

- Really Good Emails Inspiration gallery of high-performing email designs and copy
- <u>Mailchimp Email Marketing Guide</u> Comprehensive guide covering strategy, design, automation, and analytics
- <u>OptinMonster Email Marketing Resources</u> Tutorials on list building, segmentation, and conversion optimization



#### **QUICK LINKS & TOOLS**

#### 5. SEO & WEBSITE OPTIMIZATION

- Moz Beginner's Guide to SEO: Complete SEO fundamentals course from keyword research to link building
- Google Search Central: Official Google documentation for SEO best practices and guidelines
- Ahrefs SEO Blog: Advanced SEO strategies, case studies, and actionable tutorials

#### 6. 🍝 PAID ADVERTISING

- Google Ads Skillshop Free official certification courses for Google Ads and YouTube advertising
- Facebook Ads Library Search and analyze competitor ads across Facebook and Instagram
- WordStream PPC University Free courses on pay-per-click advertising strategy and optimization

#### 7. III ANALYTICS & TRACKING

- Google Analytics Academy Free certification courses on Google Analytics setup and data analysis
- Hotjar Academy Learn heatmaps, user recordings, and conversion optimization techniques
- <u>Databox Metrics & KPIs Library</u>: Comprehensive library of marketing metrics definitions and benchmarks

#### 8. METWORKING & PARTNERSHIPS

- <u>SCORE Mentorship Resources</u>: Free business mentorship and networking resources for entrepreneurs
- <u>Alignable Local Business Network</u> Platform for connecting with local business owners and building partnerships
- <u>Partnership Marketing Guide by Impact</u>: Complete guide to building strategic business partnerships and collaborations

#### 9. PR & MEDIA OUTREACH

- HARO (Help A Reporter Out) Connect with journalists and get featured in major media publications
- Cision PR Resources Media lists, press release templates, and PR strategy guides
- <u>Podcast Guest Academy</u> Learn how to pitch yourself as a podcast guest and leverage audio content

PRO TIP:Bookmark this page and revisit these resources as you work through each INFILTRATE card. Don't try to consume everything at once—focus on the category you're currently implementing in your 90-day marketing plan. Quality over quantity. Master one channel before adding another.



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