

How to plan social media content

 Open a spreadsheet and create column titles. I use Message, Date, URL, image. I use this format because it will import nicely with my scheduling software Sendible (check it out at <u>https://www.bluboxdigital.com/sendible</u>)

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3	How are those b	02/04/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
4	Are leveraging y	02/07/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
5	Check out this vi	02/09/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
6	Hosting Affiliate	02/11/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
7	#valentinesday	02/14/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
8	Website Updates	02/16/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
9	Social Media Co	02/18/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
10	#presidentsday	02/21/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
11	App Sumo Affilia	02/23/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
12	Social Media Co	02/25/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
13	Virtual Assitant S	02/28/2022	http://bluboxdigital.com/			
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2. It really helps me to use a spreadsheet because I can easily layout a theme or pattern for the month. The first piece of content I like to fill in are any up coming holidays. I also enjoy browsing the social media holiday calendars for all of the fun hashtag holidays like #nationalloveyourpetday. It is fun to break things up a bit and throw in a little fun on your social media accounts. You will be surprised at how easily you can integrate some



of your services into those holidays. Just do a quick Google Search for "social media calendar holidays"

- 3. Next start with a theme, service or product you want to focus on for the month. I always plan a month of content at one time. It seems to be the most efficient way to keep the content fresh while saving time. I have found if I try to go too much farther ahead I end of deleting and re-creating a lot of post because some more relevant came up, there is a new trend, a new product, a current event or a market shift that happens in the industry.
- 4. The last piece is to create the graphics go along with each post. I find when I write the captions first the graphics are easier to make. I love to use Canva to create my social media graphics.
- 5. The last steps is researching hashtags. I typically start with a Google Search for "best hashtags for ______". You will come up with a few great websites that will give you rankings and views for different hashtags. You want to include hashtags with your posts to help you get in front of new audiences.
- 6. Have a little patience. This takes time. I encourage you start off with a few posts a week and work your way to up more if you desire. When you are starting out plan to spend several hours a month on your social media campaigns.

*Pro Tip: start with posting to 1-2 platforms and use the exact same content on both platforms. Don't worry you are more than likely to have different audiences on the different platforms and each of those audiences has a different time of day for being online and scrolling.

If you need assistance with creating consistent content across your social media accounts, please give me a call at 469-235-4386 or email <u>melissa@bluboxdigital.com</u> for pricing and details. If you found this tutorial helpful, I would love to hear your feedback. Please send me an email and let me know your thoughts.