How To Build A Social Media CONTENT CALENDAR

and pick the right Scheduling Tools!

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Content Marketing

... a strategic marketing approach focused on creating and distributing valuable, relevant and consistent content to attract and retain a clearlydefined audience — and, ultimately, to drive profitable customer action.





Is this you?







Social Media Overwhelm

- Too many social channels
- Too much content to keep up with
- Too many notifications to check
- Too many DM boxes to check
- "Jerry-rigged" systems
- Multiple, disparate tools & apps
- Time consuming workflows
- ...the list goes on





What if you could

go from this...



...to this?!





Benefits of using a Content Calendar

- ✓ Improve efficiency
- ✓ Stay organized and avoid last minute scrambles
- ✓ Plan for each social platform
- ✓ Customize posts ahead of time
- ✓ Track performance & do more of what's working
- ✓ Integrate holidays and observance days





Follow these steps:

- 1. Review your quarterly goals
- 2. Map out your (draft) content calendar
- 3. Use a content library for your assets
- 4. Establish a workflow
- 5. Pick your scheduling tool(s)



Step #1: Goals

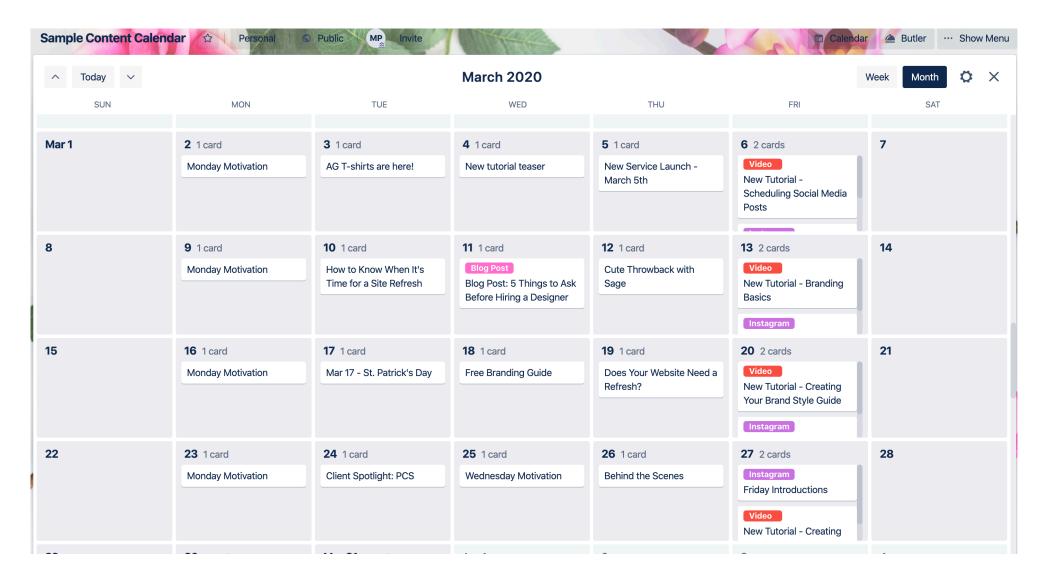
- Review your quarterly goals
 - Generate x number of leads
 - Increase sales by x%
 - Launch xyz product
- Make sure your content fits with your bigger picture



Step #2: Map

- Map out your calendar
 - Basic = spreadsheet system (Google Sheets)
 - See: bit.ly/SM_calendar
 - Or try these tools:
 - Trello (task management)
 - Alternatives = Asana, Clickup, Airtable
 - Facebook Creator Studio
 - For both Facebook and Instagram
 - Or any integrated social media tool
 - Resource list in Step #5

Example Trello board content calendar







Content Types

- Content categories:
 - Yours
 - UGC (user generated content)
 - OPC (other people's content; be a master curator)
- Content topics:
 - Inform/educate (tips, how-to's, etc.)
 - Inspire/empower (quotes)
 - Entertain
 - Promote (lead magnet or offer)
- Content formats:
 - Videos, images/photos, graphics, blog posts/articles, infographics, quotes, text, livestreams/webinars, white papers, e-books



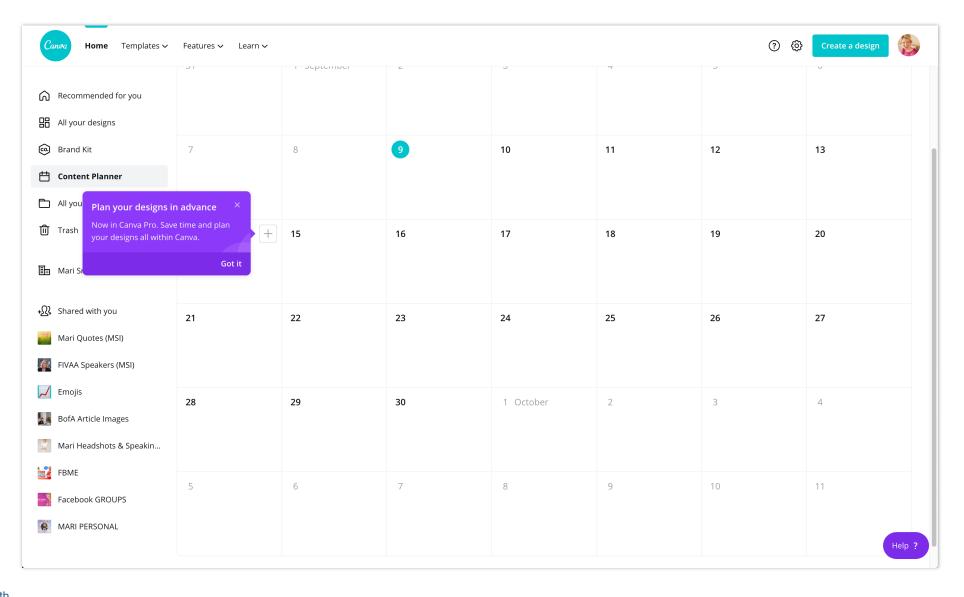


Best Practices

- Ensure you include sufficient promotional content for your upcoming marketing campaigns
 - Example ratio:
 - 3 non-promotional for every 1 promotional
- Decide in advance which holidays and observance days you'll include
- Leave room in your plans for breaking news
- Always have an SOP in place if you need to pivot

NEW from Canva: Content Planner







Step #3: Assets

- Use a content library for your assets
 - Examples:
 - Google Drive
 - Dropbox
 - Facebook Creator Studio
 - Or any integrated social media tool
 - Resource list in Step #5

Step #4: Workflow

- Establish a workflow
 - Team members involved?
 - Collaboration needed?
 - Approval process?
 - Simplicity of an all-in-one system?
 - E.g. planning, calendaring, and scheduling



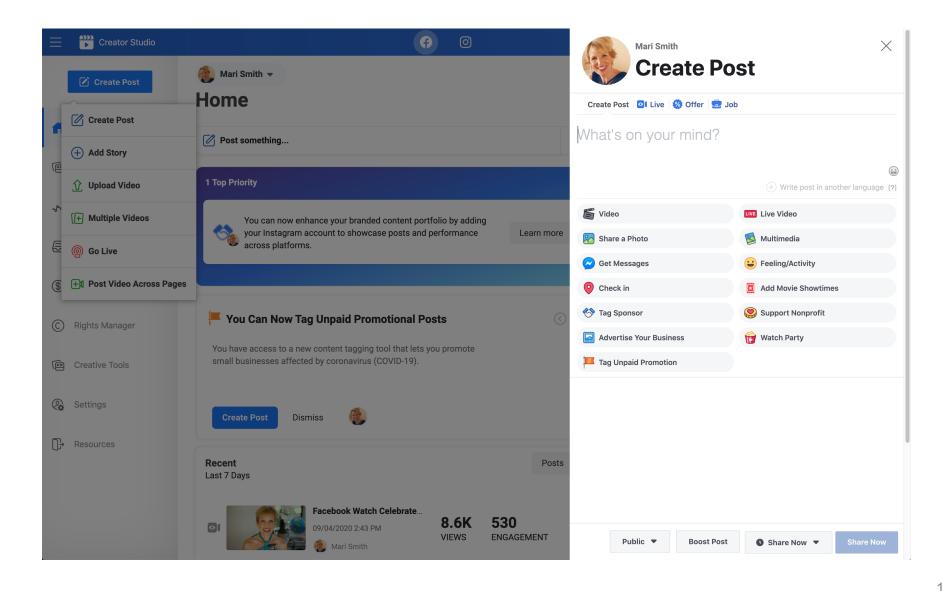
Step #5: Tools

- Pick your scheduling tool(s)
 - Multiple social channels
 - Agorapulse, Hootsuite, Buffer, ContentCal.io, SproutSocial, MeetEdgar, Sprinklr, SocialBakers
 - Facebook & Instagram
 - Facebook Creator Studio, Iconosquare
 - Instagram & Pinterest
 - Tailwind
 - Instagram
 - Later, Planoly, PlannThat



Example: Facebook Creator Studio

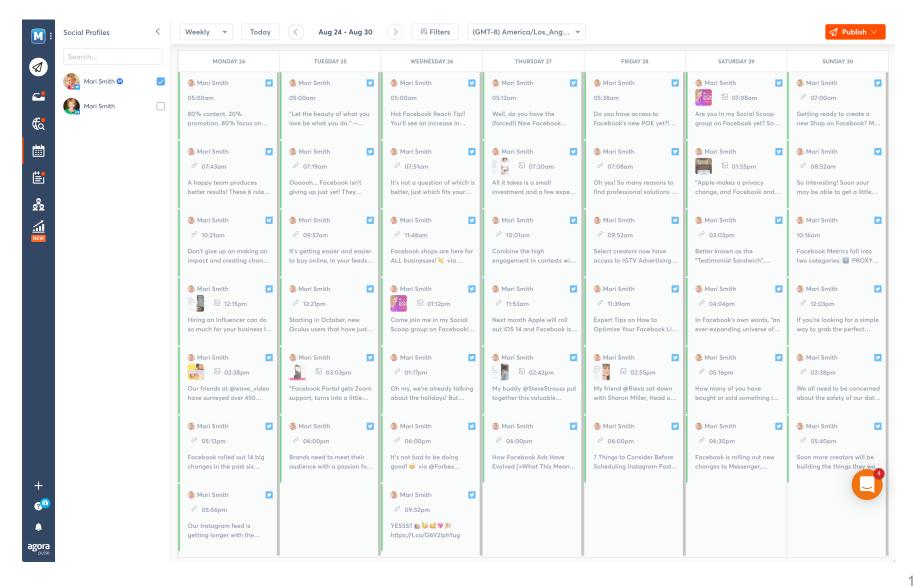






Example: Agorapulse

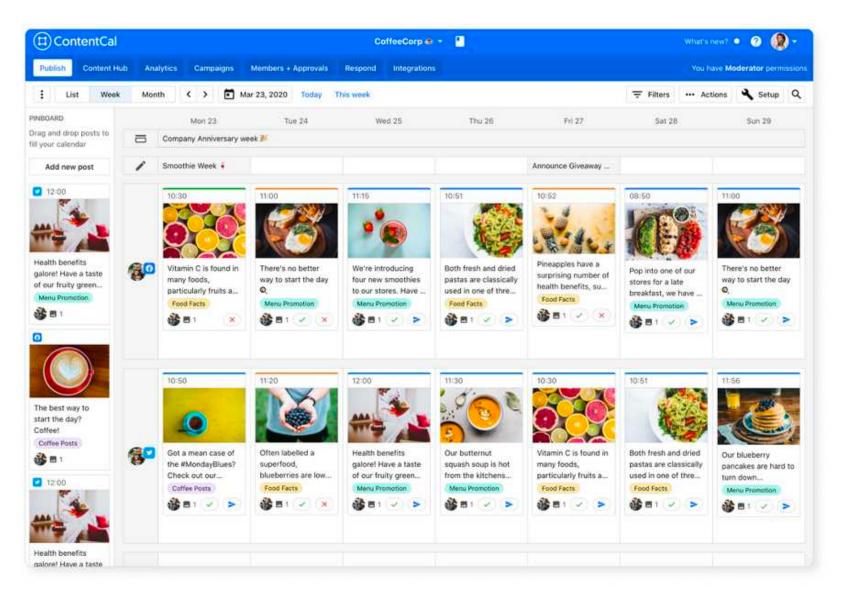






Example: ContentCal

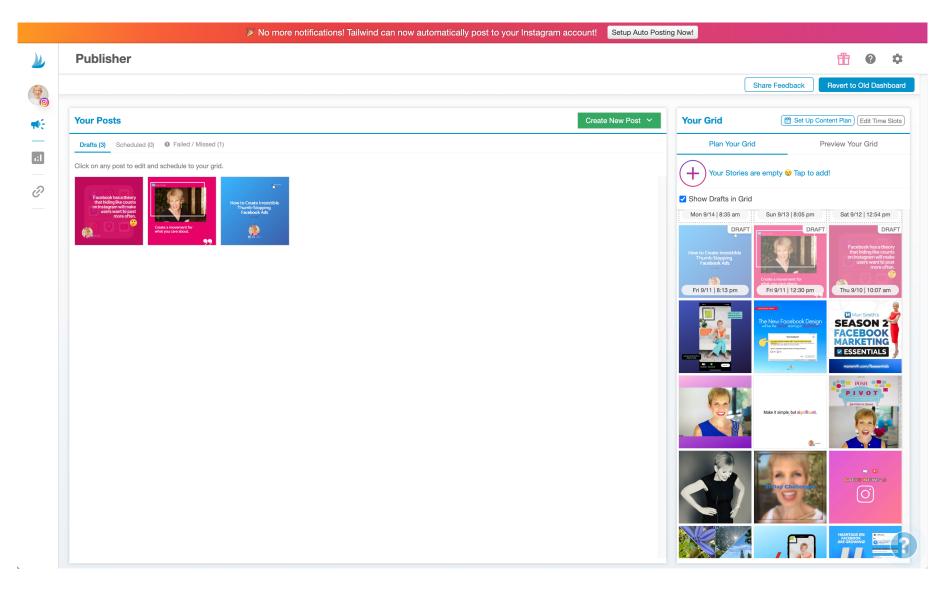






Example: Tailwind







How often to post

- Facebook page: 5-7x per week
- Twitter: 2-7x per day
- Instagram Feed: 4-7x per week
- Instagram & Facebook Stories: >1-3x per day
- Pinterest: 3-10 times per day
- LinkedIn: 5-7x per week
- YouTube: 1-5x per week





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