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HOME & GARDEN LIFESTYLE BLOG

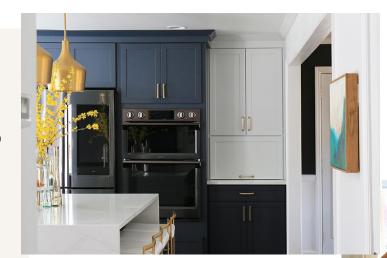
Sharing practical solutions to make your home more functional, more beautiful, and more uniquely you!

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THE CREATIVE VOICE: URSULA CARMONA

A passionate design influencer, DIYer, gardener, and antique hunter



Hone the art of leveraging influence to achieve your goals...

We live in a time when you can make celebrity status, and a full-time income on influence alone!

Why monetize my influence?

- You already have to create content for your business, why not make money off it?
- lt's a great way to diversify your revenue streams...you never when one will dry up.
- opportunities! (Dream clients, your own product line, magazine features you are paid for, etc.)



Common Objections:

I know what you're thinking...

- I don't have a large following
 It will grow. You don't need a large
 following to establish your expertise.
- The market is saturated
 There is room for you, find your unique differentiating factor.
- Strategically create one using your own home and experiences
- I don't have time, money, or skills
 We take time and effort for the things
 we want most, what is it worth to you?
 Use automations, learn, and do things
 yourself (one project at a time)



- Less than 10K followerson Instagram
- Blog got hit by the
 Google updates
 (not doing well)
- Design portfolio
 consists of 1
 house...my own home
 (and no, I did not have money
 for renovations or decor...
 the business had to provide it)

Spring of 2020...

- > 12 print magazine features (now 18) & hundreds of online features
- 3x featured designer onOne Room Challenge +other design challenges
- Plans were in the works for hosting HGTV's digital series (now on HGTV GO)
- Made 6-figures doing what I love!





















I didn't get there by having a huge audience...

I got there by strategically positioning myself as an expert, and using every opportunity to gain the power of influence.

I started with *no* personal money to put into decorating, *no* photography skills, *no* prior education that taught me interior design, marketing, web design, etc.



No Portfolio?

Document the heck out of your own home!



Document the WHOLE story (process, details and how-tos, then the before and after) (Lots of footage to reuse in the future)



Keep telling the story with a new twist and new tips or details. Use the images to write related articles...



Pitch your project
beforehand to potential
brand partners, and after to
magazines and future
partners

Ways To Get Paid For Your Influence (& Build Your Portfolio)

Establish your expertise while creating content, building your portfolio, and getting paid.

How Influencers Make Money



Sponsored post w/staged brand products

More Common

- Ol Sponsored Partnerships
- **Advertising Income** (website, FB, YT, newsletters)
- 03 Affiliate Marketing
- O4 Social Platform Incentive Programs
- O5 Services / Consultation

Less Common

- Ol Brand Ambassador / Spokesperson
- 02 Influencer Endorsements
- Digital AssetsWhitelisting
- Product Creation /Licensing Deals
- 05 Events & Webinars



A Few Important Notes

For some, Ads & Affiliates are the sole means of making a 6-figure income, for you it can be just another stream of passive income.



Not all Ad Networks Are Created Equal...

Good Ad Networks:

(Ads hosted on website)

- Raptive
- Mediavine

Affiliate Income isn't only Amazon...

Google the company name + affiliate program

(Many companies you encounter at design trade shows have affiliate programs!)

Trade, Wholesale, & Insider Programs

Buy product at a discounted price + get customizations like those in the trade do.

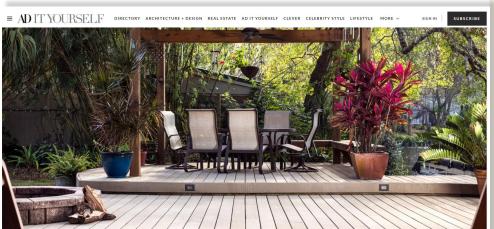
NOTE: Designers often use company trade programs, but miss out on affiliate income. Influencers often use affiliate, but don't realize they might be eligible for trade programs (just need a business license).

Brand Ambassador & Spokesperson

- Spokesperson is typically paid more than a normal partnership, and is long-term.
 Ambassador is also usually a long term contract (6mo-1 yr) with multiple projects/campaigns. Tighter exclusivity requirements.
- You still represent your own brand, but in collaboration with the partner brand as you endorse them and act as the face or expert of that brand
- You produce content that is shared to your channels. And/or the brand's PR agency schedules you to speak at events on their behalf, appear on TV, podcasts, in magazines, online articles, and more...



Ambassadorship can vary based on the brand's objectives...



35 Deck Ideas for the Ultimate Backyard

Whether you spruce up your space with a soaking tub or meditation pod, these dreamy deck designs are sure to get you excited to update your backyard

By Perri Ormont Blumberg

When you picture yourself relaxing at home in your happy place, you may very well envision lounging on your deck. But when it comes to deck ideas to reinvigorate the oft overlooked renovation spot, you may be having a hard time figuring out what you want your future outdoor space to look like. We reached out to designers for their favorite deck designs so you can take your lovely lazing to new heights.

Whether you're looking to do an entire deck renovation or looking for simple deck design ideas to update your space without much time or effort, keep reading to get the wheels turning. Who's looking forward to making a batch of bloody marys or margaritas, grabbing that stack of magazines, and enjoying a sundowner on your new



Make sure you know what those objectives are and can help meet them & are transparent about potential outcomes!

<<Here I submitted a few quotes

Here I built a whole greenhouse>>

(both contribute to my garden design expertise and the brand objective)



Similar to Spokesperson, but not necessarily long-term. Can be a one-and-done. Usually paid very well (think celebrity endorsement: 5+ figure)

Get paid to create content primarily for the brand's channels, plus to other media channels (almost like a commercial), and sometimes additionally to your own channels

Brand may use your quotes/tips, image, project, and your personality to create great content for magazine Ads, TV, digital series, online Ads, etc.



ADVERTISEMENT



with URSULA CARMONA

Designer and DIY expert Ursula Carmona brings new life to well-loved furniture pieces by infusing personality through fresh color. See how she transforms a wooden frame and console table to create an eye-catching and inviting space in her home.

COLOR REFRESH

This little console table and wooden frame had seen better days with old peeling polyurethane and stains in the wood. A reimagnied look started with a light sanding, primer, and fresh color using Sherwin-Williams Emerald* Urethane Trim Enamel in Evergreen Fog.

Sherwin-Williams' 2022 Color of the Year, Evergreen Fog is a beautifully sophisticated color that pops against the walls and gold accessories in my home, but it would look amazing in any space!

I have a special place in my heart for furniture pieces that have been around for a while. They have stories to tell and it's easy to give an old piece new life!

PRO TIPS

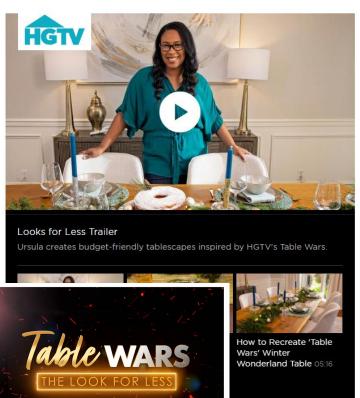
When I need a smooth and sturdy finish for furniture or cabinets, enamel is the perfect type of paint. Prep is very important, but finishing with the right kind of paint makes a huge difference!

Try Evergreen Fog in your home with color chip and peel & stick samples! swsamples.com



Table Wars: The Look for Less

Check out *Table Wars: The Look for Less* — an exclusive *Table Wars* digital companion series — short-form videos featuring DIY projects to help *you* create tablescapes inspired by the original HGTV series. **New how-to videos added weekly!**



Influencer Endorsements

NOTE:

Endorsement opportunities are great if you don't have a huge following... The company's objective is producing personable advertisements in magazines, online, on TV, etc. You get to be the personality, and the expert.





Bigger Companies Have Perks, But Don't Count Out The Smaller Ones!

Smaller companies (especially those newer to influencer marketing) are more open to ideas and new ways of partnering.

They may initially pay you less, but there is more room for innovation, a long-term relationship, reaching other business objectives, and better pay down the road.







URSULA CARMONA

Ursula Carmona is the creative mind behind the DIY and interior design blog Home Made by Carmona. She believes design should be family-friendly, life-friendly, buget-friendly, and goal-oriented. Her home is full of deep, saturated colors that are rich, vibrant, and full of life. Situated on a besulful if a-cre two-house property in rural North Carolina, she shares her home with the husband and three teenage deughers.

Lighting pictured in these photographs can be found in the Xavier, Fulton, and Maria Theresa collections

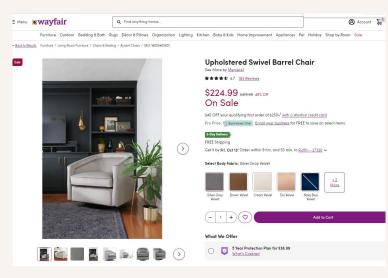
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Charge companies a licensing fee to use your images or video clips for their marketing purposes.

Can still require attribution on social channels as part of the contract. Licensing should have an end date...not in perpetuity.

Influencer whitelisting is when you grant a company access to post "dark ads" (ads that don't appear in your feed), but do appear to your IG or FB audience as an advertisement as if you had posted it (using your content).

Maybe you already created the content, but they want to boost it, tweak it, etc. Preview the Ad, work out usage rights, and a whitelisting fee.



NOTE: Use sites like Pixsy.com and PhotoClaim.com to find stolen images and have them taken down or charge for them.

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There are lots of ways to get paid...

But DO be creative.

DO seek methods that align
with your other business goals.

Why Aren't You Making Every Piece of Content Count?

You're already creating the content, why not maximize it?



You spent 20 hours creating content, so why not take 20 minutes to upload it to all the relevant platforms?

UPSELL SPONSORED CONTENT

Sell partnering brands on why they should pay a little extra to have it featured on all your platforms, not just IG. (The content is already created, why not maximize use?)

INCORPORATE AFFILIATE LINKS

Design clients won't mind if just a few non-branded item are linked for others to enjoy. Make it part of your policy and procedure)

Imagine If You Could Maximize Your Earning Potential...

One piece of content earning from multiple sources

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Got paid by a client (or sponsor) to design
Bedroom-X

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Got paid by a sponsor to write a blog post on your website + social media post about Bedroom-X C

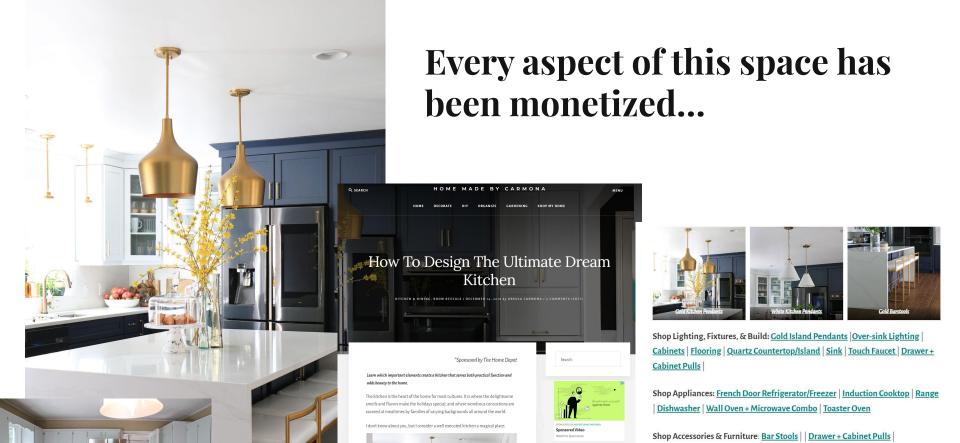
Made monthly revenue from Ads run on your website (and to the blog post you wrote about Bedroom-X)

D

Made monthly revenue from affiliate links of the headboard and popular lamp in Bedroom-X

E

Charge a company
licensing fees to use your
image (with attribution) of
their lamp in Bedroom-X



Top Before &



Shop Dishes, Pots, & Utensils: 6 qt. Induction Pan | 4.25 qt. Dutch Oven Pot | 5.25

gt. Induction Wok | Cake Dome |



Finding Sponsors

Finding one sponsor for a **full remodel** is hard...

Instead find sponsors for different aspects of the design





Eg. an appliance sponsor, a lighting sponsor, a furniture sponsor, etc. (Ideally get paid + free product of choice)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Sponsorships = Brand Relationships.
Working with high-end brands can lead to product licensing deals, online & paid print features, catalog features, showroom opportunities, and more.
Plus, it attracts other brands...

So, how do I land these opportunities?

Every partnership and every piece of content should build your portfolio...

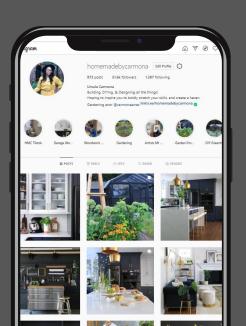
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 Then sell the heck out of it!
- Make your brand and content

 search friendly

 Make it easy for editors, PR companies,
 etc to find you
- Make connections & pitch yourself
 This ranges from opportunities to
 network, to creating a tribe, to cold
 calls and beyond
- Set Strategic goals and stepping stones to get there

Create quality content & craft your portfolio



Instagram is your first portfolio!

Don't just craft a feed for followers, design it for brands, editors, and writers who scout content or potential influencer partners. Yes, you have to keep a media kit short & sweet, but this is also the chance to show what sets you apart...







HOME MADE BY CARMONA

Design | DIY | Gardening

A Home & Garden lifestyle blog, empowering others through innovative ideas to help create a home for a life well lived!

The Creative Voice: Ursula Carmona

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SOCIAL & STATISTICS

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Found ALL major platforms as well as the social channels below

(O) Instagram

57.8K Followers

Impressions/post 38.3%

Pinterest

1.46%

90.9K Followers 3.56M Views (Monthly)

PRESS & FEATURES



TV / Digital Host: HGTV's Table Wars: The Look For Less

Print Magazines (18): BHG, Real Simple, Hello!Fashion, etc.

Other Features:

Landing The Opportunity: 01

Creating A Media Kit & Portfolio

Common Media Kit Items:

- About & Headshot
- Social Channels + Metrics
- **Press & Features**
- Contact info & web address

Additional Items to Add:

(Focus on your strengths)

- Engagement %
- Positive reviews from other brands
- Basic audience demographics
- An impressive project / portfolio images

Make your brand & content search friendly

You want the right people to find you easily...

And to run across you over and over again so that it leaves an impression. They may reach out to you, *OR* when you reach out to them, they are already familiar with your brand.

Editors, Writers, etc.

Get included in articles (round-ups, get quoted, magazines, etc.) This is how you establish your expertise and create brand awareness.

PR Agencies Get brand partnerships, podcasts, TV, etc.
The more your name is out in the world, the more opportunities you'll get.



Let's Talk SEO

Everything is driven by **search**. So are most social media platforms.

Social Media SEO

Don't just write anecdotal personal content. ALSO write captions that related directly to the image shown. Organically use 2-3 related keywords.

Website/Blog SEO

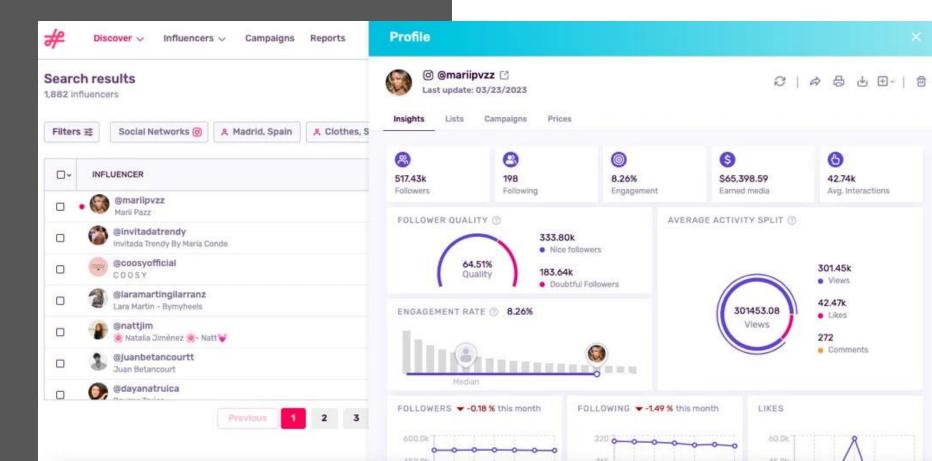
Your 'About Me' page, homepage, and articles on your website should all be written for user experience, but ALSO to pop up in the first page of search engines.

Professional Bio SEO

Who you are and what you do should be clear and easily found across various social channels, LinkedIn, your 'About Me' page on your website, etc.

(Learn about author EEAT)

Influencer Database



Look More Juicy For Influencer Databases

Have a presence on all the major platforms:

1st tier>IG, TikTok, YouTube 2nd tier>Pinterest, FB, Twitter, etc.

Make your email public and easily crawlable:

Add it to social channels and on your website.

2 Post regularly& be engaged:

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Engagement percentages VERY valuable (more than follower count).

Join opt-in databases & connect analytics:

Such as LTK, AspireIQ, Social Fabric, Sway Dashboard, etc.

3 Clearly define your niche:

Use niche keywords in posts, searchable hashtags

6 Tag brands & engage with them:

Engage with brands you want to work with. Use their tags and hashtags when relevant.

Make Connections & Pitch Yourself

Attend conferences, trade shows, and local business meetups. Networking is very valuable! Sometimes it's who you know...

Note: Make yourself memorable, practice your elevator pitch, toot your own horn.

Introduce yourself via IG dm.
Let a fellow designer (or a brand) know how much you appreciate their work.
Share someone's work to stories, etc.

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Think of ways to make a more personable/memorable connection.

Do an interview series on your website/social, propose a collaboration, etc.



Don't wait too long for them to come to you. Pitch yourself to connections.

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The Value Of Connections, Mentorship, & Your Tribe...

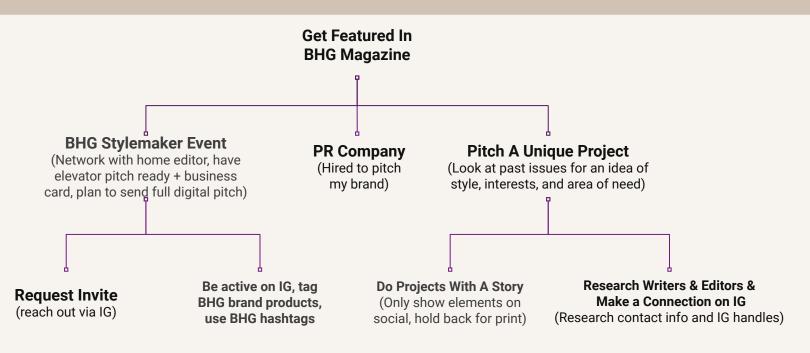
A rising tide lifts all boats...

I talk my tribe up any chance I get!

Industry friends have recommended me for opportunities...I wouldn't be where I am without them!



Set Strategic Goals & Stepping Stones That Might Get You There



I Landed The Partnership Now What?

For the love of mercy... be PROFESSIONAL!

This is your opportunity to cultivate a mutually beneficial long-term partnership

The Art of Professionalism

- Establish a timeline for deliverables:
- Expected product delivery, pitch details, a preview of finished content, and live content
- > Deliver on time & over deliver!

- Provide a pitch deck & content preview
- Provide a postmortem report

(& Why It Matters)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Influencers often lack professionalism. Your professionalism will be an edge.

I've had influencer marketing agencies ask me to partner with several of their brand clients even if I didn't have a large following. JUST because I was timely, easy to work with, careful to follow all brand requirements, and over delivered.

Pitch Deck

This is an overview of your planned approach before creating any content

Be informative so the brand knows what to expect, and you won't have to re-create any content due to miscommunication or missed safety or branding issues.

- Details of how you plan to use/display the brand's product
- A voiceover script or overview for video reels
- Social media caption write-up
- General approach to what you plan to writer about on the blog

Light Fixture Cleaning Guide Reel

Crystorama x HomeMadebyCarmona

60 Second Reel

Voiceover: Here's how to keep your gorgeous Crystorama light fixtures clean in 3 simple steps. **Video:** Pan over Crystorama chandelier in dining room, beaded fixture in laundry room, and pendants in the kitchen.

Voiceover: Step 1. Safety first! Turn off the power to your fixture, and be sure to use a sturdy ladder or step stool to reach.

Video: Light going out on fixtures. Ursula carrying step stool into room.

Voiceover: Step 2. Gather the right supplies for the job. A duster and soft microfiber cloth. A

bucket and gloves, water with dish soap, and a drop clot

Video: Ursula filling a bucket with items. Closeup of clea

Drop clot

Voiceove





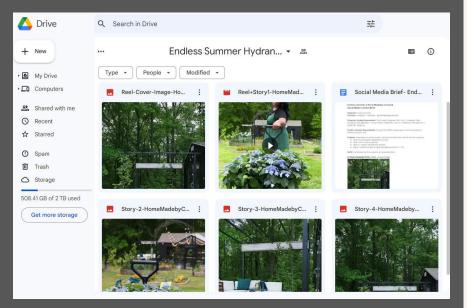


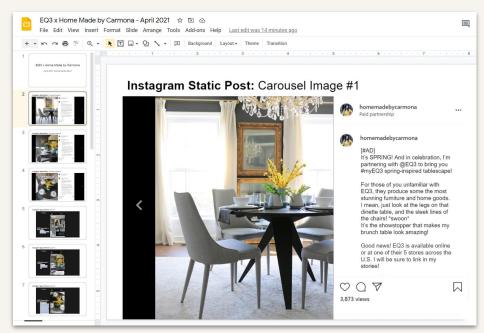


Content Preview

Submitted after content has been created, but before it goes live.

This is where the brand sees the pitch come to life, and checks for any mistaken branding or safety issues.





- Upload all completed content to a Google or Dropbox folder
- Name each document, image, or video so it is easy to identify each item (include your brand name at the end)

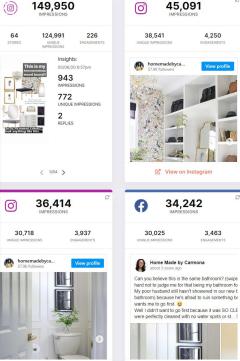
Postmortem Reporting

Influence Kit



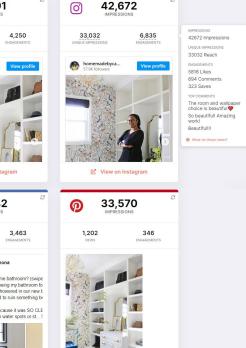
No Influence Kit?

- Submit a PDF with screenshots of analytics (1 wk later)
- Submit along with a *thank you for* partnering email + invoice



✓ View on Facebook

☑ View on Instagram



✓ View on Pinterest



Whenever you land a truly prestigious opportunity... raise your rates!



Reach out to past partners and let them know you will be raising rates next quarter (and why).

Flex the art of the humble brag:D

Give them an opportunity to lock in a partnership for the next quarter at the current rate.

When your space is featured in a magazine or on TV, and a brand's product appears, reach out and let them know!

If This Seems Like A Lot...It is.

- Understand that it takes time & you can't do everything.

 Create a strategic 5-yr plan with adequate time.
- 1st focus on tasks that serveyou long-term (Tasks you can set and forget).
- Set up automations & workflows that allow you (and your team) to work smarter.
- If you don't have a VA or team, get one when possible.

Do a few things well rather than all the things poorly.

Eg. I take on fewer projects and fewer partnerships at higher rates and give it the attention it deserves.

Prioritize tasks that serve you the next several years once set up.

Eg. Evergreen email newsletter on loop (48 short emails = 2 yr loop with 2 emails/wk), plus ads and sale funnels built in = income! Eg. Smarter Queue for social.

Hire out the mundane parts that take up your attention and time Eg. IG control freak? You write and schedule, your VA can post it. Also learn to use Al.

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