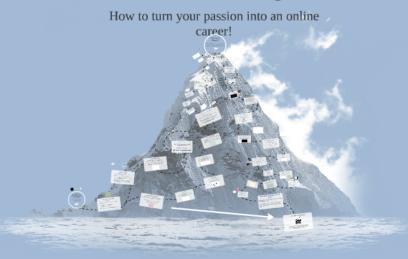
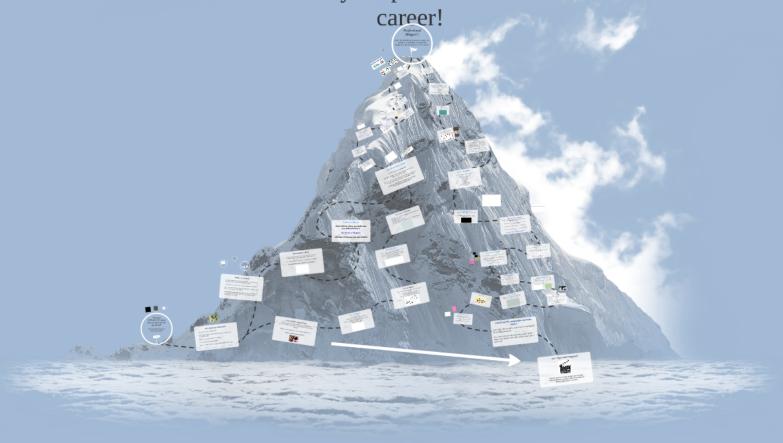
How to Blog



How to Blog

How to turn your passion into an online







Perfectionism Procrastination

Paralysis

ScheduleMAX.com

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE great TO START, BUT YOU HAVE TO START TO BE great.

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What is a Blog?

A Blog is a "web log"

People began just posting things to the internet!

A blog is anything and everything from news to tutorials to just random things like cats riding Roomba's!

A Vlog is a "video log"!

take action.

Let's find your PASSION!

WHAT do you want to blog about?

Did you want to start a blog about your business, organization or an individual blog?

What would you do if money was no option?

What would be your blog's *BRAND*?

Make a list of all your ideas and start with the **BEST ONE** today!

Discover Find your passion, life purpose, and take action.

What's in a name?

Your blog's name is important! Not only will it help people find you, but it is the "face" of your brand as you grow!

Your name should be easy for everyone to remember and spell!

Your name should fit your brand. KevinKid234 is not the greatest name for a blog about photography!

Consider getting a **new gmail account** using the name that you have chosen so you can have all of your comments and admin stuff linked to one account

Why ClutterBug?

ClutterBug.Me

what ClutterBug are you?



Getting a domain name.
There are soooo many places to
do this
www.godaddy.com is one
of many

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Register the domain

You can always

Domain names can ha .com, .org, .net, .ca, .g

Just "Park" It!

If you find a great name and you love it, you can "park" that name for later!

Register the domain name and save it!

You can always link it later!

Domain names can have many extensions .com, .org, .net, .ca, .gov, .me, .tv etc

To host or not to host.....

If you grow big enough, eventually you may want to host your own site for your blog

There is a cost to this!

Fortunately, you can transfer your blog at any time, so there is no rush to host your site right away!

I recommend hosting with BLUE HOST

Start a Video Blog (Vlog)

A video blog is an easy and effective way to show your subscribers tutorials, share ideas or just share with them about yourself.

Just like a written blog, the key to success vlogging is to

Entertain, Educate and Inspire!





Let's Start with Vlogging!!



You can have your vlogs on both your YouTube channel and you can upload them to a traditional blog as well for more exposure.

Check out the competition and take notes!

Watching other people's vlogs can be very helpful in creating your own!

See what style you like and make notes. What keeps your interest and what makes you want to move on?

Start with a few great ideas!

An **editorial calendar** will be a must once you get started, but even when planning your first video, write down a few ideas before getting started!

A script is a **BAD** idea, just have a few key notes written down on what you want to talk about!

Remember, you can re-record as many times as you need to and there is NO ONE watching you! Just you and your camera!

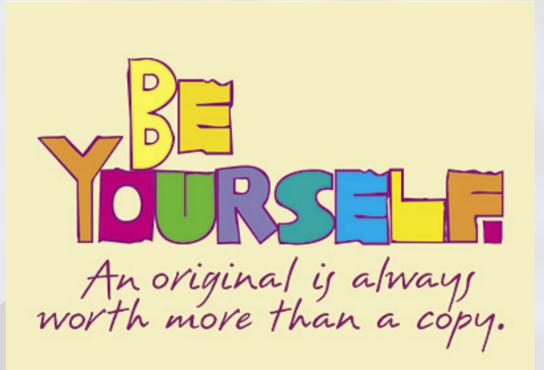
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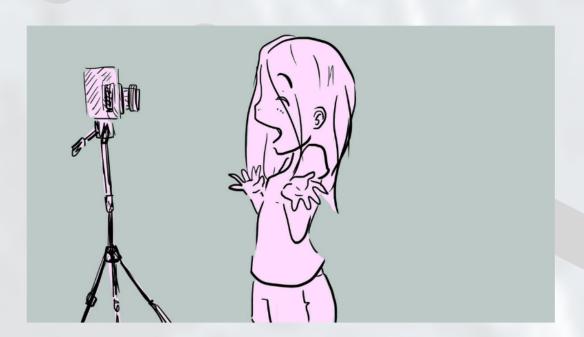
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Be Yourself!!!



Invest in a Tripod

While a good camera does affect the quality of your videos, a *more important* investment is a tripod! You can get a simple tripod from Walmart for under \$30!



Make your first video!

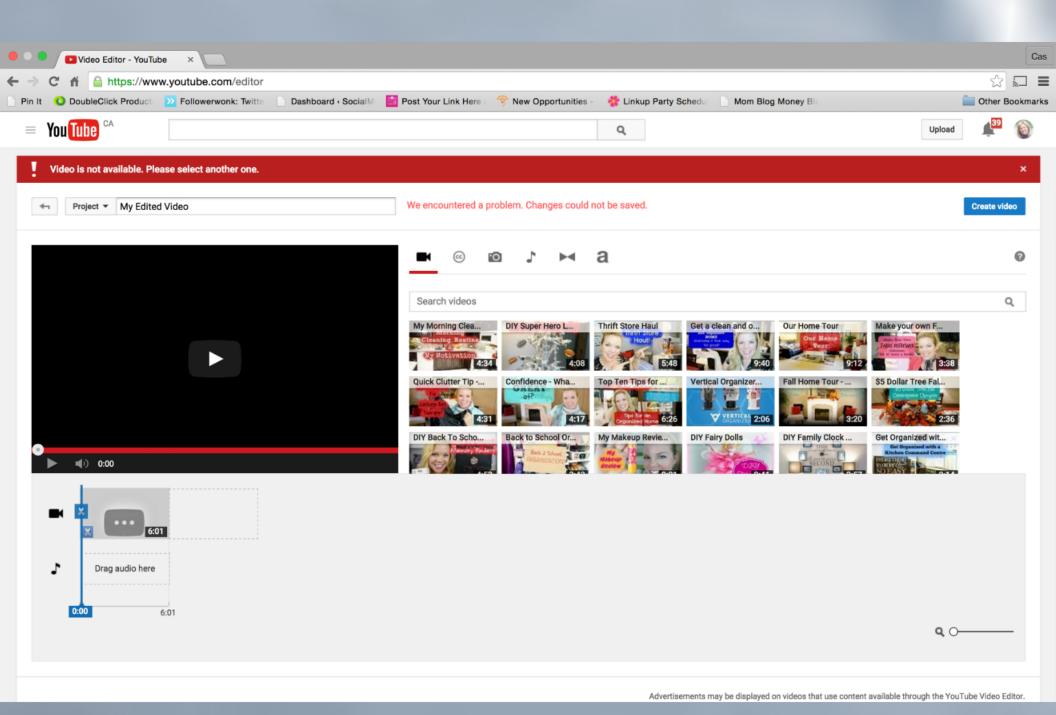
Just start filming!!! Most viewers like videos that are 3-7 minutes long!

You can upload your video just as is, or you can take a few minutes to edit it!

If you have a Mac, iMovie is an easy and fast way to edit your videos!

If you have a PC, Windows Movie Maker is free and is a great video editing software for beginners!

Even YouTube offers an easy video editor for free!

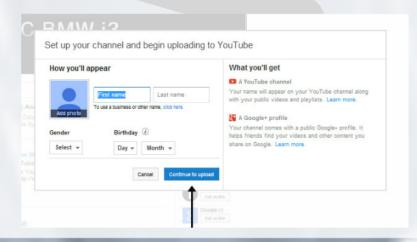


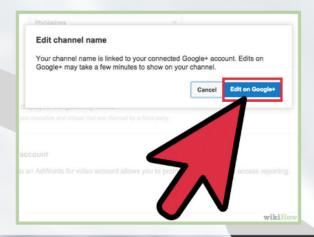
Setup your YouTube channel!

Use your new gmail account to setup your YouTube channel!

It is fast and easy to do! You can customize your channel with a logo, banner and link your other social media account and your blog as well!

Upload a profile picture as well!

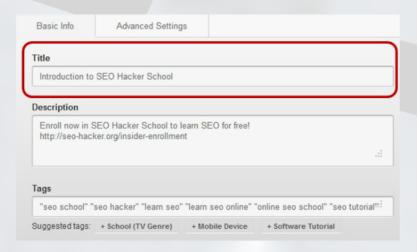




Choose a SEARCHABLE or EYE CATCHING TITLE

Your video's title is one of the most important factors when it comes to getting views!!

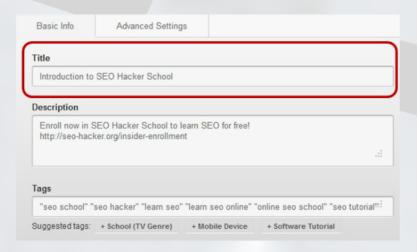
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Create a beautiful Thumbnail!

A great thumbnail is the second most important factor in getting more views on your video!!

If you don't upload a custom thumbnail, YouTube will choose one at random using a still from your video. These are rarely flattering!

I LOVE using **PicMonkey** for Thumbnails and for your banner and even your logo!

PicMonkey is easy to use and free!













Tag, Tag and Tag!!

Remember to tag your keywords in order to ensure your video is searchable!

I use tags such as "organize, how to organize and organizing" as default tags and then I make sure to add tags especially for each video!

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Tag your videos with other similar, popular video titles and YouTuber names!

Open an Adsense Account

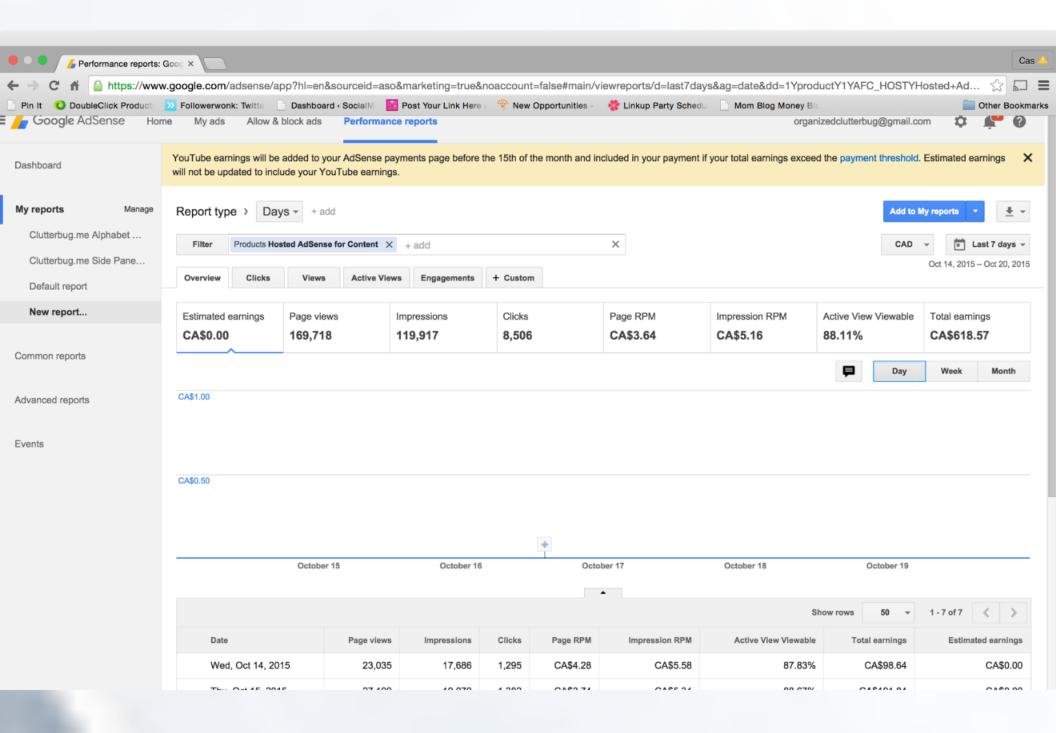
You can do this **straight from YouTube** or by going to straight to www.google.com/adsense

Make sure you are linking the google profile you are using for your YouTube account

Simply add your contact information, SIN number and banking information!

Once your adsense account is approved, you can select "Monitize Videos"

Let's talk about INVALID CLICKING

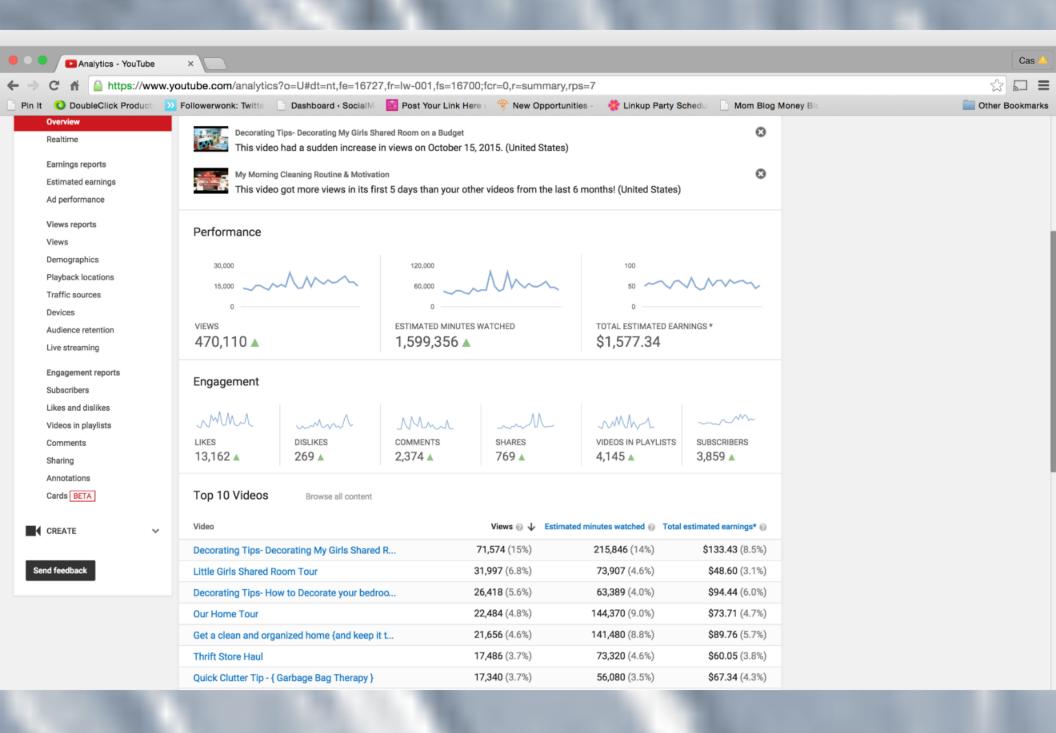


Use YouTube Analytics!

Track your progress, views and subscribers demographics through YouTube's Analytics

This will help you see what videos people like and which ones they don't. It also lets you know if your videos are too long and what market to target them towards!





Tubular Labs!!

Once you hit 5000 subscribers you can join Tubular Labs for free!!!

This amazing site gives you incredible insights into your channel and subscribers!

YouTube video formats

YouTube accepts the following formats:

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Windows Media Video (.WMV)
3GP (Cell Phones)
AVI (Windows)
MOV (mac)
MP4 (iPod/PSP)
MPEG
FLV (Adobe Flash)
SWF (Shockwave Flash)
MKV (h.264)
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Resolution

Make sure always shoot video in HD 1080 or HD 720 whenever possible, though this is not necessary. HD 1080p is a high-definition widescreen format with a 16:9 aspect ratio -- the same ratio as that used for big screen motion pictures. HD 720 carries the same aspect ratio, but at 720 pixels tall by 1280 pixels wide. For those who do not shoot in HD, YouTube accepts any size of video in any aspect ratio -- and makes it look good, too.

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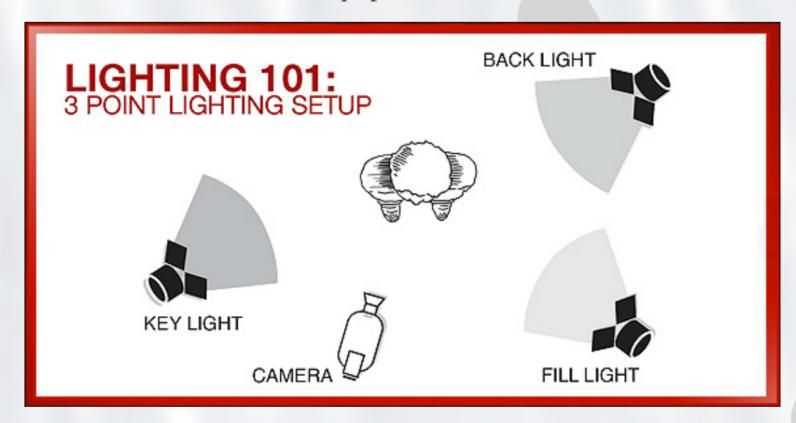
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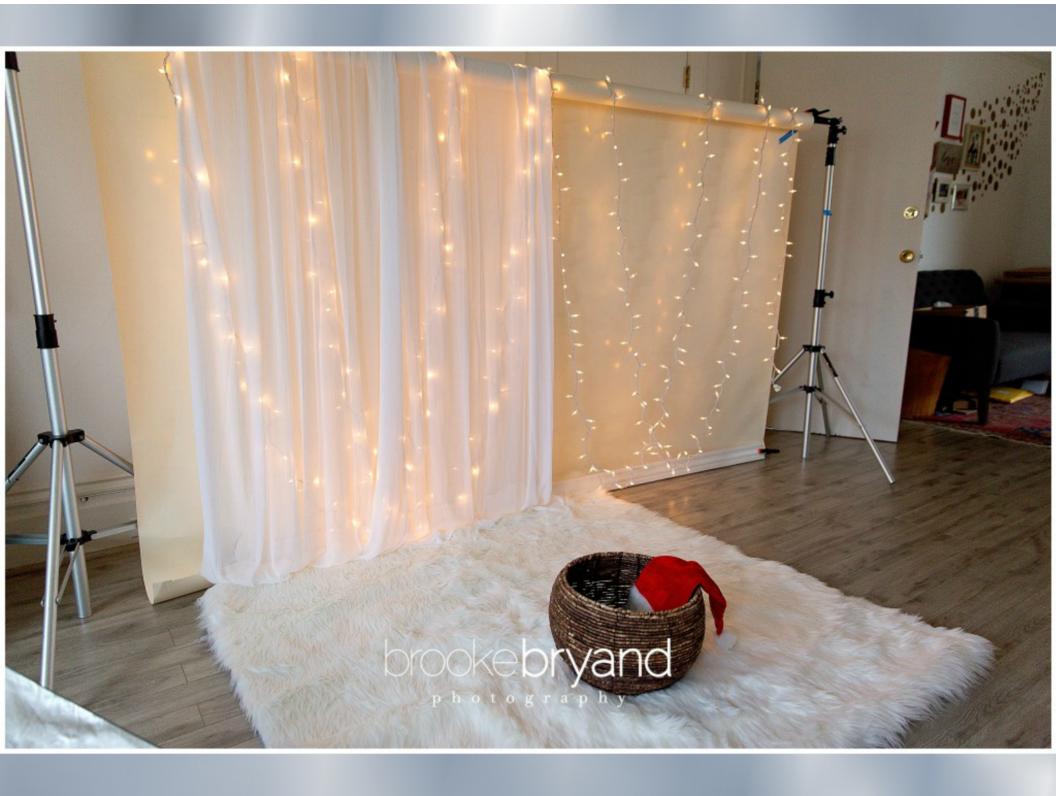
Lighting is important

Let's talk lighting! Lighting is very important to a great YouTube video! Great lighting is the difference from a really professional video and a "homemade" looking one

You can create a professional lighting setup without expensive equipment!







Share that Video!!!

Share your video on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter!

Email the link to friends and family and ask them to pass it along!

Join online communities of other YouTubers where they share and promote each other!!



Let's talk money!!!

Sponsorships are one of the best ways to earn money as a YouTuber! You will need to wait until you have a minimum of 5000 subscribers, but once you do, you can start reaching out to companies or waiting for them to come to you!!

My favourite sponsorship networks:

FAMEBIT REELIO GRAPEVINE

These are NOT a MCN (you will have to decide if you want to partner with a MCN on your own)

Do at least one Collab a month!

YouTube is an amazing place for collaborating with other channels! YouTubers just get that the best way to grow is to share subscribers with other YouTubers!

You will easily find LOTS of other channels more than willing to do a collab video with you and it is a great way to bring new people to your vlog!

Join collabs or start your own!! Find a channel you love and send them a message! Look for channels similar to your size for best results.

Start a Written Blog!

A written blog is a way to express yourself, share ideas and connect with people who have similar interests as you!

Your blog, whether it is a business or personal one, should be

ENTERTAINING, EDUCATIONAL & INSPIRING!



WordPress or Blogger?

When starting a blog, you really have two options to host it

WordPress or Blogger?

Let's look at the pros and cons of both!

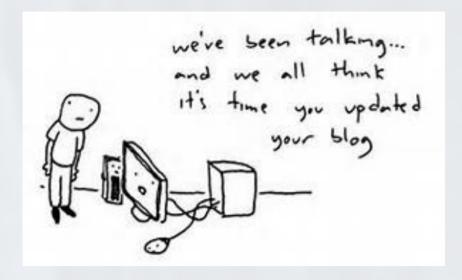
Pro's of Blogger

- Free and easy to use
- Choose a name and template then just start typing
 - Adsense all setup and ready to use
- Connected to Google+ and automatically shares on your page
 - A few gadgets to choose from
 - Google Analytics built in



Con's of Blogger

- It will look like every other Blogger Site unless you know HTML
 - No quick way to reply to comments
 - Only 1GB worth of picture storage!
 - Owned by Google, so it is never really yours!



Pros of WordPress

- The site is yours. Even if you host with WordPress, the site is still yours to do whatever you please
 - You can transfer and host your Wordpress at any time
 - You can take it to the next level if you decide to (sell items, affiliate links, external ads etc)
 - The plug ins and themes are endless!



The Cons of WordPress

- It takes more to learn plugs ins and widgets and hosting...Oh My!
- · There is more upkeep!
- · It will cost you money to host it, if you choose to



Just start writing...today!

Start writing, and start writing often!

Around 300 words per post is what most bloggers strive towards, but there is no perfect number!

DO NOT COPYCAT! Be authentic, tell the truth, admit when you are wrong! Give credit when using other peoples content!

Ending with a QUESTION is a great way to get more comments and engage your readers!

Social Media Citation Guide

	MLA	APA
BLOG POST	Lastname, Firstname. "Title of the Blog Post Entry." Blog Title. Publisher. Date posted. Web. Date Accessed.	Lastname, Firstinitial. (Year, Month Date). Title of the Blog Post Entry. [Web Log Post]. Retrieved from http://thewebsite.com
YOUTUBE	Title of Video. Date of Publication of Video. YouTube. Web. Date Accessed.	Lastname, Firstinitial. (Year, Month Day). Title of video [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/specificURL
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and skinny on it all [Web log post]. Retneved from

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Let's get started! Create an outline!!

- 1. Pick a Topic
- 2. Write a Headline
- 3. Choose 2-3 main points
- 4. Write an Introduction
- 5. Write a Conclusion or Call to Action

Edit and Post!

Widgets and Plug Ins

If you do decide on Wordpress, you will need to use

WIDGETS and maybe PLUG INS

I will show you on my daughters blog now!



Leave them wanting more!

Take your readers on a journey – posts that build from one to another can be powerful. Build momentum and create anticipation and you'll hook readers for the long term.

Give your readers a glimpse every post of a longer story or do a personal journey, like "The Happiness Project"

Weight loss, fitness, pregnancy and other life changing events that stretch over time are really popular and bring people back wanting to find out what happens next!

Encourage them to READ more!

Add links to other, older blog posts into your posts to encourage visitors to read more of your articles!

Mention an old post or use an image from an older post and add a link back to it for them to read!

Don't forget a CALL TO ACTION!!!

Don't be afraid to say "Subscribe to my blog" or "please share on your Facebook"!!! Call to Actions are really effective!!











» Check it out!

GET A BLOG NOW







GET IN







Create a Wiki

Short paragraphs are best!

Three to five sentence paragraphs are the easiest for your readers to read, and make the post more eye pleasing!

Long sentences and paragraphs can overwhelm your followers

I like to full justify my text, but you can choose the format you like the best. I recommend choosing one and staying consistent with your formatting for every post.

Images are so important!

Great images will set you apart from other blogs and gt you more subscribers and more shares to your post!

Let's talk about some ways to get a GREAT shot!

Always insert your images as large or full size in order to ensure that they look even with your text

Pinterest will drive more traffic to your blog than Facebook, YouTube and Twitter COMBINED!! Be sure to pin your best images and pin them often!



Always watermark your photos!!



DIY Light Box

Let's make a PIN!!

I LOVE PICMONKEY!!

Let's do a quick tutorial and make a great image for Pinterest!!







Share your blog on Social Media!!!

Share your blog *from* your blog to all of your social media networks!!

Ask friends and family to share you too!!

Join blogging forums and groups that allow you to share your blog!

Facebook has so many great groups that you can join that allow you to post your content! Google+ allows you to post your blog posts into communities!!

Let's talk about SEO!!

Search Engine Optimization (SEO) is a way of making your blog posts have better stretchability!

If your post is about potty training, it should have "potty training" in the title, first paragraph and your images should be saved as potty_training.jpeg (or png...or other formats)

Let's take a look at a PLUG IN on my site that can help with SEO!!



Money, Money, Money

You should NEVER start blogging as a way to earn a living!

Blogging should be something you are passionate about and would do even if you were not being paid!!

That being said, you can earn money from your blog by placing ads on your site, using affiliate links and selling product (ebooks, etsy store, printables, ecommerce... etc)



amazonassociates

Make Money Advertising Amazon

Earn up to 15% in referrals by advertising Amazon products.





Earnings Report Totals

Glossary

May 10, 2009 to January 31, 2010

	Items Shipped	Revenue	Referral Fees
The state of the s	879	\$53,698.67	\$3,548.12
Total Amazon.com Items Shipped	1194	\$45,747.22	\$3,071.59
Total Third Party Items Shipped	2073	\$99,445.89	\$6,619.71
Total Items Shipped	-44	-\$3,660.50	-\$165.16
Total Items Returned	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Refunds	2029	\$95,785.39	\$6,454.55
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Proof: From My Amazon.com Earnings Report













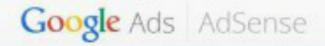












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How it works

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1. You make your ad spaces available

You make your website ad spaces available by pasting ad code on your site, and choose where you want the ads to appear



2. The highest paying ads appear on your site

Advertisers bid to show in your ad spaces in a real-time auction. The highest paying ad will show on your site.



3. You get paid

We handle the process of billing all advertisers and networks for the ads on your site, to make sure you receive your payments.

Sponsored Posts and Product Sales

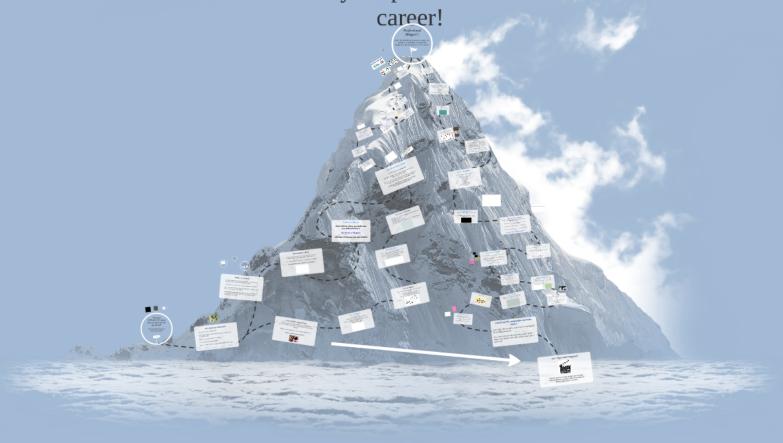
Sponsored Posts, Product Sales and Affiliate Links are the THREE top ways that bloggers earn their money!

Ebooks, printables and other products are a great way to earn a lot of money!



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Thank you!

For more questions, please email me at:

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