Templates & Colkit Version 1.0

A quick guide to structure your thoughts, ask questions about you and your business, the market and your clients.



It's an exciting time as you're starting or growing your business.

Whilst marketing can seem like a minefield, this toolkit with a series of tips and templates will help get your ideas mapped out.

Each of the templates will guide you through considerations, ideas and frameworks to help pull your plan together. Designed to be completed quickly and easily, it'll help capture your thoughts, organise your ideas and reflect how far you've come already.

Want to talk it through? Visit our website to book a free 30 minute call if you get stuck.





1. WHO ARE YOU & WHAT DO YOU DO?

Before you can communicate with clients, create a brand or start selling, you need a get hold of who you are.

Who are you: It may sound like a simple question, but can be a challenging one to answer. It may be helpful to think about your brand as a person.

What do you do: Think about the products and services your provide. Add as much detail as you can to help build a picture.

What is your business name?	
What do you do?	
How do you do it?	
Why do you do it?	
What is your vision?	
What are you values?	





2. WHO'S THE IDEAL CLIENT?

Rarely is 'everyone' your customer. If you are putting time, energy and money into building relationships with clients, how would you find them?

It is quite likely that you'll have more than one category of client. It may be helpful to complete this page for each type.

Try to build a picture of who they are - either personally or as a business. Think about the things that make them unique - location, age, a shared problem or industry.

What do you call this group?
How do you define them?
What's important to them?
What's important to them.
Where do they currently buy?
Where do they shop/eat/work/live?
What are their habits or characteristics?
What do they think value is?
Who are they connected to?





3. WHAT PROBLEM ARE YOU SOLVING?

Most businesses solve a problem (or two) for the clients they serve. It can be helpful to clearly understand things from the client perspective - and help you communicate clearly.

It's good to think broadly about the client's problem in human and business terms. What are they struggling to solve? They may be short on time, experience or perhaps their current solution is just stressful. Understanding their goal and obstacles will help you position your offering.

Their Problem	Your Solution
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4. FEATURES & BENEFITS

Ensure you're looking at your offering from the clients perspective.

It can be easy to see your products and services from your own viewpoint, however, switching perspective to your client can be invaluable.

Each of the features your product offers, may be better presented as a benefit to the client.

For example, you offer Saturday delivery, the benefit to the client is convenience. A television may offer a new technology, but it's important to communicate the benefit - a better picture.

Feature	Benefit
Feature	Benefit
Feature	Benefit
Feature	Benefit





5. THINK ABOUT THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY

It's probably longer than you think. You'll want to consider the first point of awareness to the point they recommend you to others.

Understanding all the steps in a client journey, both pre and post sale will help ensure you've considered all your communication and identified opportunities.

You may identify something as simple as 'not quickly responding to an enquiry' could be negatively impacting the sales process and conversion results.



Engagement Brand awareness			
Education			

Research
Investigate solutions

EvaluationAssesses satisfaction, requirements

Justification
Justify value, buy in

Purchase Transaction

Adoption
On boarding

Retention
Satisfaction

ExpansionUp sell, cross sell

AdvocacyLoyalty, recommendation

Problem identification



6. WHO ARE YOU UP AGAINST?

Its rare that you're the sole contender in a marketplace. Think about your competition and how you compare.

List your competitors and rank them from 1 to 10 on how they perform. Think about the parameters that your clients will compare you to them. Location, speed, expertise, finance options and breadth of services could be factors to consider.

It is also important to consider alternative solutions to the same problem - a car competes against other cars, as well as buses, taxis and bicycles.

Competitors	Price	Quality		







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