Side Hustle Report

200+ Side Business Ideas for Savy Single Moms



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Everyday single moms stress out about how to make ends meet or they simply want to work for themselves. With the responsibility of taking care of children it is often necessary to go to work outside of the home. The job may not pay enough to adequately meet the needs of a growing family so you start looking for ways to make extra money.

What is the best way to earn more money? What do I want to do? What are my talents? Will it take up too much time? These are some of the questions that float around in the mind when contemplating working a side gig. Other questions include: How much do I have to pay to start a business? How soon will I see a return on my investment? Are there any free ways to make money? With so many questions that need answers it is no wonder many people give up.

The best advice I can give is to just start. There is something you can do to make a little extra money. You have a skill that someone wants. You have something to offer that others would gladly pay for. To help you out I've listed over 200 side businesses ideas. Choose the one that works for you. Set a goal to make at least \$100 from the business then decide if you want to continue with it. If you don't make any money, choose another business. The key is to find something you enjoy doing and making it work. If you don't find exactly what you want to do on this list use it to spark other ideas.

These ideas are pretty timeless but they can get a modern twist by implementing a few internet marketing skills. Use the internet to market and sell your product or services. The least you can do is put up a webpage to let people know about your services. Use free classified ads to spread the word and as you get the hang of your business start writing articles that relate to your business to drive traffic to your website.

There is a lot to learn about running a business and the internet is full of resources. Search for this information and learn all you can, but for now just get started. Don't let the number of ideas overwhelm you. You can always come back to the list later when you want something else or want to add another stream of income.

Feel free to contact me if you would like help developing your ideas. I am more than happy to help. Also remember to visit <u>http://richsinglemomma.com</u> often for new articles, tips, and free resources.

All the best, Samantha

- 1. ADVERTISING SPECIALITIES With distributor provided catalogs and samples call on regular customers and supply them with custom imprinted pens, calendars, matches, etc.
- 2. ADVERTISING SERVICE Arrange for the design, printing and distribution of advertising/announcement flyers, mail outs and ad campaigns for clients for fee plus commission.
- AFRICAN VIOLETS Specialize in the propagation and care of this popular indoor plant. Nurture, hybridize and sell when in full bloom. Sell accessories and supplies.
- 4. ALTERATIONS Replace buttons, let out cuffs, shorten sleeves, and turn collars repair tears for clothing stores, laundries and cleaners who don't already offer this service.
- 5. AQUARIUM SNAILS Raise red ram's horn snails for home and commercial fish tanks. Sell to pet shops and aquarium dealers. Advertise in fish related trade journals.
- ARTIFICAL PLANTS Make your specialty artificial flowers and plants. Sell a selection of arrangements, baskets and special occasion creations; take custom orders.
- 7. BABY CLOTHES Specialize in bargain-priced new and hand-me-down infant clothing and supplies. Offer an alteration service; take in trades to refurbish and resell.
- 8. BABY FOOD Specialize in mixing, processing, packaging and selling homemade natural baby foods. Licensing and insurance required, dedicated work area strongly recommended.
- 9. BABY SITTING Go to client's home by appointment and stay with the children for hourly fee. Charge extra for two or more, doing housework or for taking the kids out.
- 10. BABY PICTURES With still or video camera, arrange with the hospital staff to photograph newborns (with parents, nurses, visitors). Sell print sets to proud parents.
- 11. BABY SITTING SERVICE Accumulate a list of qualified, bonded sitters. Advertise your service and rates, deliver and pick sitters. Collect fees and pay sitters a percentage.
- 12. BABY DOLLS Make and attach fine wigs from client baby's own baby hair to keepsake dolls. Try to get cloth from baby's actual clothes to make similar looking outfits for the doll.

- 13. BANQUET DECORATING Take full charge of banquet room preparation: theme decoration, seating arrangements, and centerpieces. Advertise your service and list with Chamber of Commerce.
- 14. BASKET WEAVING Design, make and sell a variety of your basket creations: plain and decorated (or with arrangements). Sell various fibers, plans and instruction kits.
- 15. BATIK CREATION Learn this ancient process: dip fabric in wax, crinkle, scratch or melt design into the wax, then dip in dye. Clean, stretch and dry for a valuable decoration.
- 16. BEAN SPROUTS Grow fresh bean sprouts on a rotating basis: have new crop every week or as needed to supply client restaurants, vegetable markets and retail customers.
- 17. BEAUTY AIDS Sell general or specialized beauty (or ethnic) supplies in your home salon or by appointment. Represent established lines and/or sell you own brand.
- 18. BONSAI PLANTS Grow (or buy) and arrange into attractive pots or arrangements. Sell from your home, through ads, or wholesale to flower shops, greenhouses and nurseries.
- 19. BOOK REVIEWING If qualified, read current books for publishers or agents. Write reviews to be quoted in book promotions or media reviews; work towards your own column.
- 20. BOOK SALES Sell general subject or specialized books wholesale or retail by mail: through mailing lists or direct advertisements. Warning: lots of competition in this field.
- 21. BOOKKEEPING SERVICE Provide (or begin) a bookkeeping services to small businessmen (especially solopreneurs) in your area. Expand to more complex systems and computers.
- 22. BOTANICA Stock "magic" potions, roots, powders, candles, good luck charms. Print (buy) and sell related instructions and lore. Careful not to guarantee results.
- 23. BREAD SPECIALITIES Bake and sell unusual varieties of home made breads: low calorie, ethnic, etc. Take orders for loaves fresh from your kitchen; deliver to stores on a route.
- 24. BRIDGE LESSONS Give Bridge lessons in your home when you are qualified. Charge by the lesson, or course. Hold tournaments, award prizes, publicize students.
- 25. BROMELIADS Specialize in culture of these beautiful pineapple relatives with their hauntingly beautiful blooms. Sell growing on driftwood arrangements for highest prices.

- 26. BUYER'S GUIDE Publish and sell or give away your guide to best prices and values available in your area. As it gains in popularity charge more to list the businesses!
- 27. CACTUS CULTURE Propagate, grow, groom and arrange native and exotic cacti for retail and wholesale market. Prepare little information booklets for each species.
- CAKE DECORATING Take orders to bake and decorate special occasion cakes. Retail through small, constant ads ("CAKES- phone number"). Offer to decorate bakery cakes.
- 29. CALLIGRAPHY Easily learned by artistic person: work through ads and stationary stores. Print fancy menus, show cards, place cards, invitations, announcements, etc.
- CANDLE MAKING Turn a hobby into a profitable business. Design your own line; offer custom styling, scents and special effects. Between orders, make standard items.
- CANDY MAKING Specialize in one or more types of candies that you can make in your kitchen. Package with you brand and wholesale to stores or sell through ads.
- CANNING SERVICE Preserve customer's home grown (or purchased) garden products with your canning operation. Use your recipes or theirs, apply personalized labels.
- 33. CARPET CLEANING With steam shampoo equipment, clean and renew residential and commercial carpets. Contact rental agencies, apartments and condos for wholesale jobs.
- CATERING SERVICE Prepare old fashioned, gourmet or special occasion meals for clients to pick up. Use insulated canisters to keep the food hot (charge deposit).
- CERAMICS Make ceramic pieces to retail, wholesale and display in your "school". Hold classes, sell greenware, kits and supplies. Charge or finishing and firing pieces.
- CHEESE MAKING Make your own brand of unusual or gourmet cheeses from your cow or goat milk. Sell from your place, on a route to area stores, or in mail order kits.
- 37. CHILD PICK-UP SERVICE Pick up and deliver client's kids after school, theater, games. Pick-up, deliver to parties, charge extra to stay with them until mom returns.
- CHILDREN'S TOWN HISTORY Write and illustrate a booklet about your town just for kids. Sell copies to doctors, dentist offices, stores, hospitals and nursery schools.

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- CHILDREN'S BOOKS With licensed equipment, "publish" children's books with their name appearing in print throughout the book. Set up booth in malls for holidays.
- 40. CHILDREN'S ROOM DECORATOR Specialize in decorating nursery and children's rooms. Offer varied "package" motifs. Work with or through suppliers for a commission.
- 41. CHILDREN'S CLOTHING Specialized in new (stylish and/or closeout) and outgrown children's clothes, accessories. Alter hand-me-downs, "wash" jeans, monogram sweats.
- 42. CHINA and GLASS DEALER Collect and deal in antique and interesting china and glass items. Buy at auctions, private and public sales and through you advertisements.
- 43. CLIENT LISTINGS Contract to keep customer (or business) information lists: customer birthdays, purchases, credit records, price records, employee records.
- 44. MAKE-UP ARTIST Make up women, actors for formal or entertainment situations. Offer classes for beauty or actor application and sell "your" line of make-up supplies.
- 45. CLIPPING SERVICES Review newspaper publications for contracted subjects (wedding announcements, graduations, mention of client products). Sell to agents and merchants.
- 46. CLOTH LABELS Make and sell small orders of fabric labels for small businesses and home crafters on your embroider machine. Offer lower prices for repeated orders.
- 47. COMMUNITY COOK BOOK Publish a theme or organizational oriented recipe collection with entries from each family/member/department. Print and distribute for a fee.
- 48. COMPANION SERVICE Accompany lonely, ailing or elderly people alone temporarily, on shopping trips, to and from the doctor, on short tours or when traveling longer distances.
- COOKBOOK PUBLISHING Publish a cookbook of your own favorite recipes (usually a catchy, interesting subject collection). Promote and sell through ads and stores.
- 50. COOKING LESSONS Give gourmet/ethnic/regional cooking, canning, baking lessons in your specialty from your kitchen, or by appointment in your student's kitchen.
- COOKING SERVICE Prepare complete meals at home, from your traditional or customized (gourmet, ethnic, traditional) menu to be delivered and served hot, or picked

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- COOKING, CUSTOM An overseas treat: offer genuine American style homecooking. Prepare and deliver (serve?) complete meals to parties, banquets and private homes.
- 54. CURTAIN LAUNDRY Wash, stretch and pleat curtains in your home laundry. Be sure to learn fabric requirements and have insurance. Offer installation and sell liners.
- 55. CUSTOM COOKBOOKS Assimilate, decorate (personalize the cover) and custom print (on computer), client recipe collections -- into their own "family heirloom" cookbook.
- 56. CUSTOM HANDICRAFTS Use your talents to embroider, tat, sew, and crochet products for customers with limited time or talent. Make extra good sellers between custom orders.
- 57. CUSTOM CLOTHING DESIGNS Paint, block print or transfer unique or custom designs on clothing for smocks, aprons or fabrics to be used for clothing, curtains or even upholstery.
- 58. CUSTOM KNITTING Take orders for hand-knitted sweaters, stockings and sets (ski outfits?). Make more fast sellers between orders; attach your labels to all products!
- 59. CUSTOM TAILORING Offer the luxury of hand made clothing: shirts, skirts, coats, uniforms, and suits. Good service to add to alteration business when you feel competent to start from scratch.
- 60. CUT FLOWER BUSINESS Grow and supply freshly cut flowers to markets and florists in your area. Offer a variety of seasonal or specialize in one (or two) greenhouse/ shade house grown varieties.
- 61. DANCING SCHOOL Instruct others in your dance specialty in group or individual classes. Be sure to "showcase" students to encourage them and publicize your business!
- 62. DECORATIVE PATCHES Design patches, quilt names and sew-on decals for sweatshirts, garden shirts. Design completed garments and do-it-yourself kits.
- 63. DIRECTORY PUBLISHING Publish local information booklets or maps: where to shop, eat, fish or visit. Booklets can be given away or sold by paid advertisers, businesses.
- 64. DOLL CLOTHES Difficult work for expert seamstresses, but pays well. Work with doll makers, collectors, sell at fairs and through advertisements in doll related publications.
- 65. DOLL MAKING Use ceramic molds, hand paint and finish fine dolls to sell to collectors, children and stores. Advertise in doll publications; attend doll shows.

- 66. DOLL COLLECTING. Buy, sell and trade fine and antique dolls with other collectors and investors. Visit shows and fairs regularly to keep abreast of trends and prices.
- 67. DONUT MAKING Make and sell a variety of donuts at home or in public view at fairs, flea markets and public events. Offer "specials": tasty toppings, bargain bags.
- 68. DRAPERY SERVICE Make (have made), clean or alter drapery for private or commercial customers. Sell replacements. Use ads for retail jobs, call on commercials.
- 69. DRAPERY CLEANING Offer in-home (in-office) or pick-up service to renew and re-pleat curtain fabrics. Offer re-lining and expand to do upholstery, walls, and rugs.
- 70. DRY CLEANING Offer a dry cleaning service in your area for clothes, drapes, etc. Send items to processing plant until you are ready to do the cleaning yourself.
- 71. ELEPHANT GARLIC Specialize in growing and marketing this remarkable, delicious giant garlic for gourmet restaurants and stores. Sell fresh, dried and frozen.
- 72. ENAMELING/CLOISONNE Create beautiful, unique enameled objects of art to sell: your own designs, themes, plaques, jewelry, and trinkets. Sell at shows and via catalogs.
- 73. ERRAND SERVICE Perform errands for individuals and businesses: go to the corner store or across the country. Deliver or pick up messages, packages, and important papers.
- 74. ESCORT SERVICE Supply (legitimate) escorts for official and business functions. Advertise for on-call escorts. Interview and qualify; have your entire services bonded.
- 75. ETHNIC ARTIFACTS Buy/create and market one category of products (Indian, Black heritage, German, Asian). Focus all of your advertising and expertise on specific market segment.
- 76. EXERCISE COMPANION. Serve as a walking, jogging companion for company, morale support and extra protection (good in cities). Carry any necessary (legal) protection.
- 77. EXERCISE FOR SENIORS Conduct daily passive aerobic classes and sessions for different categories (agility) of senior citizens at your place, and stops on a daily route.
- 78. EXOTIC DISHES Package and sell your "special" recipe: frozen or fresh; wholesale or retail. Advertise the product locally and rent a booth at fairs to publicize it.

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- 79. EXOTIC VEGETABLES Grow high value plants (chives, watercress, capers). Use a small greenhouse to produce big profits. Deliver fresh to restaurants and stores.
- 80. EXOTIC PLANTS Raise and sell especially valuable plants, such as four leaf clovers, rare mosses or delicate begonias. Advertise and display often at fairs and shows.
- 81. FOWER ARRANGING Arrange flowers for parties, banquets, office functions, from general decor to head table centerpieces. Make up displays to sell through stores.
- 82. FLOWER DRYING Raise or buy dryable flowers and shrubs for retail and wholesale customers: one kind packets or arrangements. Sell kits with complete instructions.
- 83. FOLK ART GALLERY Specialize in folk art. Become an "expert" in one or more areas (and receive much free publicity). Buy, sell, take consignments, appraise, and teach.
- 84. FORMULAS Research libraries and books for marketable formulas: soap, shampoo, hair tonic, cleaners. Bottle or package under your own label and market locally.
- 85. FORTUNE TELLING If you are good at palmistry or tarot reading, give performances at parties, fairs and at a mall booth and at festivals. Sell booklets, card kits.
- 86. FREELANCE HOT FOOD DELIVERY Contract to use your van to deliver hot food for one or more fast food businesses. Have set of magnetic signs each sponsor. Save them money.
- 87. FREEZE DRY FLOWERS With your equipment freeze dry and preserve wedding bouquets, corsages, centerpieces. Add this service to florist or nursery business for extra income.
- GALLOPING GOURMET Go to people's homes by appointment; cook them a gourmet meal! Furnish helpers, utensils, condiments, place settings service if desired for extra charges.
- GARAGE CLEANING Contact to clean out garages, sheds and attics for individuals, rental agents and absentee landlords. Get paid for the work AND keep anything of value.
- GARAGE SALE SERVICE Set up, promote and manage garage sales for inexperienced or reluctant clients. Inventory, help price and sell for percentage of the proceeds.

- 91. GARAGE SALES Buy underpriced items at auctions and other garage sales. When sufficiently "stocked" have your own -- or hold "joint" sales at various locations.
- 92. GENEALOGY Trace and document family archives. Provide records and related artifacts to descendants. Charge by amount of research involved and documents produced.
- 93. GHOSTWRITER Write articles, letters, reports, speeches and other papers for busy executives and those with little talent in this area. Provide signed agreement to clients.
- 94. GLASS ETCHING Custom-etch glassware for individuals, and to order for retail stores. Offer monograms, town or company logo, family crest, art designs or scenery.
- 95. HANDBAGS Specialize in ladies handbags. Make them in your "factory" to retail or wholesale, or buy and stock a wide variety of sizes, styles, colors and prices.
- 96. HANGING PLANTS Specialize in hanging plants of all sizes and descriptions. Display when in peak condition in various types of attractive pots, holders and hangers.
- 97. HEALTH FOODS Use only natural fertilizers and pesticides in your garden to produce higher priced organically grown products. Sell as "organically grown" products.
- 98. HERB HOUSE Grow, process, and sell herbs that grow well in your area (or greenhouse. Package products separately and in blends (e.g. pickling preparations).
- 99. HERB PLANTS Provide live, healthy potted herbs (basil, chives, borage) for really
- 100. fresh seasoning to gourmet restaurants. Exchange for new plants as needed.
- 101. HERBAL SEASONINGS Develop, package and market your own blends of seasonings for local, hopefully wider distribution. Arrange for attention-getting packaging to expedite sales.
- 102. HERBAL AND SPICE TEA Blend and sell different blends of herbal teas. Include leaflets with history and folklore in each package. Use uniquely decorated containers.
- 103. HOBBY NEWSLETTER Originate a newsletter or directory for and about hobbyists and their crafts. Build readership by fostering participation, exchanging ideas, listing fairs and supply sources.
- 104. HOBBY KITS Sell do-it-yourself hobby kits in your field of expertise. Include stepby-step guidance and pictures to help beginners learn the craft.

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- 105. HOLIDAY, SPECIAL EVENT BASKETS Prepare holiday and special event baskets of fruit, flowers, "goodies". Wholesale or consign to gift stores and advertise custom retail work.
- 106. HOME-CANNED GOODS. Take orders or sell home canned goods from your garden. Offer ethnic, regional, or dietary (low-salt/sugarless) as well as "regular" recipes.
- 107. HOME-SMOKED MEATS With your smoker, recipes and wood selection, smoke and sell your sausage, hams, ribs and chicken. Offer hot smoked meats & sandwiches for holidays and banquets.
- 108. HOME PERMANENTS Specialize in giving "home perms" at "their" place. Go to offices, homes, hospitals, and senior citizen centers by appointment or on a route.
- 109. HOME STUDY COURSES Sell/rent new/used home study courses. Buy new courses on sale (when available), buy courses back from students. Sell locally and by mail order.
- 110. HOMEMAKER'S HELPER Provide temporary relief or assistance for sick, vacationing or just plain "pooped" moms. Charge by the hour or job (more than a full-time helper).
- 111. HOMEOPATHY Specialize in natural remedy products and related folklore. Provide information on "reputed" remedial properties. Be very careful not to offer "cures".
- 112. HOROSCOPE SERVICE Provide horoscope/astrology information to clients prepare manually or use your computer program to select and/or print out the information.
- 113. HOSPITAL GROOMING Assist patients with nail, hair, skin care in hospitals and nursing homes. License may not be needed to provide an appreciated service on a route.
- 114. HOUSE CLEANING Offer one-time or periodic house cleaning services. Perform the heavy tasks (shampoo rugs, clean stoves, wash windows, wax the floors, defrost, etc.)
- 115. IMPRINTED CLOTHING Print (or have printed) names, designs, slogans on Tshirts, hats, uniforms by heat transfer, screen or sublimation for schools, companies, or tourists.
- 116. INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS, CDs Make recordings of yourself or others teaching and demonstrating their crafts and specialties. Market via mail, internet or wholesale to stores.
- 117. INVISIBLE MENDING/WEAVING Repair snags, tears, burns in fine clothing and fabrics. Advertise locally work with cleaners and clothing stores in your area.

- 118. JEWELRY SALES Sell inexpensive to fine jewelry to friends, through party plans, direct from advertisements, or wholesale to local stores. Compare suppliers constantly!
- 119. JEWELRY BOXES Make fine jewelry boxes (lined, lacquered, inlaid, shell covered) for gift stores, catalog sales and retail sales. Add music works for extra profits.
- 120. JEWELRY CREATIONS Use your talent and ingenuity to mass produce or individually create exquisite jewelry -- from virtually anything from diamonds to sliced bamboo.
- 121. JEWELRY BUYING (OLD) Buy old, "worn out" or "outdated" jewelry for "salvage". Actually, rejuvenated old jewelry is quite valuable! Sell "waste" only as salvage.
- 122. JUNK JEWELRY ART Buy old jewelry and create designs on framed velvet backgrounds. Glue on beads, drill holes for lights. Wire and light for a spectacular display.
- 123. KID PHOTO DOLLS Take or use photos of kids to make various size (up to full size) "paper dolls" of client's children. Cut out, seal in plastic and mount in slot on sturdy plywood and base.
- 124. KITCHEN SPECIALTIES Whip up and sell your mouth-watering or prize-winning recipes. Sell to local restaurants or advertise with big posters at the fair booth. Sell hot, canned or frozen!
- 125. LAPIDARY (GEM MAKING) Operate a "rock shop" in your garage. Cut, polish facet, shape and mount gems in commercial findings. Sell mounted, un-mounted gems and jewelry.
- 126. LIVE-IN AGENCY Check out both prospective employers and workers. Charge fee to find a reliable widow to stay with elderly person who would otherwise have to go to a home.
- 127. LOCAL WHO'S WHO Compile and publish a directory or index with biographical sketches of prominent people (pioneers, hero's, leaders) in your area, past and present.
- 128. LOCAL HEROES Research and write items about local heroics (police, scouts, lady pioneers, ancestors). Sell to local publications and again later as a collection.
- 129. LONELY HEARTS Advertise for, list and match names of people who would like to meet others. Consider age, interests, hobbies, what they like in others, church affiliation, education.
- 130. MACRAME Make and sell a good selection of hangers and hangings. Take orders for custom work. Find (keep secret) good sources for materials, sell do-it-yourself kits.

- 131. MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS Sell a variety of magazine subscriptions from your "office"; Use "gimmicky" ads, give credit for leads and do lots of telephone canvassing.
- 132. MAIL ORDER SALES Find the right product, "showcase" it, advertise it, and sell it by mail (ad and/or mailing lists). Caution: Heavy competition and many "sharks"!
- 133. MAIL ORDER BOOKS Sell books by mail (most suppliers will drop-ship). Always offer follow-up products and check several sources before "signing" with any one.
- 134. MANICURE SERVICE Provide nail care service in or from your "salon." Check needs in hospitals, nursing homes, even office and factory workers on break.
- 135. MINERALS AND GEMS Where petrified wood, meteorites, jade, or other potential gem minerals are available, gather and process them. Sell finished jewelry and stones.
- 136. MINIATURE GARDENS Create various sizes of garden-like displays of live plants for hospital sick rooms, boxes for balconies, rooftop planters, offices and residences.
- 137. MONOGRAM SERVICE Embroider names, logos, and initials on clothing, uniforms and company team jackets. Specialize in a style or service, charge extra for custom work.
- 138. MULTI-LEVEL SALES Work with reputable company (e.g. Amway, Watkins) to make money from sales of merchandise -- both your own sales and those by others that you sponsor into the program.
- 139. MUSHROOM CULTURE Grow and sell mushrooms. Fill standing gourmet restaurant and store orders, advertise for retail sales. Can, freeze or dry leftovers and stems.
- 140. NAIL POLISH MANUFACTURING Buy red lacquer in bulk and bottles in bulk. Mix in various colors, bottle and sell. Add your own nail polish remover (acetone mixture).
- 141. NARRATING Use your speaking ability to narrate private or commercial movies, videos, demos and advertisements. Sell taped versions for slide show presentations.
- 142. NATIVE PLANTS Become an expert on plants native to your locale. Grow, propagate and improve. Raise the value of your plants and seeds by enclosing an informative brochure in each pack.
- 143. NATURAL JEWELRY Make and sell jewelry and decorations from seeds, twigs, berries. Example: China berry seed necklaces, "moose-apple" pins, acorn beads, willow wreaths.

144. NATURE'S PRODUCTS - When in an area with wild products (hickory nuts, maple syrup) that you can harvest, do so! Process, package and sell as genuine products of nature.

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- 145. NECKTIES Make and sell exclusive, hand made ties from exotic materials from all over the world. Offer a wide selection of designs, attach your exclusive label.
- 146. NEEDLECRAFT Make and sell homemade items (pot holders, bonnets, towel rings) to sell on consignment, to mail order catalog companies, or through parties and ads.
- 147. PAPER SCULPTURE Create and sell your own unique "heads", figures, caricatures, abstracts, even effigies! Sell for up to \$50 each for holidays, promotions, parties.
- 148. PAPIER MACHE SCULPTURE Create a selection of your "standard" caricatures, piñatas and offer custom versions. Assemble do-it-yourself kits with full instructions.
- 149. PARTY PACKAGES Make up and market complete party packages with innovative games, masks, favors, stunts and entertainment for various age, size and interest groups.
- 150. PARTY PLANNING Take complete charge of customer's planned party: decorate, schedule activities, send invitations. Arrange entertainment, catering and clean-up.
- 151. PASTE CRAFT Glue unusual fabrics onto hard surfaces (trays, dishes) to sell in craft shops. Build stock of fabrics and projects, teach, and sell do-it-yourself kits.
- 152. PEN PAL SERVICE Advertise in overseas publications. Offer to enroll host country citizens in correspondence clubs for US or other nationality pen pals. Offer introductions.
- 153. PEN PAL CLUB Advertise for members and arrange into categories by age, location, sex, interests, etc. Charge for membership (or newsletter), addresses or "matches" from your files.
- 154. PERFUME BAR Stock and sell a selection of genuine and/or "imitation" brand perfumes and accessories from your salon (have samples and take orders to start).
- 155. PERSONALIZED OFFICE ITEMS Make and/or sell personalized (engraved or monogrammed) office accessories: logos, coffee cups, desk signs, paperweights, briefcases, etc).
- 156. PET SITTING Feed, water, clean up after and check on pets twice a day in their homes while owners are away. Call owners or veterinarian if there are any problems.
- 157. PET HOTEL Board and care for pets in your kennels or cages while owners are away. Or, work with assistants who provide "foster homes" for unusual or pampered pets.

- 158. PET TATTOOING Offer this permanent identification service to breeders and individuals to deter theft, expedite recovery of lost pets and confirm lineage (e.g., breeder has record of marks).
- 159. PIES AND COOKIES Take orders or contract for baked goods from your kitchen. Deliver to customers or stores daily with your name and logo imprinted on the cartons.
- 160. PILLOWS Make and decorate designer, fancy, or "down home" pillows to sell in boutiques, fairs, party plans, sales catalogs and/or advertisements and mail order.
- 161. PLANT SCULPTURE A profitable specialty: braid trunks, shape into interesting forms. Trim, bend, graft, to create valuable sculptures that bring premium prices.
- 162. POMANDERS Revive this old Egyptian art: process oranges into hardened and long-lasting sachets. Use spice and perfume mixtures and penetrating cloves: sell!
- 163. POPCORN PRODUCTS Make and market various popcorn base products. Give your recipes exotic names. Create your colorful holiday and special occasion containers.
- 164. POTTED PLANTS Learn to start (propagate) and groom popular potted plants. Display in attractive settings, especially when they are in bloom or full foliage.
- 165. POTTERY With your potter's wheel, make, fire and sell your own style of pottery. Encourage onlookers and students and put your "mark" on every piece you offer for sale.
- 166. PRINTS, LINOLEUM Cut your artistic designs into linoleum blocks; make and frame your prints. Teach the art, sell kits, and publicize student work (great advertising!).
- 167. PRODUCT DEMONSTRATIONS Contract with food brokers to demonstrate consumer products (prepare and give out samples) in supermarkets, drug stores and shopping malls.
- 168. PRODUCTBROKER Buy a quantity of a product wholesale (preferably at a closeout price) and advertise it as a "one-time special" locally. Sell leftovers at closeouts!
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- 176. PRODUCT REPACKAGING Buy bulk products (nails, beans, vinegar) by the ton or barrel. Re-package into neatly labeled packets, pints, boxes and sell for much more.
- 177. PUPPET MAKING Create your own puppets (cartoon, caricatures or custom faces). Give shows at children's parties, train both "actors" and puppet makers. Sell kits.
- 178. QUILTING Make and sell beautiful homemade quilts from "scraps" in your "spare time".
- 179. Take color photographs of each quilt and make a "catalog" to show them.
- 180. RAG DOLLS Make and sell rag, sock and similar stuffed dolls in your own unique fashion. Attach your label and offer to stores in your area and via mail nationwide.
- 181. READING TO PATIENTS Visit hospitals, nursing homes or individual homes and read stories, novels to patients. If time is limited, read a chapter a week. Charge relatives.
- 182. REAL PEOPLE DOLLS Make and dress doll representations of real people (heroes, historical, actual clients). Include information about the person. Present in attractive glass display boxes.
- 183. RECIPE SALES Perfect your favorite recipes. Promote and sell them individually, in small sets, or collections. Sell something that will make the cook look great!
- REPORT WRITING Write information or "how-to" articles on subjects in which you are well versed. Sell to technical publications or advertise and sell "reports" direct.
- 185. RESIDENTIAL POSTCARDS Take pictures of well-kept homes and make post cards out of them.

- 186. RESUME SERVICE A professional resume writing services: interview and review qualifications. Slant for types of job sought: include picture on each resume (computer programs exist).
- 187. RUG MAKING Make sell hand woven (or?) rugs in standard and custom designs. Offer instructions, materials do-it-yourself kits, plus related supplies and equipment.
- 188. SCARECROWS Make and sell authentic scarecrows for gardeners and garden displays. Also, sell kits, complete with frames, straw, and old clothes and face parts.
- 189. SCREEN PRINTING Set up a silk screen apparatus in your shop to print anything from a small badge to a large order of real estate signs, even fabrics and labels.
- 190. SEED PACKETS Collect, sort, label and sell packets of selected wildflowers or plants native to your area. Include instructions, history and folklore on each package.
- 191. SEED DEALER Buy bulk seeds from suppliers or farmers. Repackage into small packets and blends. Add instructions and package along with folklore info; wholesale to local markets.
- 192. SEWING SERVICE Make repairs and do alterations for non-sewing (busy bachelor?) clients needing buttons, adjustments. Charge extra for one-day or "emergency" service.
- 193. SEWING CLASSES When qualified, hold sewing classes in your home. Offer full courses as well as special "how-to" seminars for specific techniques. Sell material and supplies to students.
- 194. SHELL CRAFTS Use glue, dyes, toy animals' eyes, props and your imagination to make shell decorations and novelties to sell at fairs and wholesale to local stores.
- 195. SHOPPING SERVICE Do grocery shopping for clients. Get their list, buy and deliver. Use your shopping, pricing experience and volume buying to get best values.
- 196. SHUT-IN SERVICE Call and/or visit temporary or permanent shut-ins on behalf of absentee relatives. Take magazines, play games, read to them, and be their friend.
- 197. SILK FLOWER RENTALS Make up silk flower arrangements for weddings, funerals, bar mitzvahs and banquets. Sell, rent and offer do-it-yourself baskets, centerpieces, etc.
- 198. SNAIL RAISING Raise and sell fresh "escargot" (edible) snails for gourmet restaurants. Preserve, package and sell leftovers to local stores or a food broker.

- 199. SOAPMAKING Learn as a hobby or adjunct to candle making. Create and sell various shapes, colors, fragrances. Mold prepared solutions or make your soap from scratch.
- 200. SPECIALTY FOODS Represent one or more suppliers of specialty foods (diet, ethnic, and gourmet) to restaurants, stores and/or individuals. Advertise for customers.
- 201. SPECIALTY MERCHANDISE Sell a line of merchandise from your catalogs and samples to retail stores, individuals, and sub-sales efforts like parties or group discounts.
- 202. SPICES AND HERBS Grow spices and herbs that thrive in your climate (and greenhouse). Sell dried, blended, freshly cut, in flats or pots, packets and bunches -- ready for use.
- 203. SPIDER FARM Raise different kinds of spiders: sell webs to scientific institutions. Sell to schools and laboratories. Write booklets for each species.
- 204. STAMP APPROVALS Buy U.S. or foreign stamps in bulk; search for valuables (to sell individually); sell the rest in packets or as approvals (e.g., 2 for each one kept).
- 205. STAMP DEALING Buy, sell and/or trade postage stamps of the USA or world. Buy in bulk; sell packets, mixtures, sets and singles to beginning or intermediate collectors.
- 206. STENCILING (FABRICS) Design your own stencils for interesting fabric designs. Apply to clothing and fabrics for sale. Sell stencils, fabric kits paints, dyes and supplies.
- 207. STORY TELLER Narrate stories at children's' parties. Use props (dolls, pets, puppets) and audience participation. Perfect the stories then tape or put down on paper.
- SURPLUS PRODUCE Buy peaches, tomatoes, etc., when in season and price is low. Preserve (freeze, can, dry) to sell when the price goes later in the season or in winter.
- 209. TAILORING Use your skills to custom tailor men, boys and women's garments (including jackets, uniforms, suits) in or from your home "shop". Attach your own label.
- 210. TALENT AGENCY Locate and list people (and animals) with unusual talents (charge a small listing fee). Send lists to talent agents, producers, show managers, and actors.
- 211. TAMALES AND TACOS Take orders for tamales, tacos (or other specialties) in your kitchen for customer or pick-up (or delivery to restaurants). Freeze leftovers.

- 212. TELEPHONE CANVASSING Contract with salesmen or businesses to obtain leads or potential customer info for them from your telephone operation. Charge by the lead.
- 213. TELEPHONE SALES Call listed or phone book names to sell merchandise or services (yours or client's). Charge a sales commission and keep ALL profits on your products.
- 214. TEMPLE RUBBINGS With lumber (or similar) crayon and rugged, fabric, copy stone or metal relief designs by rubbing onto covering paper or fabric. Seal, frame and sell.
- 215. TERRARIUMS Start and nurture plants in bottles and plastic containers that require little if any watering. Grow plants to peak of attractiveness and sell, container and all.
- 216. TOWN HISTORY If none exists, "publish" a booklet about your town. Sell direct and/or to merchants for resale or to give away (consider including paid advertisements.)
- 217. TURTLES Raise and market various types of turtles: edible, aquarium, decorative, pet shop and possibly larger ones to protect species and/or market to zoos and preserves.
- 218. TUTORING Provide assistance by appointment or scheduled classes to students (anyone in need) of your expertise, whether academic, technical or operational skill.
- 219. TYPING SERVICE Do typing jobs in your home: for doctors, lawyers, business people, and students. Charge less than word processor but still make a nice profit.
- 220. USED BOOKS SALES Buy, sell and trade used books: novels, reference, science, text, even collector editions from your home.
- 221. VEGETABLES, OFF SEASON Grow and sell "vine ripened" (with lights, heat) tomatoes from your greenhouse in winter, fresh corn in spring, ripe strawberries in the fall.
- 222. VITAMIN SALES Sell one or more lines of vitamins and supplements, some with generic or your name "brand." Advertise and/or enlist user/helpers and party plans.
- 223. WEAVING, SPINNING On old fashioned equipment, spin, weave and dye authentic, hand made fabrics that command high prices; sell kits, instructions and folklore.
- 224. WEDDING CONSULTANT Plan and coordinate weddings from start to finish: decor, guests, dresses, schedules, catering, photographer, etc. Receive fee and commissions.
- 225. WILD BERRIES Pick, preserve and sell wild blackberries, gooseberries, etc. Prepare different forms, but always emphasize that they are genuine wild products.

- 226. WILDFLOWER SEEDS In your travels, gather wildflower seeds. Seal and label, then take home and cultivate to produce seeds for packets "from around the nation."
- 227. WILDFLOWER PLANTS. Start, nurture and market when ready, genuine wildflowers and plants of local interest. Have small brochures printed for each plant (this sells them).
- 228. WINE AND BEER MAKING After perfecting your recipes, sell kits, instructions and supplies (not the product) to others who would also like to make their own too.
- 229. WORD PROCESSING Produce "editable" drafts and finished professional letters, manuscripts and documents for students, lawyers, writers and businesses. Allow editing prior to final printing.
- 230. WRITE FOR CHILDREN Write poems, Sunday school stories, puzzles, explanations, riddles, etc., for children. Sell to local papers, children's book publishers or in your own booklets.
- 231. WRITING, FREELANCE Starting with local articles (even "filters"); sell or even GIVE to local paper (to be "published"). Work up to articles and stories that sell.
- 232. YOUR-BRAND PRODUCTS Make or formulate your own line of household (or?) products from "secret" recipes. Design your own packages and advertising and market your products.
- 233. Blogging set up a blog on Blogger.com, Wordpress.com, or other blogging service. Write about the things you care about and as the blog gains popularity add Google Adsense. Soon you will be able to sell advertising space.
- 234. Podcasting Use your gift of gab to produce a daily, weekly, or monthly podcast. Having your on online radio show lets your voice be heard all over the world. Set up a website around your radio show and sell advertising both on the website and as commercial spots on your show.

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