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The Niche Finder Workbook

Stop Guessing. Find Your Niche. Start Building.

- ✓ A niche direction you are genuinely confident in
- ✓ Proof that your niche has an audience that spends money
- ✓ Your first content and keyword ideas ready to go
- ✓ Zero confusion about what to build and who it is for
- ✓ A clear first action so you stop waiting and start doing

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Welcome

Thank you for getting The Niche Finder Workbook. The niche question is the one that trips up almost every beginner. Not tech skills, not money, not time. Just that one question: what should I actually focus on? Without a clear answer, everything stalls. This guide gives you a structured process for answering it, so you can make a confident decision and get on with building.

Work through the sections in order. Each one builds on the previous and ends with an exercise. Do the exercises as you go. Write your answers in the spaces provided or print the guide and fill it in by hand. Most people complete the whole workbook in one or two sittings.

A note before you start

This guide helps you make a confident, informed niche decision. Results depend on what you do after you finish. What it guarantees is that you will leave with a clear direction, which is more than most people ever manage to get.

Section 1

Why Niche Matters

Understand this and everything else makes sense

A niche is the focused topic area your online business is built around. Photography for beginners. Keto cooking for busy parents. Hiking gear for over-50s. The more specific, the better.

Most beginners make two mistakes. The first is going too broad, choosing categories like health, money or fitness that are so wide you compete with thousands of established sites on every article you write. The second is choosing purely for profit, with no genuine interest in the topic. Both approaches lead to the same place: eventually giving up.

What makes a good niche?

A good niche sits at the intersection of three things:

Something you know or enjoy	A real audience	Spending potential
Enough interest or knowledge to write about it consistently without burning out.	People actively searching for information, help or products in this area.	Affiliate products, courses or services that people in this niche already buy.

The specificity rule

"Golf for beginners over 50" is a better niche than "golf." "Vegan recipes for college students on a budget" beats "vegan food." Narrow niches have less competition, more loyal audiences and higher conversion rates because the content speaks directly to one specific person.

EXERCISE: Specificity Check

A broad topic area I am considering:

A more specific version (add an audience, a problem or a context):

An even more specific version:

Section 2

The Interest and Experience Inventory

Surface your best niche ideas. Most people find their answer here.

Most people think they have no ideas. What they mean is they have not yet listed what they know and enjoy. This exercise fixes that. It takes about 20 minutes and the best idea is almost always somewhere in the list.

Part A: What do you know?

List everything you know more about than the average person. Past jobs, training, hobbies, problems you have solved. Do not filter. Write everything.

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Part B: What do you enjoy?

Topics, activities or communities you genuinely enjoy or are curious about, whether or not you consider yourself an expert.

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Part C: What problems have you solved?

Things you have figured out the hard way. Challenges you have overcome. Other people are often searching for exactly what you already know.

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Do not edit yourself yet

Write down everything, even if it feels too obvious, too niche or not "businessy" enough. You are surfacing raw material to work with. The evaluation comes later.

Section 3

From Interest to Business Idea

Turn what you have listed into specific, workable niche directions

The bridge exercise takes your raw material from Section 2 and turns it into focused niche directions you can actually evaluate and build around.

The bridge formula

[Your topic] + [Specific audience] + [Their problem or desire]

Examples:

Your topic	Specific audience	Problem or desire
Cooking	New parents	Quick healthy meals with no time
Personal finance	Graduates	Paying off student debt while saving
Photography	Retirees	Learning digital photography from scratch
Fitness	Over-50s	Staying active with joint pain
Dog training	First-time owners	Basic obedience without a trainer

Your turn: fill in your top niche ideas below

Topic	Audience	Problem or desire

Section 4

The Three-Question Validation Test

Before you commit to anything, run it through these checks

Most beginners skip this step. They pick a niche on gut feeling and discover months later that nobody is searching for their content. This check takes about 20 minutes per idea and saves you from that costly mistake.

Question 1: Is there an audience searching for this?

Go to Google and type in questions your ideal reader might ask. Do suggestions appear? Check Jaaxy inside your Wealthy Affiliate account or the Google Keyword Planner. You do not need huge numbers. 500 to 2,000 monthly searches for a specific keyword is a healthy sign. No search volume at all may mean the audience is too small to build on.

Three searches I found with real results:

Question 2: Are people spending money in this niche?

Search Amazon for products in your niche. Check ShareASale, CJ Affiliate or ClickBank for affiliate programmes in your category. Look at Udemy for courses. If people are selling things in this space, other people are buying them. That is all you need to confirm.

Three products or programmes I found:

Question 3: Can you create content here for the long term?

Imagine writing 50 articles about this topic over the next 12 months. Does that feel manageable, even enjoyable? Consistency is what builds an online business. A slightly less profitable niche you will stick with beats a highly profitable one you abandon after two months.

My enthusiasm for this topic out of 10 (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

You do not need a perfect score

If you can say yes to all three questions, even partially, you have a viable niche. If one question is a firm no, try adjusting the angle of the niche rather than scrapping the idea entirely.

Section 5

Passion vs Profit

The honest answer to the question everyone argues about

Pure passion without profitability is a hobby. Pure profit without interest is a grind. You will almost certainly abandon a topic you find boring before it earns anything, because online businesses take months of consistent effort before they gain real traction.

The honest answer

The sweet spot is a topic you find genuinely interesting, even if it is not your deepest passion, that also passes the three validation questions in Section 4. You do not need to be obsessed with it. You just need to be able to engage with it consistently without resenting every hour spent on it.

Too passion-focused	The sweet spot	Too profit-focused
You love it but there is no audience or nothing to sell	**Genuinely interesting AND has an audience AND something to sell**	Highly profitable but you have no interest and will burn out

EXERCISE: Passion vs Profit Self-Check

My genuine interest in my top niche idea out of 10 (be honest):

My confidence that it passes the three validation questions out of 10:

My total out of 20. A score of 14 or above is a strong candidate. Below 12, look at other ideas:

Section 6

The Niche Confidence Scorecard

Score your top ideas and make a rational, confident decision

Score each of your top two or three niche ideas from 1 to 5 on each criterion. Add up the totals. This replaces gut feeling with a clear, rational basis for your final decision.

Criterion	Description	Idea 1	Idea 2	Idea 3
Search volume	Are people searching for topics in this niche?	__ / 5	__ / 5	__ / 5
Spending potential	Do people buy products or services in this niche?	__ / 5	__ / 5	__ / 5
Your knowledge	Do you know or genuinely care about this topic?	__ / 5	__ / 5	__ / 5
Competition level	Is it manageable for a new site to get started?	__ / 5	__ / 5	__ / 5
Content potential	Can you think of 20 or more article ideas right now?	__ / 5	__ / 5	__ / 5
Long-term motivation	Could you write about this for 12 or more months?	__ / 5	__ / 5	__ / 5
TOTAL	Out of 30	**__ / 30**	**__ / 30**	**__ / 30**

Reading your scores

25 to 30: Strong niche. Prioritise this one. 18 to 24: Solid. Worth proceeding with. 12 to 17: Some concerns. Review the low-scoring criteria before committing. Below 12: Consider a different angle or niche entirely.

EXERCISE: Your Decision

The niche I am committing to:

My specific audience:

Their main problem or desire:

Section 7

Your First Three Steps After You Decide

What to do in the next 48 hours

You have your niche. The biggest risk now is spending another week thinking about it. Take these three steps in the next 48 hours.

Step 1: Register your domain name

Your website address. Keep it short, memorable and clean. Aim for a .com under 15 characters. Go to Namecheap or GoDaddy. It costs around ten to fifteen dollars per year.

→ Search for your preferred domain and check availability

→ If your first choice is taken, try a different angle rather than adding numbers

→ Register your domain today. Do not wait until tomorrow.

Step 2: Create your free Wealthy Affiliate account

Wealthy Affiliate gives you website hosting, step-by-step affiliate marketing training and a community, all free to start with no credit card. The training picks up exactly where this workbook leaves off.

(Affiliate link · see full disclosure on page 16.)

→ Go to wealthyaffiliate.com and create your free account

→ Complete your profile the same day you sign up

→ Do the very first lesson before you do anything else

Step 3: Write your first three article ideas

You do not need to write the articles yet. Just decide what your first three will cover: the three most common questions in your niche.

→ Think of the three questions your ideal reader asks most often

→ Each question becomes a potential article title

→ Write them in the spaces below before you close this workbook

My first three article ideas:

Done is better than perfect

Your domain, your first articles, your niche: none of them need to be perfect. They need to exist. You can refine everything as you go. You cannot refine something that has not been started. Take these three steps before anything else.

You Have Your Niche. Now Build Something.

Most people who want to start an online business never get past this point. You have. You have a clear niche, you have validated it, and you have committed to a direction. The only thing left is to act on it.

Your completion checklist

- ■ I chose my niche and completed the scorecard in Section 6
- ■ I registered or shortlisted my domain name
- ■ I created my free Wealthy Affiliate account
- ■ I completed my profile and did lesson one
- ■ I wrote down my first three article ideas

Free tools to get you started

Tool	What it does	Where to find it
Wealthy Affiliate	Training and community for building your affiliate site. Free to start.	wealthyaffiliate.com
Systeme.io	Free all-in-one tool for landing pages, email marketing and selling products.	systeme.io
Jaaxy (inside WA)	AI keyword research tool built into your Wealthy Affiliate account.	Already included in your WA account

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Want to take the next step?

You have found your niche. The natural next step is turning it into a live, content-ready affiliate site. The 30-Day Affiliate Site Builder Course walks you through exactly how, one clear task a day, for 30 days.

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