### THE ULTIMATE

# Pinterest Planner











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# Welcome!

A Pinterest account can be a great asset to any business, but learning how to manage it correctly is key. The Ultimate Pinterest Planner is a helpful year-long tool to help keep your business moving forward and your Pinterest marketing fresh Here's what to expect and how to get the most out of your planner.

### **Each Month Will Include**

#### What to Pin

What to Pin right now based on trends we've seen and search data from Pinterest. While trends come and go, the one constant on Pinterest is that people plan ahead. STAY ahead when you follow these suggestions.

#### **What to Promote**

What to Promote right now based on what people are acting on now. While there is some overlap with What to Pin, this section will give you ideas on what might be worth spending money on to get into the feed now. Get A-Z help on promoting Pins here.

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

You'll want to Pin content on these topics next month, so start creating content now.

#### **Action Items**

Each month lists suggested action items aimed at empowering you to build your business with Pinterest throughout the year without feeling overwhelmed. These action items help us get in the habit of thinking strategically for Pinterest.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Make your Pins stand out in the feed with tips to improve click-throughs and engagement.



### **Before You Start**

Grab the **Pinterest toolkit** with 16 optimized templates, a checklist to the perfect Pin, and a can't-miss guide to writing great Pin descriptions. Print out the next page of this calendar and jot down your starting Pinterest statistics.

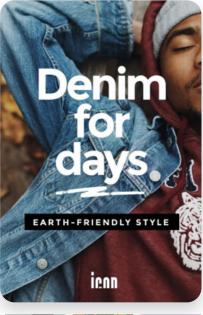
Start your free trial of Tailwind for Pinterest - you'll need it for many of the tips and action items!

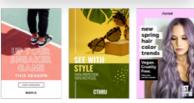


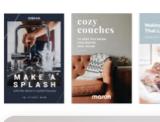
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### **Pinterest Statistics**

#### **Page Views**

Track Pinterest page views in Google Analytics (past 30 days).

#### **Followers**

Record your total follower count.

#### **Average Daily Views**

Record average daily save (repins) from Analytics > Profile > Saves.
Be sure to change the date range to the month you're tracking.

	PAGE VIEWS	FOLLOWERS	SAVE RATES
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#### What to Pin

**Spring Cleaning** 

Organization

**Spring Break** 

**Gardening Ideas** 

**Spring Travel Ideas** 

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

St. Patrick's Day

Summer

**Spring Fashions** 

Tax Help

**Spring Cleaning** 

#### **What to Promote**

**Fitness Tips** 

**Football Party Ideas & Recipes** 

**Business Planning** 

**Outfit Ideas** 

Valentine's Day

**Habit Building** 

**Resolutions** 

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Check that your Group Boards are still effective. Leave spammy or inactive boards and find new ones to join. Go to **Board Insights in Tailwind** to determine which ones are still working for you.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Is your **branding on every Pin**? Add your logo or URL to every Pin, either in the middle of the top or bottom of the image. It can be subtle, but will help with brand recognition and start to build awareness.



St. Patrick's Day

**Summer** 

**Spring Fashions** 

**Tax Help** 

**Spring Cleaning** 

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

**Easter** 

**Travel** 

**Budgeting** 

4th of July

**Gardening** 

Prom

**Floral Patterns** 

#### What to Promote

Valentine's Day

**Weekend Getaways** 

**Date Ideas** 

**Gift Ideas** 

**Party Food** 

**Winter Fashion** 

**Easter** 

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Check out Pinterest Academy's 'Creative Strategy' Class. In four minutes, you'll see what works (and get some inspiration!). Then take 30 minutes and make new images for your pages which are converting to signups and sales.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Make your Pins stand out! Share something from an unexpected angle. Take product shots from every possible angle and see what catches your eye. Or, crop and rotate stock images for a fresh look.



# March

#### What to Pin

Budgeting

Travel

**Gardening** 

Easter

**Floral Patterns** 

Prom

#### What to Promote

**Cleaning Tips** 

**Beach Outfits** 

Summer

St. Patrick's Day Crafts (Kids)

**Mother's Day** 

**Spring Break Destinations** 

Graduation

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Revisit your Board titles and descriptions. Do they include the keywords that are relevant to the Pins you are sharing now? Pinterest looks for consistent signals across Pins.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Compelling Pin titles can increase engagement and traffic to your site. Use the first 30 characters of the 100-character title as a headline for your Pin. Don't repeat your description, rather, ADD to the context. Not only will Pinterest use those to help distribute your content (use keywords), but Pinners use them to decide if they want to save or click. Don't keyword stuff or use click bait (in fact, don't use the word "click"), but DO make your Pin irresistible to the right audience. Learn more.

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

4th of July

**Summer Fashion** 

Graduation

Gardening

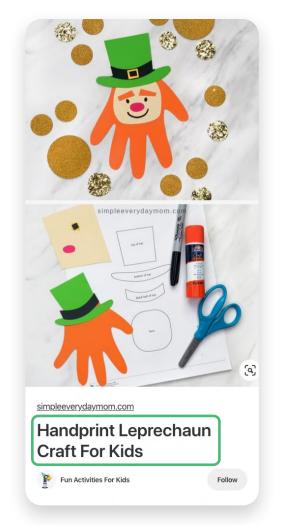
**Travel Tips** 

**Memorial Day** 

**Healthy Foods** 

**Fitness** 

Father's Day



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4th of July

**Travel Tips** 

**Healthy Foods** 

**Fitness** 

**Father's Day** 

**Memorial Day** 

Gardening

**Summer Fashion** 

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

**Swimsuits** 

**Graduation** 

**Healthy Foods** 

Father's Day

**Summer Recipes** 

**Festivals** 

Landscaping

**Outdoors/Camping** 

#### What to Promote

**Memorial Day** 

**Mother's Day** 

**Summer** 

Father's Day

4th of July

**Graduation** 

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Look at the most popular Pins on your account this month in your Tailwind Pin inspector. If any of them are NOT your content, could you create a similar (but better) piece of content to take advantage of its success?

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Making product images? Using multiple images and/or a variety of products in a Pin often leads to higher engagement. Not selling products? Use the same approach for your blog content images!



Dec



**Swimsuits** Graduation

Father's Day **Summer Recipes** 

Landscaping **Outdoors/Camping** 

**Festivals Healthy Foods** 

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

**Weekend Getaways** Vacation

**Summer Fashion Baby Showers** 

**Back to School** Gardening **Picnics** 

Thanksgiving (yes, already!)

Grilling

#### What to Promote

**Mother's Day Brunch** Travel

**Mother's Day Crafts** 

Weddings

Graduation

**Memorial Day** 

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Time for another Pin refresh! Look at the posts and pages that brought in traffic and sales for you last year. Make new Pins for them using our free templates.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Keep the text on your image short. If you're used to using your entire blog title, try to distil the message down to 2-3 words if possible. Give keywords your priority.



Nov



**Weekend Getaways** 

Vacation

**Baby Showers** 

**Summer Fashion** 

Gardening

**Picnics** 

**Back to School** 

Thanksgiving (yes, already!)

Grilling

#### What to Promote

4th of July

**Graduation Gifts** 

**Graduation Party Ideas** 

Weddings

Summer Trends

**Father's Day** 

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Focus a little more on descriptions this month. Make them short and sweet, but keyword rich, include hashtags, and a strong Pin title, and make them completely irresistible!

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Forget typical "rules" of typography. Try all capitals, all lowercase, vertical text - make it fresh. Think of your Pin as a simplified magazine cover.

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

Summer BBQ Recipes

**Gardening** 

Vacation & Travel

**Back to School** 

Boredom Busters

**Thanksgiving** 

Halloween

**Christmas in July** 

**Summer Cocktails** 

**Holiday Season** 



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#### TRY TAILWIND FREE

## Powerful Pinterest Scheduling You'll Love

Automatically Pin at the best times for more engagement, reach, and website traffic with one tool.



Get started Free. No credit card required.





Summer BBQ Recipes Gardening

Vacation & Travel Back to School

Boredom Busters Thanksgiving

Halloween Christmas in July

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

Labor Day Fall Fashion

Tailgating/Football Camping

Grilling Recipes Fall Weddings

Organization & Routine Tips

Halloween New Year

#### **What to Promote**

Summer Cocktails

Everything Summer! 4th of July Party Ideas

**Holiday Season** 

Back to School & College

4th of July Food

4th of July Makeup Ideas

#### **Monthly Action Item**

**Rich Pins** can increase engagement on your Pins and grow your traffic and sales! Set yours up now.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Think mobile! With 91% of activity happening on Pinterest taking place on mobile, make sure your text on image is legible on even the smaller mobile devices. Try saving your Pins to a secret Board and check it out on your phone before saving to a public Board.





**Labor Day** 

**Fall Fashion** 

**Camping** 

Tailgating/Football

**Grilling Recipes** 

**Fall Weddings** 

Halloween

**New Year** 

**Organization & Routine Tips** 

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

Comfort Food

**Football Food** 

Preserving

**Fall Weddings** 

Family Photos

**Thanksgiving** 

**Holiday Budgeting** 

#### **What to Promote**

Back to School (outfits, hair styles, organization, lunch ideas)

**Back to College (dorm decor, tips organization, outfits)** 

Summer

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Identify what is being pinned from your site by going to (pinterest.com/source/(your website URL)). What can you learn from what your readers are Pinning? Can you create more content like that for more shares?

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Have you tried video on Pinterest? They really stand out in the feed! Make one 15-30 second video for Pinterest this month and see how it works for you. Remember to let your visuals tell the story, and add subtitles for any narration - people rarely turn the sound on on Pinterest videos.



**Comfort Food** 

**Football Food** 

Preserving

**Fall Weddings** 

**Holiday Budgeting** 

**Thanksgiving** 

**Family Photos** 

**Engagement Photos** 

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

**Travel Tips** 

Crocktober

Christmas

**Fall Foods** 

**Thanksgiving** 

**New Year** 

**Family Photos** 

**Winter Fashion** 

#### What to Promote

**Street Style** 

Halloween

**Thanksgiving** 

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Revise and update your existing holiday content. Find three holiday posts from the previous year that performed well and update links, images, and content as needed. Not making content for holidays? No problem - you can still take advantage of seasonal content by changing images and text, and putting a time-sensitive spin on your Pins.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Up your CTA game! Including a strong, clear call to action on your Pin image AND in your **description** can increase your online sales by 6% - and can have an impact on engagement. Try something subtle, like "Discover your best..." or "Shop now" and test against more direct CTAs like, "buy now" or "sign up."

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Lean into loafers.



**Travel Tips** Crocktober

**Fall Foods** Christmas **New Year** 

**Family Photos Winter Fashion** 

**Indoor Plants Thanksgiving** 

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

Hanukkah **Thanksgiving** Travel

**Dinner Parties Winter Outfits** 

Christmas (decorations, elf on the shelf)

**Gift Guides New Year Black Friday** 

**Indoor Kids' Activities Cyber Monday** 

#### What to Promote

Halloween (food, costumes, makeup, decorations)

Fall Related Content (fashion, travel, recipes)

**Black Friday** 

**Thanksgiving** 

Comfort Food

Holidays

#### **Monthly Action Item**

91% of activity on Pinterest is from people on mobile! Is your site optimized for a mobile experience? Do a quick check here. Don't like the results? Speak to your website developer or enlist some help today!

#### **Pin Tune Up**

While many Pins use a standard 2:3 ratio, you can try going a bit taller - up to 1:2.1. What does that mean!?!? Try an image size of 1000 x 1500px or 1000 x 2100px. Don't have photos to fit that layout? Try stacking images.



Dec

Hanukkah **Thanksgiving New Year Travel** Christmas **Indoor Kids' Activities Gift Guides** 

**Dinner Parties Cyber Monday Black Friday** 

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

Fitness (home workouts)

**Holidays** Valentine's Day

Travel **Holiday Fashion** 

Organization

**New Year** 

#### What to Promote

Thanksgiving (recipes, desserts, crafts, decorations

Holiday Gift Guides Black Friday (deals, tips, and shopping)

**Holiday Recipes** 

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Pin descriptions - they're sometimes little more than an afterthought, right? Even if they aren't visible in your feed or on closeup, Pinterest uses them to determine how to display your content in search. And if they ARE visible, they can lead to more traffic, leads, and sales!

Include your keywords in the Pin description, and make sure they match up with the keywords used in the page you're linking to and with the Board title and description where the Pin is saved. Learn all about Pinterest SEO here.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Conventional wisdom says that faces don't do well on Pinterest, but they might for you! Show someone using your product or service. Pinterest found that doing so increased offline sales up to 67%! You can also show a person without showing their face.



## December

#### What to Pin

**Fitness** 

Travel

Organization

Holidays

**Valentine's Day** 

**New Year** 

#### **What to Promote**

**Holiday Gift Ideas** 

**Holiday Desserts** 

**Holiday Decorations** 

**Holiday Crafts** 

#### **Monthly Action Item**

Look at the Interests of your engaged audience on Pinterest in Analytics > Audience Insights. Is the #1 interest of your engaged audience "design" and the second one "animals"? Try saving relevant quote images with cute animals on the background image to increase engagement. Or include a pet in your next product lifestyle shot or blog photo.

#### **Pin Tune Up**

Call out unique product features in your text on image and in your title and Pin descriptions. Doing so can have a **10X lift in your brand awareness** on Pinterest!

#### **Content Planning Ideas**

St. Patrick's Day

**Spring Cleaning** 

**Spring Break** 

**Gardening Ideas** 

**Spring Travel Ideas** 

Organization

Dec



### You Made It!

We hope that following the suggestions in our calendar helped your blog and business grow over the past year.

There will always be ups and downs in your traffic and other results, but as you progress, your highs will be higher and your lows not as low.

Why not look back to the "Pinterest Statistics" page of this planner. Can you spot the trends in your account? Were they the same last year? Did implementing any of the tips or action items here generate a spike? What's worth doing more of next year?

If you love Pinterest but need more time in your day, try Tailwind! As an official Pinterest partner, we're always working to make our scheduling and analytic tools work for you. Check out our blog and **get a free trial plus a free month when you upgrade!** 

