

SLEIGH-SALES TACTICS:

A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL KIT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES ON A BUDGET



DECK THE DIGITAL HALLS: SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIES

BOOST YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE WITH FESTIVE FLAIR.

- 1. Use free tools like Canva to design holidaythemed posts.
- 2. Create a holiday hashtag challenge (YourBrandHolidayHustle).

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- 3. Host a holiday giveaway with a small prize to increase engagement.
- 4. Use Instagram Stories to show behind-thescenes holiday prep.
- 5. Leverage TikTok trends with festive twists to highlight products.
- 6. Post countdown reels to build anticipation for sales.
- 7. Use memes or GIFs with holiday humor to go viral.
- 8. Share customer unboxing videos for social proof.
- 9. Create Instagram Highlights for holiday collections.
- 10. Partner with a micro-influencer for a seasonal product review.



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SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER WITH STORYTELLING AND VALUE.

- 11. Write a blog post on "Top 5 Gifts for [Your Target Audience]."
- 12. Create a holiday gift guide PDF as a lead magnet.
- 13. Use Loom to record a personal thank-you video for customers.
- 14. Publish festive tips on your LinkedIn page to reach B2B clients.
- 15. Collaborate with influencers for micro-blog features.
- 16. Share "Holiday Hacks" videos that include your product.
- 17. Repurpose old content with a holiday twist.
- 18. Write an email series on "12 Days of Savings."
- 19. Create a holiday-themed infographic using Piktochart.
- 20. Publish a heartfelt holiday letter on your blog.





SANTA'S SLEIGH SPECIALS: BUDGET-FRIENDLY PROMOTIONS

GIVE YOUR AUDIENCE A REASON TO **BUY NOW**

- 21. Offer free shipping for orders over a set amount.
- 22. Bundle products for value-packed holiday gifts.
- 23. Use time-limited flash sales to create urgency.
- 24. Offer a "Buy One, Gift One" deal to promote generosity.
- 25. Reward loyal customers with early access to sales.
- 26. Add a free holiday-themed gift with every purchase.
- 27. Promote "last-chance" shopping days with discounts.
- 28. Offer discounts for referrals made during the holidays.
- 29. Create a tiered discount system based on order totals.
- 30. Highlight limited-edition holiday packaging to boost appeal.



NORTH POLE NETWORKING: COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

JOIN FORCES WITH OTHER SMALL BUSINESSES TO WIDEN YOUR REACH.

- 31. Cross-promote products with a holidaythemed campaign.
- 32. Host a joint Instagram Live event with a complementary brand.
- 33. Swap email lists (with permission!) to reach new audiences.
- 34. Co-host a pop-up event or digital market.
- 35. Collaborate on a holiday bundle with another business.
- 36. Partner with a local charity for a holiday giveback campaign.
- 37. Do a product swap with another business for mutual promotion.
- 38. Share each other's holiday promotions on social media.
- 39. Host a virtual holiday party for your combined audiences.
- 40. Co-create content, like a festive recipe or DIY guide featuring both brands.



ELF-MAIL MAGIC: EMAIL MARKETING STRATEGIES

TURN INBOXES INTO CONVERSION MACHINES.

- 41. Create an email countdown to Christmas sale.
- 42. Share customer stories or testimonials as part of your holiday campaign.
- 43. Personalize email subject lines with names and festive emojis.
- 44. Offer exclusive email-only discounts.
- 45. Use automation to send abandoned cart reminders.
- 46. Design visually appealing holiday emails using Canva.
- 47. Create a holiday-themed newsletter with gift tips.
- 48. Segment your email list for targeted promotions.
- 49. Use countdown timers in emails to create urgency.
- 50. Send thank-you emails to top customers with exclusive offers.



WINTER WONDERLAND **WEBSITE TWEAKS**

MAKE YOUR WEBSITE A FESTIVE SHOPPING DESTINATION.

- 51. Add a holiday banner with your latest deals.
- 52. Use a pop-up to promote your holiday sale.
- 53. Optimize your site for mobile holiday shoppers.
- 54. Feature a countdown timer on your homepage.
- 55. Add gift-wrapping options at checkout.
- 56. Highlight best-selling holiday items on your homepage.
- 57. Add customer reviews with photos to product pages.
- 58. Use a chatbot for instant customer support during sales.
- 59. Create a landing page specifically for holiday collections.
- 60. Add an FAQ section about holiday shipping timelines.







JINGLE ALL THE WAY TO SEO

HELP YOUR CUSTOMERS FIND YOU THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

- 61. Write holiday-themed blogs with SEO-friendly keywords.
- 62. Optimize your Google My Business profile with holiday hours.
- 63. Add alt-text to your holiday images with key phrases.
- 64. Create backlinks with festive guest posts.
- 65. Use a free keyword planner for seasonal searches.
- 66. Update meta descriptions with holidayspecific copy.
- 67. Use Pinterest to drive traffic to your holiday content.
- 68. Share content on local online forums or directories.
- 69. Post on Quora or Reddit with links to helpful holiday tips.
- 70. Use Google Trends to identify trending seasonal topics.





HOLLY JOLLY ADS: PAID ADVERTISING ON A BUDGET

REACH THE RIGHT AUDIENCE WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK.

- 71. Use Facebook's ad scheduler to run targeted campaigns during peak hours.
- 72. Retarget website visitors with Google Ads.
- 73. Create a \$10/day Instagram campaign for best-selling products.
- 74. Use carousel ads to showcase gift sets or bundles.
- 75. Promote a video ad showcasing your product in action.
- 76. Run ads featuring holiday customer testimonials.
- 77. Use geo-targeting to reach local shoppers.
- 78. Offer special promotions via click-to-call ads.
- 79. Create a Pinterest ad for your holiday gift quide.
- 80. Run limited-time ads featuring countdown timers.





FA-LA-LA LIVE EVENTS: VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON

CREATE A BUZZ WITH INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCES.

- 81. Host a holiday-themed Q&A on Instagram Live.
- 82. Organize a virtual DIY craft or cooking workshop featuring your products.
- 83. Set up a holiday pop-up shop at a local market.
- 84. Run a virtual scavenger hunt with your products as prizes.
- 85. Collaborate on a festive live-stream event with a local charity.
- 86. Offer holiday styling or gifting tips via a webinar.
- 87. Create a virtual advent calendar with daily deals.
- 88. Invite influencers to co-host an online event.
- 89. Use Facebook Events to promote in-person holiday specials.
- 90. Record the event for repurposing on social media.



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GET CREATIVE WITH SMALL-BUDGET CAMPAIGNS THAT MAKE A BIG IMPACT.

- 91. Print holiday-themed stickers for packaging (use Sticker Mule).
- 92. Send handwritten notes to top customers.
- 93. Partner with a local coffee shop for free product samples.
- 94. Organize a "12 Days of Giving" challenge for social media followers.
- 95. Create QR codes that lead to exclusive holiday discounts.
- 96. Offer to sponsor a small community event with products or services.
- 97. Leave branded holiday ornaments in public spaces as giveaways.
- 98. Hand out coupons with festive messaging at local events.
- 99. Place flyers or business cards in community holiday hotspots.
- 100. Organize a small-scale "shop local" campaign with nearby businesses.

WORKSHEET

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IMPLEMENTING 100 SLEIGH-SALES TACTICS FOR CHRISTMAS

Use this worksheet to turn holiday sales tactics into actionable steps for your small business. Follow the prompts to prioritize, plan, and execute strategies effectively.

Section 1: Deck the Digital Halls (Social Media Strategies)

- Which platforms will you focus on?
- □ Instagram
- □ Facebook
- □ TikTok
- □ LinkedIn
- Other: _____

Action Steps:

- 1. Identify one holiday theme for your posts (e.g., "Cozy Christmas," "Festive Fun").
- 2. Plan 5 posts to execute this theme using Canva templates.
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Section 2: Tinsel Talk (Content Marketing)

- Content Ideas to Explore:
 - □ Holiday Gift Guides
 - □ DIY Tutorials featuring your products
 - □ Customer Testimonials

- Tools to Use:

- Canva (graphics)
- Loom (video messages)
- Piktochart (infographics)

- Action Steps:

- 1. Write one blog post by: _____ (date).
- 2. Design an infographic to share on social media by: _____ (date).

Section 3: Santa's Sleigh Specials (Promotions)

- Choose Your Tactics:
 - □ Free Shipping
 - □ Holiday Bundles
 - □ Flash Sales

- Action Steps:

- 1. Plan one promotion for December (e.g., "Holiday Bundle Sale").
- 2. Set up discounts in your e-commerce system by: (date).

Section 4: North Pole Networking (Collaborations)

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-	Potential	Partne	rships:

- Business 1: _____

- Business 2: _____

- Action Steps:

1. Draft an email pitch to potential collaborators.

2. Plan one joint event (e.g., Instagram Live) by: _____ (date).

Section 5: Elf-Mail Magic (Email Marketing)

- Target Audience Segments:

□ Loyal Customers

□ Abandoned Cart Users

□ New Subscribers

- Action Steps:

1. Create a holiday email template using Mailchimp.

2. Schedule an email series (e.g., "12 Days of Savings") by: _____ (date).



Section 6: Winter Wonderland Website Tweaks

- Priority Updates:
 - □ Add a holiday banner
 - □ Feature best-selling products
 - □ Optimize for mobile

- Action Steps:

- 1. Draft a checklist of updates for your web designer or use a website builder like Wix.
- 2. Test website loading speed by: ______ (date).

Section 7: Jingle All the Way to SEO

- Keyword Research Tools to Use:
 - □ Google Trends
 - □ Ubersuggest

- Action Steps:

1. List 3 holiday-themed keywords to include in your website:

- _____

- _____

- _____

2. Update alt text for all holiday images by:

_____ (date).





Section 8: Holly Jolly Ads (Paid Advertising)

- Budget Allocation:
- Daily Budget: _____
- Platform Focus:
 - □ Facebook
 - □ Instagram
 - □ Google

- Action Steps:

- 1. Create one carousel ad featuring your holiday bundles.
- 2. Review ad analytics weekly starting:

Section 9: Fa-La-La Live Events

- Event Type:
 - □ Instagram Live
 - □ Virtual Workshop
 - □ In-Person Pop-Up

- Action Steps:

- 1. Draft an event outline (e.g., key talking points, timing).
- 2. Promote the event via social media and email starting: _____.





Section 10: Frosty Freebies (Guerrilla Marketing)

- Choose Your Tactics:
 - □ Sticker Giveaways
 - □ QR Code Discounts
 - □ Handwritten Notes

- Action Steps:

- 1. Design holiday stickers with Sticker Mule by:
- 2. Distribute your guerrilla marketing material at local events starting: ______.

Implementation Tracker

Weekly Progress Check:

- Week 1: □ Completed 20% of tactics
- Week 2: □ Completed 40% of tactics
- Week 3: □ Completed 60% of tactics
- Week 4: □ Completed 80% of tactics
- Week 5: □ Ready for Christmas sales launch!

Need more help implementing these ideas? Reach out to Wave Media for expert guidance. Let's make this holiday season your most profitable yet!