† THE CREATIVE LIFESTYLE STARTER KIT

How to turn your skills into income, freedom, and purpose — from anywhere. By Rob LaFond | LaFond Social

🧭 INTRO

If you're ready to live life on your own terms — creating, connecting, and growing — this guide will help you start.

I built my creative business in Medellín, Colombia from the ground up. No connections. No roadmap. Just a camera, a degree, and a clear mission: to turn my creativity into a lifestyle.

You don't need everything figured out. You just need to start.

STEP 1: GET CLEAR — YOUR CREATIVE IDENTITY

Ask yourself:

- What are you good at?
- What do you love doing?
- What do people need (and will pay for)?

Exercise: Draw your "Creative Triangle." At the center of those three answers — *skills, passion, and demand* — is your creative sweet spot.

Then define your brand in **3 anchor words**. (Example: Bold. Visual. Honest.)

These words will guide your tone, style, and storytelling.

STEP 2: BUILD VALUE — TURN SKILLS INTO INCOME

You don't need a massive audience or a website to get started. You need clarity, consistency, and *real* connection.

Here are 3 simple ways to start monetizing your creativity:

- 1. Freelance Services Video, design, writing, coaching, etc.
- 2. Content + Brand Share your process and build trust over time
- 3. Hybrid Model Mix of projects + content that builds long-term value

Pro Tip:

Your first few clients won't come from ads or trends. They'll come from relationships. Tell people what you do. Show what you're about. Be consistent.

STEP 3: CREATE LEVERAGE — MAKE LOCATION WORK FOR YOU

Medellín helped me grow faster than I expected. Here's why:

- Affordable cost of living
- V High-energy creative scene
- Supportive expat + local communities

S You don't need to move cities to get started. But wherever you are:

- Find your creative community
- Go to meetups or host your own
- Build public relationships online (and offline)

The right environment doesn't just support your growth — it accelerates it.

BONUS TOOLS & RESOURCES

Here's what I personally use in my creative workflow:

My Stack:

- Notion for planning & content tracking
- Canva for visuals, reels, PDFs
- CapCut / Final Cut Pro for video edits
- **Calendly** for client & coaching calls
- WhatsApp Business for lead generation locally

S LET'S CONNECT

If this guide helped you, you're already ahead of where I was when I started.

Want to go deeper? Here's how:

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