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30 Side Hustles You Can Start This Month

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Two honest notes. No side hustle comes with a promised income; what you earn depends on your area, your prices and your effort. The name starters are ideas, not cleared names: some may already be in use, so run the free checks in guide 02 before you use one.

AROUND THE HOUSE AND TOWN

Side hustle	What you need to start	Name starters
Pressure washing	Pressure washer, hoses, liability insurance	Clearline Wash · Brightside Exterior Care
Mobile car detailing	Vacuum, supplies, a car to carry them	Gleam Route Detailing · Northpoint Auto Spa
House cleaning	Supplies, references, insurance	Tidy Harbor Cleaning · Fresh Corner Home Care
Lawn care and yard cleanup	Mower, trimmer, a way to haul them	Greenmark Yard Co. · Fieldstone Lawn Care
Junk hauling	Truck or trailer, local dump rules	Haul & Done · Clear Path Hauling
Small home repairs	Tools, a check of local license rules	Trueline Home Repair · Steady Fix Handyman

PETS

Side hustle	What you need to start	Name starters
Dog walking	Leashes, insurance, a booking app	Long Leash Walks · Morning Pack Dog Walking
Pet sitting	References, a simple contract	Homebody Pet Sitting · Quiet Paws Pet Care
Mobile dog grooming	Training, tools, a van or a home setup	Suds & Tails Grooming · The Groom Van

FOOD AND DRINK

Side hustle	What you need to start	Name starters
Home baking	Your state's cottage food rules	Butter Lane Bakes · Sunday Crumb
Meal prep	Food safety training where required	Weeknight Table · Prepped & Plated
Coffee cart for events	Cart, permits, a health inspection	Little Grind Coffee Cart · Roam Espresso

ONLINE AND DIGITAL

Side hustle	What you need to start	Name starters
Social media for local businesses	Phone, a scheduling app, samples	Corner Post Social · Local Loop Media
Virtual assistant	Laptop, reliable internet	Clear Desk Assist · Inbox & Order
Bookkeeping for small businesses	Accounting software, training	Plainsight Bookkeeping · Tidy Ledger Books
Resume and LinkedIn writing	Laptop, a few strong samples	Next Step Resumes · Strong Start Careers
Websites for local shops	A website builder, a portfolio	Brightdoor Web · Storefront Sites
Video editing for creators	Editing software, a fast computer	Quickcut Studio · Frame & Flow Edits

MAKE AND SELL

Side hustle	What you need to start	Name starters
Candles	Supplies, safety labels	Ember & Oak Candle Co. · Slow Light Candles
Print-on-demand shirts	Design app, a print-on-demand service	Northbound Tees · Plain Talk Apparel
Handmade jewelry	Tools, materials, good photos	Linden Jewelry Studio · Small Moon Jewelry
Houseplants and plant care	Pots, soil, a sunny spot	Greenroom Plant Co. · Leaf & Ledge
Resale and thrift flipping	Sourcing trips, photos, a selling app	Second Act Finds · Rack & Rerun
Custom gifts and engraving	Engraving tool, blanks	Keepsake Lane · Engraved & Co.

SKILLS AND TEACHING

Side hustle	What you need to start	Name starters
Tutoring	Strong subject skills, references	Grade Up Tutoring · Smart Hour Tutoring
Personal training	Certification, insurance	Iron Hour Training · Motion First Fitness
Event and portrait photography	Camera, editing software	Golden Frame Photo · True Light Portraits
Music lessons	Your instrument, a quiet space	Front Porch Music Lessons · Open Note Studio
Event setup and decor	Supplies, a vehicle	Set & Shine Events · Party Lane Decor
Moving help (labor only)	Dolly, straps, a strong back	Liftline Moving Help · Easy Lift Movers

How to pick one

1. **Start with what you already have:** a skill, a tool, a car, free evenings.
2. **Pick something people already pay for near you.** Search it on Google Maps; competitors are proof of demand.
3. **Test it small:** three paying customers before you spend real money.

Want it done for you?

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