

ACTIVITY BLOCKING

Want to work more efficiently, make it easy to get into "the zone" or ensure you fit everything in to your day? Try blocking your activities! This is a proven way to help optimize your schedule.

Step 1: It's useful to do some introspection here. Ask yourself: When am I most creative? When do I tend to have energy dips? How long can I sit before I start getting fidgety?

Step 2: Based on your answers from Step 1, and this grid as a guide, you can design a schedule that flows naturally for you. Determine the blocks that make sense. Decide how long each block should be and the order in which you'd like to do them.

Step 3: Periodically, re-examine your schedule and blocks. Life is ever-evolving and it's likely you'll need to tweak things.

Pro Tips:

- Do creative work when you're feeling most alert.
- Insert Movement (and Rest/Refreshment) blocks between Work blocks, and whenever you have low energy.
- Always include Movement and Learning blocks. You need to take care of you!
- Turn off notifications and don't check email/voicemail/social media/etc. during Work blocks.
- Print out your block schedule and put it in a page protector (so you can write on it with dry-erase markers). Post it in easy view of your work space. This way you can add in notes and have a constant visual reminder.

| | | DAY | | | | | | |
|-------|------------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
| BLOCK | Admin | | | | | | | |
| | Biz Dev | | | | | | | |
| | Creative | | | | | | | |
| | Learning | | | | | | | |
| | Movement 1 | | | | | | | |
| | Movement 2 | | | | | | | |
| | Movement 3 | | | | | | | |
| | Movement 4 | | | | | | | |
| | Work 1 | | | | | | | |
| | Work 2 | | | | | | | |
| | Work 3 | | | | | | | |
| | Work 4 | | | | | | | |