

01 **Tracking Table**

Copy these 16 columns into Row 1 of Google Sheets, Notion, or Airtable. One row per piece of competitor content.

COMPETITOR	PLATFORM	POST LINK	DATE	VIEW	LIKE	COMMENT	SHARE SAVES	HOOK	TOPIC	FORMAT	WHY IT WORKED	PAIN POINT	MY ANGLE	MY HOOK IDEA	STATUS
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EXAMPLE Chef Mike's Kitchen	TIKTOK	tiktok.com/v/...	2025-06-15	1.2M	84K	3.2K	22K	"3 mistakes every restaurant owner makes with food cost"	Food Cost / Margins	Talking Head · List	Pattern interrupt. Validates shame before the fix.	Owners feel out of control of their numbers.	The food cost mistake nobody will admit	"I spent 6 months fixing my food cost. Here's what worked."	SCRIPTED
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STATUS: IDEA SCRIPTED FILMED POSTED

02

Weekly Research Workflow

8 steps. One session per week. Output: a full tracker row and a ready-to-script content idea.

STEP 01

Search Your Niche

TikTok, Reels, or YouTube Shorts. Search 2–3 keywords your audience uses — not industry jargon.

STEP 05

Break Down the Hook

Write out the first 5–10 seconds verbatim. What made you keep watching?

STEP 02

Sort by Most Viewed

Filter by view count. You want posts with disproportionate engagement — proof the market responded.

STEP 06

Find the Pain Point

Ask: what did the audience feel before clicking? Name the fear, frustration, or desire underneath.

STEP 03

Save the Best Posts

Bookmark 5–10 high-performers across 3–5 different competitors. Spread beats depth here.

STEP 07

Pick Your Angle

Use the Angle Framework (Section 3) to transform the topic. Not a copy — a response.

STEP 04

Log Into the Sheet

Fill out each row while it's fresh. Quick captures beat perfect notes — just get the data in.

STEP 08

Write Your Hook

Draft your opening line. Same pain point — your lens, your story, your take.

03

Angle Framework

Same topic. Different idea. Pick a lens — transform, don't copy.

COMPETITOR'S ANGLE — DO NOT COPY

~~"3 Mistakes Restaurant Owners Make"~~

High-performing. Market-validated. **Do not copy.**
The audience already saw it.

YOUR ORIGINAL ANGLES

● **HIDDEN ANGLE**
The mistake nobody talks about

● **CONTRARIAN**
Why that advice is wrong

● **ADVANCED VERSION**
What the top 1% do differently

● **STEP-BY-STEP**
Not a list — an actual system

● **PERSONAL STORY**
I made this mistake. Here's the cost.

● **BEGINNER VERSION**
No jargon. No experience needed.

● **THE PROOF**
90 days tested. Here's what happened.

04

Weekly Content Mining Routine — 20 Minutes

Run once a week. Output: 5–10 original ideas ready to script and schedule.

5 MIN

Discovery

Open TikTok or Reels.
Search 2–3 niche keywords. Sort by views.
Save the top 5–8 posts.
Don't watch yet — just collect.

7 MIN

Watch & Log

Watch each post once. Fill in the tracker: hook, format, why it worked, pain point. Speed over perfection.

5 MIN

Pick Angles

For your 3 best rows, run the Angle Framework. One lens per post. One rough hook sentence per idea.

3 MIN

Update Pipeline

Mark best idea as "Scripted." Move to calendar. Close the tab. Research and execution are separate sessions.

Your competitor's best post is just proof the market wants that topic.
Your job is to deliver the better version.