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One Tool I Can't Live Without

The idea

Take a stylized photo of one highly specific, unglamorous tool you use daily (beat-up notebook, $2 pick, weird vocal tea). Explain why it's irreplaceable.

Objective

Share a relatable workflow detail.

Why this works

Pushes back against the "expensive gear" trope. Shows artistry is about personal connection, not just buying the best stuff. Creates easy conversation.

Hook bank

Direct / The one piece of gear I use in literally every session.
Curiosity / I've spent thousands on equipment, but this $5 item is my most important tool.
Personality / If my studio burns down, this is the first thing I'm grabbing.
Sarcastic / Behold: the only reason my vocal takes don't sound like garbage.

How to execute

1. Plan the opener

Try this opener as a starting point: “The one piece of gear I use in literally every session”. Choose the first image or moment that makes its promise clear.

2. Make the first pass

Top-down, high-contrast photo of a scribbled Moleskine. Caption details how crossing out words physically helps your brain process ideas better.

3. Shape the sequence

Use this order for your first cut: Bold Image -> Hook caption -> Why it matters -> CTA. Check that the subject reads at thumbnail size and that any text is legible on a phone.

4. Check and publish

Use this call to action as your starting point: "What's the one weird tool you can't create without?" Preview the finished post and verify that any link, tag, or instruction works.

Suggested sequence

Bold Image -> Hook caption -> Why it matters -> CTA.

Call to action

"What's the one weird tool you can't create without?"

What to avoid

Show what the tool helps you do, rather than listing its specifications. Avoid implying someone needs the same purchase to start creating.

Make it yours

1. Show a software plugin you abuse on every track.
2. Show the specific drink you have before recording.
3. Show a fidget toy you hold while writing melodies.

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Before you post

Read the caption out loud. Check that the first frame and the opener make the same promise. Verify captions, credits, and any link or tag. Save a copy of the final asset and caption so you can reuse what works.