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### **Making Small Business Saturday Awesome**

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With Small Business Saturday just around the corner, it's time to use the occasion to promote your business. While sales and discounts can be great, there are actually plenty of other ways small businesses can promote their products and services on Small Business Saturday. Here are fifteen unique ideas.

#### Build up Small Business Saturday on social media

If you want anyone to show up and shop, promote it several days ahead on social media. Twitter, Facebook, and other venues are a great place for you to spread the word about your sales, events, or special offers, and drive last minute traffic.

#### Support local causes

People love supporting local businesses because their purchases can actually benefit the local economy instead of going right to large corporations. And you can highlight that local aspect even more by supporting local charities or causes as part of your Small Business Saturday promotion. You can donate a portion of your proceeds or even invite members of a local group to spread the word about a cause at your location.

#### Cross-promote with other local businesses

If your business is located near other small businesses, you could partner with some of those other businesses to increase your reach. You might include some signage in your store that promotes other stores or restaurants in your area. Or you could partner up to create a gift guide or host a series of complementary events or promotions around town.

#### Offer in-store entertainment

Shopping on Small Business Saturday can be a fun experience for customers. So they could be looking to visit stores or local businesses that offer more than just good deals. If you offer live music or other types of entertainment at your location, it could entice more customers to stop by and convince them to stick around for even longer.

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#### Have refreshments for customers

Another way to make customers have a positive experience at your business is to offer some refreshments. Even just some coffee or hot chocolate and cookies can give them a positive sense,

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