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# how to *auto-build* your canva content.

A setup guide for small business owners with Canva brand templates.  
Set it up once, run every Monday on its own.

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# how to auto-build your canva content in *claude code*.

This guide walks you through building an automation that reads your content queue from Notion every Monday morning, opens your Canva brand template, writes all the slide content, and saves a finished design to your account automatically.

You set it up once. It runs every week on its own.

## WHAT YOU NEED **three accounts.**

TOOL	PLAN	WHY
Claude Code	Free to start	The scheduler that runs the automation weekly. <code>claude.ai/code</code>
Notion	Free tier works	The queue. You keep a list of upcoming content here, tagged with a status marker.
Canva	Pro, Teams, or Enterprise	Brand templates are required — the automation fills your template with content.

### BEFORE YOU START

**Have your Canva brand template ready.** If you don't have one yet, build it in Canva first — with all the text boxes labeled and styled the way you want them filled. The automation only writes content; it won't design your template.

## PART 01 **set up your notion content queue.**

This is where the automation looks each week to find what to build. Create a new Notion page called something like **Content Queue** or **Carousel Schedule**.

Inside it, list your upcoming content. Each item needs:

- A title (e.g. *5 Mistakes New Business Owners Make*)
- A status marker so the automation knows what to do with it

### status markers.

MARKER	STATUS	WHAT IT MEANS
READY	Ready to build	Pick this one next — the automation will grab the first READY item in the list.
DONE	Already built	Skip — completed. The automation marks items DONE after building.
HOLD	Not ready yet	Skip — needs more work from you before it can be built.

#### EXAMPLE QUEUE

- READY Carousel: 5 Mistakes New Business Owners Make
- READY Carousel: How to Price Your Services
- HOLD Carousel: Client Red Flags (needs more notes)
- DONE Carousel: My Morning Routine

### find your notion page id.

Once the page is set up, grab the ID from its URL:

```
notion.so/Your-Page-Title-32a797918f6681f992d8e1b60d945a40  
^--- this long string is your page ID
```

Copy it — you'll need it in Part 3.

PART  
02

# find your canva template id and create a working copy.

The Canva automation tool only works with design IDs that start with the letter `D`. Brand template IDs (which start with `EAH`) are not accepted. You need to create a personal copy of each template first.

## 01 find your brand template url.

Open your brand template in Canva. The URL looks like this:

```
canva.com/brand/brand-templates/EAHEmyfkLxQ  
^--- EAH prefix = brand template (not usable directly)
```

## 02 create a working copy.

With the template open, click the three-dot menu (...) at the top right and choose **Use in a new design**, or click the template to open it and then select **File** › **Make a copy**. A new design will open in your account.

## 03 copy the new design id.

The new design URL starts with `D` — that is the ID you need:

```
canva.com/design/DAHfV24FaFY/...  
^--- D prefix = your working copy (usable by the automation)
```

Copy the ID (the part after `/design/` and before the next `/`). That is your working copy ID — you'll use it in Part 3.

### MULTIPLE TEMPLATES?

If you have a light version and a dark version, create a copy of each and grab both IDs. Label your Notion items with `"A"` or `"B"` (e.g. *Carousel A: My Topic*) and the automation will pick the right copy automatically.

PART  
03

# create the scheduled task in claude code.

Open Claude Code. In the left sidebar, find the **Scheduled** section and create a new task.

Task name

carousel-auto-build

Schedule

0 9 \* \* 1 — 9 AM, every Monday

Paste this into the instructions field — replacing the placeholder values with your own:

```
# Weekly carousel auto-build

Every Monday morning, build the next carousel from my Notion content queue.

Step 1 – Read Notion
Read my content queue page (ID: YOUR_NOTION_PAGE_ID_HERE).
Find the first READY item. If nothing is READY, stop and report
"Nothing ready to build this week."

Step 2 – Write the slide content
From the item title, generate a full carousel script:
- Slide 1: Hook headline + one supporting line
- Middle slides: One key point per slide. Short heading + 1-2
  sentence body (under 30 words).
- Last slide: Closing insight + call to action.
Keep headings under 12 words. Be direct, sharp, human. No jargon.

Step 3 – Build it in Canva
Open my working copy of the template (ID: YOUR_CANVA_COPY_ID_HERE).
Start an editing transaction. Replace all placeholder text with
the slide content. Commit and save.
Name it: YourBrand_[ShortTopic]_[Date]

Step 4 – Update Notion
Change the item status from READY to DONE.
Add the Canva design URL as a note.

Step 5 – Report back
Tell me which carousel was built and share the Canva link.
```

## placeholders to replace.

Before saving the task, swap these three placeholder strings in the script with your own values.

PLACEHOLDER	REPLACE WITH
<code>YOUR_NOTION_PAGE_ID_HERE</code>	Your Notion page ID from Part 1
<code>YOUR_CANVA_COPY_ID_HERE</code>	Your working copy ID from Part 2
<code>YourBrand</code>	Your brand or business name

### SAVE THE TASK

Click **Save**. The task is now queued — but it won't actually run until you approve permissions, which is the last step.

## PART 04 **run it once to approve permissions.**

Before the Monday automation kicks in, click **Run Now** on the task.

Claude Code will ask you to approve access to Notion and Canva. Approve both. Those permissions are saved — every future Monday run happens without you doing anything.

### A QUICK REVIEW IS NORMAL

Claude will fill your template with the right words, but text length varies — a long headline may overflow a text box, or spacing may shift. Plan for a 5–10 minute review in Canva before posting. Think of it as a proofread, not a rebuild.

## from here, every monday at 9 am.

- Claude reads your Notion queue
- Picks the first READY item
- Writes all the slide content
- Builds it in your Canva working copy
- Marks it DONE in Notion
- Sends you the Canva link

The only thing you do each week is add items to your Notion queue and mark them **READY** when you're set.

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