My Website Build Checklist

1. Domain

- Buy a Domain Name
 - I recommend <u>Cloudflare</u> (often affordable and has good security).

2. Website Platform

Pick a Website Platform

- **Basic Websites**
- <u>Wix</u>
- Weebly

More Complex and Scalable

• Squarespace

Dedicated Ecommerce (50-500 Products)

- <u>Shopify</u>
- Big Cartel

Dedicated Blog

• ghost.org

Simple website and email Integration

• mailerlite.com

3. Design Basics

Use Hubspot Brand Kit Generator to generate all of these for you.

Choose Colors and Fonts

- Stick to 1-2 colors and 1-2 fonts.
- Create a Logo
 - Simple logos can be created on platforms like Canva. Keep it clean and readable.
- Make a Favicon
 - A favicon is the small icon in the browser tab. You can generate one using online tools like Favicon.io.

4. Pages & Content

- Plan Pages
 - · Basic pages include: Home, Contact/Booking, and (if relevant) About.
 - Optional pages could be Products/Services, Blog, and FAQ.

Prepare Content

- Write clear, simple text for each page.
- Home Page should include:
 - Headline/Menu
 - Hero Section (Main message)
 - Body Content (What you offer)
 - Footer (optional: contact info, links)

5. Images & Media

- Choose Quality Images
 - Use high-quality images related to your content. Unsplash offer free stock image.

Optimize Image Size

• Compress images using tools like <u>TinyPNG</u> to help pages load faster.

Upload Any Videos

• If using videos, host them on a platform like YouTube or Vimeo.

6. Testing & Launch

- Check Mobile Responsiveness
 - Ensure your website looks good on both desktop and mobile.
- Test Links
 - · Click all links to make sure they work and lead to the correct pages.

Preview and Proofread

- Look for any spelling or formatting errors.
- Set Up Analytics (Optional)
 - Use Google Analytics or Plausible.io to track visits and performance.