LinkedIn Hooks Swipe File

15 Real Creators from Diverse Backgrounds

Master LinkedIn content creation with hooks from successful creators representing different industries, ethnicities, genders, and expertise.



About This Diverse Collection: These hooks come from creators across the globe, representing varied industries, perspectives, and approaches. Each creator has built a following using their unique voice and style.



Hook #1: The Classic Viral Formula

Most people escape 9-to-5 to build a 24/7. They quit their job to chase freedom... And accidentally create a business that owns them.

Why This Works:

This hook works because it creates tension through paradox: people quit a 9-to-5 for freedom, but end up trapped in something worse. Marketers can try a similar strategy by using a hook that challenges the reader's assumptions.

Original Creator: Justin Welsh. This hook generated 885 comments.

Hook #2: Challenging Gurus

"LinkedIn gurus will tell you to focus on the hook. But all my best-performing posts have more than one."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it challenges conventional advice with a surprising contradiction. Marketers can use the same tactic by calling out a "rule," and then flipping it to reveal an unexpected truth that piques curiosity.

Original Creator: Lara Acosta. This hook generated 978 comments.

Hook #3: Quick Process Promise

"This is how I get 10 post ideas in 5 minutes."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it promises a fast and specific result. Marketers can use the same tactic by offering a clear benefit with numbers or timeframes that make the outcome feel both achievable and irresistible.

Original Creator: Matt Barker. This hook generated 340 comments.

Hook #4: Mentorship Positioning

"A young follower recently asked me how to build financial wealth. I shared my 3 core principles:"

Why This Works:

This hook works because starting with "a young follower" positions the creator as a mentor, and promises an easy-to-digest framework (3 core principles). Marketers can try this by starting their hook with a personal interaction and then promising a clear, numbered takeaway.

Original Creator: Sahil Bloom. This hook generated 132 comments.

Hook #5: Success Formula

"How we made Morning Brew one of the most successful newsletter companies: 1) Did something unsexy (email)"

Why This Works:

This hook works because Alex Lieberman is sharing a success story, and he couples it with a counterintuitive reveal. Marketers can try the same tactic by framing their own wins around an underestimated tactic.

Original Creator: Alex Lieberman. This hook generated 4.7M impressions.

Hook #6: Annual Lessons

"MY 7 MOST VIRAL MARKETING TIPS: 7 marketing tips you NEED to know going into 2025."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it creates a sense of urgency — "you NEED to know going into 2025" adds time-pressure. Marketers can replicate this by combining a numbered list with a countdown.

Original Creator: Chase Dimond. This hook generated 186 comments.

Hook #7: Psychology Hook

"People are lousy at predicting what they'll do in the future.

Want proof? Just ask Sony..."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it combines a provocative claim with a curiosity gap ("Want proof?"), as well as a recognizable brand name. Marketers can try the same tactic by leading with a bold statement about human behavior and including a specific example or case study.

Original Creator: Katelyn Bourgoin. This hook generated 179 comments.

Hook #8: Home Building Analogy

"Something you may not know about me is that I've built a few homes in the past and it's similar to body transformation."

Why This Works:

This hook works by combining seemingly unrelated concepts (home building and body transformation). Marketers can use a similar strategy by sharing an unexpected personal skill or experience and tying it back to their main topic.

Original Creator: Dan Go. This hook generated 147 comments.

Hook #9: Exclusive Knowledge

"You won't find these LinkedIn hacks anywhere else. In my last 19 months on LinkedIn, I've managed to:"

Why This Works:

This hook works through its claim of exclusivity ("won't find anywhere else"), which creates a strong interest for insider knowledge. Marketers can replicate this by teasing a list of concrete results or discoveries they're about to reveal.

Original Creator: Jasmin Alić. This hook generated 1,799 comments.

Hook #10: Question Hook

"Do you know why you should hook your reader in with a question? Nah, seriously, do you know why?"

Why This Works:

This hook works because Izzy demonstrates the very technique she's teaching by using questions to hook the reader. Marketers can try a similar approach by having their hook demonstrate a strategy, principle, or mistake they're about to explain.

Original Creator: Izzy Prior. This hook generated 67 comments.

Hook #11: Side Business Blueprint

"Here's how I build a side business with AI: I reach +72 million people online in a year."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it promises a step-by-step method for combining two highly desirable topics (side business + AI) and immediately backs up the promise with an impressive metric that serves as social proof. Other marketers can replicate this by leading with "Here's how I achieve [outcome] with [trending tool/method]:" followed by a concrete number that validates their approach.

Original Creator: Ruben Hassid. This hook generated 312 comments.

Hook #12: 4-Step Framework

"My 4 tips to get 100K followers. 1. Personality. - Tell your story - don't just give insights."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it promises a specific number of tips with a concrete goal (100K followers). Other marketers can employ this strategy by creating a listicle and providing advice that goes against conventional wisdom.

Original Creator: Amelia Sordell. This hook generated 132 comments.

Hook #13: Debunking Common Wisdom

"This is the worst LinkedIn advice (3) 'Add value' 99% of the folks that tell us to 'create valuable content' cannot define what 'valuable content' actually is."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it takes a contrarian stance on universally accepted advice ("add value"). Marketers can replicate this by identifying widely-accepted "truths" and pointing out flaws or contradictions.

Original Creator: Tasleem Ahmad Fateh. This hook generated 480 comments.

Hook #14: Growth Secret

"Steal my SECRET to LinkedIn growth. It's just one thing.
It's the reason I have more engagement than you."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it combines exclusivity ("SECRET"), simplicity, and a provocative ego challenge. Other marketers can try this by promising one simple secret using words like "steal", while making bold claims that position them above their audience.

Original Creator: Luke Matthews. This hook generated 1,432 comments.

Hook #15: Cold Call Intro

"I was the worst SDR at my company. 3 months of getting cooked while everyone else booked meetings. Then I discovered a LinkedIn system that changed everything."

Why This Works:

This hook works because it opens with a vulnerable failure ("I was the worst"), then promises a dramatic transformation. Other marketers can replicate this by leading with their biggest professional failure, describing the pain authentically, then teasing the specific method or discovery that turned everything around.

Original Creator: Morgan J Ingram. This hook generated 40 comments.

Start Creating Viral Hooks: Next Steps

Master these 15 proven formulas and watch your LinkedIn engagement soar

- Choose 3-5 hook styles that match your personality
- Adapt the frameworks to your industry and audience
- Test different approaches and measure results
- Follow the creators mentioned for ongoing inspiration
- Focus on delivering value, not just catchy hooks

