



# CUSTOM CHART OF ACCOUNTS FOR Creatives

### Welcome!

I'm Corrie, the owner of
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Solutions, and I'm incredibly
passionate about helping
small business owners grow
their businesses and
understand their finances.

Since you've downloaded this guide, I know you're serious about leveling up your financial reporting with a custom chart of accounts!



Keep reading to learn the best practices for leveraging your new chart of accounts to make efficient, effective decisions for your business.



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### What is a Chart of Accounts?

Your chart of accounts is a list of all the accounts on your balance sheet and income statement. These accounts are used to categorize your business transactions and flow into your financial statements.

Your chart of accounts helps to organize accounts hierarchically with parent accounts and sub-accounts.

Many businesses will use the default chart of accounts from their bookkeeping software, but they're missing out!

When you're using a chart of accounts that is customized for your industry (or even better, for your specific business), your financial reporting becomes a lot more valuable!



### The Basics of Your Chart of Accounts

### **ASSETS**

An asset is a resource owned or controlled by a business with an expected future benefit.

### **EQUITY**

Equity represents what the owners of the business actually own after accounting for the business's liabilities.

### **EXPENSES**

Expenses are the costs incurred from running your business.



### **LIABILITIES**

A liability is a financial obligation a business owes to another party.

### **REVENUE**

Revenue is the income earned by conducting business activities.





## Sample COA for Creatives

### **ASSETS**

Checking
Savings
Accounts Receivable
Fixed Assets
Accumulated Depreciation

### **LIABILITIES**

Accounts Payable
Sales Tax Payable
Other Current Liabilities
Notes Payables
Long-Term Liabilities

### **EQUITY**

Owner's Equity Retained Earnings





### Sample COA for Creatives

### **INCOME**

Service Sales
Product Sales
Discounts/Refunds
Other Income

### **EXPENSES**

Advertising Expense
Bank Fees
Business Licenses
Client Gifts
Contract Labor
Depreciation Expense
Dues & Subscriptions
Insurance
Interest Paid
Legal & Professional Fees
Meals & Entertainment
Merchant Fees
Office Supplies
Travel Expenses
Utilities & Internet Expense



### Chart of Accounts Dos & Don'ts

### DO THIS:

### DON'T DO THIS:

- Use a simple, scalable system for accounts
- Consider the key

  reporting metrics you
  need for your business
- Review and update

  your chart of accounts
  periodically
- Work with a professional to create your custom chart of accounts

- Overcomplicate with too many small sub-accounts
- Use vague account

  names that could be unclear to another user
- Guess at which accounttype a new accountshould be created under
- Be afraid to create new accounts as your business grows



### Services Guide

Annual Clean- Ups/Catch-Ups	Small businesses looking to clean-up/catch-up 12 months or more at one time. *Discount may apply \$\$\$\$\$
Corporate Champion	Perfect for small businesses with multiple entities or who need a more complex solution. Starting at \$600 (Pricing is subject to your needs)
Freelancer Pro	Small Business Package. Perfect for Lawyers, Photographers, etc. Starting at \$400 (Pricing is subject to your needs)
Small Business Start-Up	Solopreneur Package. Perfect for brand designers, social media managers, freelancers, etc. Starting at \$200 (Pricing is subject to your needs)





"As a creative business owner, Taylor Made Bookkeeping enables me to focus more on being creative and less time fussing with the behind the scenes business side! It is a huge weight off my shoulder to know that come tax time, everything will be in order and ready to go. I'm beyond thankful for the freedom it allows me to spend more time doing what I love."



Sarah Kil ★★★★

"My books were a complete mess and tax time was extremely stressful so I decided to hire out. I was referred to Corrie and I felt my books were going to be in good hands. Corrie is amazing to work with."



