

Best Free Social Media Scheduling Tools Compared:

Later, Buffer, Hootsuite, Zoho Social, SocialPilot, Publer (2025 Guide)

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Later.com: Visual Content Planning Made Easy

Later is known for its visual-first design and Instagram planning tools. Even on the free plan, you can:

- Schedule 30 posts per month for Instagram
- Use a drag-and-drop calendar and IG grid preview
- Schedule Reels and Stories (with manual publishing)





Buffer: Simplicity and Smart Scheduling

Buffer is a lightweight, easy-to-use scheduler that shines for content curation and cross-posting. With the free plan, you can:

- Connect up to 3 social accounts
- Schedule up to 10 posts per account
- Customize posts for each platform





Hootsuite: Robust Monitoring and Collaboration

Hootsuite is a powerful tool for managing multiple accounts and teams. Key features include:

- Manage multiple social streams in one dashboard
- Schedule posts in a visual calendar
- Monitor brand mentions and hashtags





Zoho Social: Smart Tools for Growing Brands

Zoho Social is a feature-rich platform that packs a punch even on its free tier:

- Connect up to 1 profile per platform
- Schedule posts visually with a drag-and-drop calendar
- Use SmartQ to post at the best times automatically





SocialPilot: Bulk Scheduling and Evergreen Power

SocialPilot offers serious time-saving tools for busy marketers.

On the free plan, you can:

- Connect multiple platforms
- Bulk upload posts with a CSV
- Categorize content types for rotation



Publer: Underrated and Surprisingly Powerful

Publer stands out with brand-focused features — even on the free plan:

- Connect up to 3 social accounts
- Schedule 10 posts per account at a time
- Watermark images automatically



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