“Help me work from home!”

Want to fill your pocketbook with some extra money from the comfort of your home? We asked the pros for the easiest, most fun ways to cash in from your couch!

1. Learn where the jobs are!
   Go to the right sites!
   “Most folks who want to work from home don’t know where to start searching,” says work-from-home maven Lee Mellott. “Instead of hopping on Google and typing in search terms that will likely pull up a lot of confusing information, go to aggregator sites that pull together all the legitimate jobs.” Her top picks? CareerJet.com, Indeed.com and Link Up.com. In each site’s search box, type in your location and keywords like “telecommute,” “freelance” and “work-from-home.” Other great resources include Work at Home Moms at WAHM.com and WorkPlaceLikeHome.com. “On their boards, you can get work-from-home tips and learn about opportunities ranging from virtual assistants to customer service positions.”

2. Earn fast cash!
   Write about what you want!
   At Bubblews.com, you can write about anything from your favorite pizza to Kim Kardashian’s wedding dress, says Mellott. “You earn one cent whenever someone reads or comments on your article.” And those cents add up fast. “I know of people who’ve made hundreds of dollars over a few months. Mellott has written articles herself, one of which—“Do Ya Think I’m Sexy?”—has musings on the Rod Stewart song—generated 854 views and 87 comments. “That’s about 10 dollars for a fun, short article that only took me a few minutes to write,” she says.

   Tutor just by chatting!
   “Several places let you work from home teaching English online, but Cambly.com stands out because no formal training is required and there’s no set schedule you have to commit to,” says work-from-home pro Anna Thurman. “Folks who want to learn English sign up to have friendly chats with native speakers. Because all you’re doing is chatting, you don’t need to be bilingual yourself. You can expect to make about $10 an hour.”

   Be your own Google!
   At Helpouts by Google (Helpouts.Google.com), you can share your expertise on everything from cooking to math tutoring, says Thurman. “All you need is a webcam on your computer and you can conduct web chats, charging folks whatever you want; some people charge $8 for 30 minutes, others $25 to $30 an hour. Google takes 20% of your fee and vets potential Google helpers by asking you to share your credentials. If you’re a teacher, say, you might become a math tutor giving video tutorials, or if you have experience in childcare, you might advise new moms on how to get their baby to sleep.”

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Our expert panel


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