

HOW TO MAKE WORK FRIENDS WHILE WORKING REMOTELY

REACH OUT TO A COLLEAGUE YOU DON'T KNOW TOO WELL

Catch-up with someone you haven't spoken to in a while. Ask them how they're doing, share an article or video they might enjoy, and start a conversation.



INDULGE IN VIRTUAL AFTER-HOURS

Stay in touch with your existing network of colleagues and set up lunch, coffee, or Friday after-hours.

ASK YOUR FRIEND TO SET YOU UP ON "BLIND NETWORKING DATES"

Ask a friend to put you in touch with one other person they know who shares common interests, hobbies etc. with you. And you can do the same for them. The idea is to expand your contacts and network professionally.

JOIN A GROUP

Look for virtual communities that help you get to know new people. It can be a professional network like Binders, Network Capital etc., or groups that speak to your hobbies such as a cooking group or a book club.



RECONNECT WITH YOUR OLD COLLEAGUES OR ALUMNI

It's a great time to reach out to your old boss and colleagues or your alumni network and revive dormant ties.



LOOK FOR MENTORS. OR BECOME ONE!

Want to talk about your career path with someone trusted? See if you can reach out to colleagues from work or people on LinkedIn who'd be interested in hearing you out.

Also, be open to giving help and being there for someone looking for mentorship.

