My Formula for Writing Small Town Slashers

Step 1: Consult Ideas List and Choose Something to Write About

Step 2: Fill Out Standard Planner to Help Develop the Idea

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| Title: | | |
| Characters | Primary Settings | Plot Notes |
| Killer |  |  |
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| Other Main |
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| 2) |
| 3) |
| Victims |  |
| 1) |
| 2) |
| 3) |  |
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Step 3: Plan Killer’s Text and Portion to Determine Chapters Required

*How will you relay the killer’s perspective to the audience?*

*-Journal -Poems -Letter(s) -Recollection of a previous time/conversation -a set of plans laid out for some other purpose*

*-Set of Observations -newspaper clippings -other*

*Then develop it (in full) here:*

Step 4: Write Out a List of Events that will Need to Take Place During the Story

Step 5: Fill in the Chapter Planner Using the Details from Steps 3 & 4

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| Chapter | How it is  Established  (ex: dates) | Planning Notes |
| **\*NEVER WRITE FROM KILLER’S PERSPECTIVE\*** | | |
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| Epilogue | - |  |

Step 6: Write a Chapter

Step 7: Edit the Chapter the Following Day

Step 8: Repeat Steps 6 & 7 Until Story is Completed