

THE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE

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Keep your word. Keep the purpose.



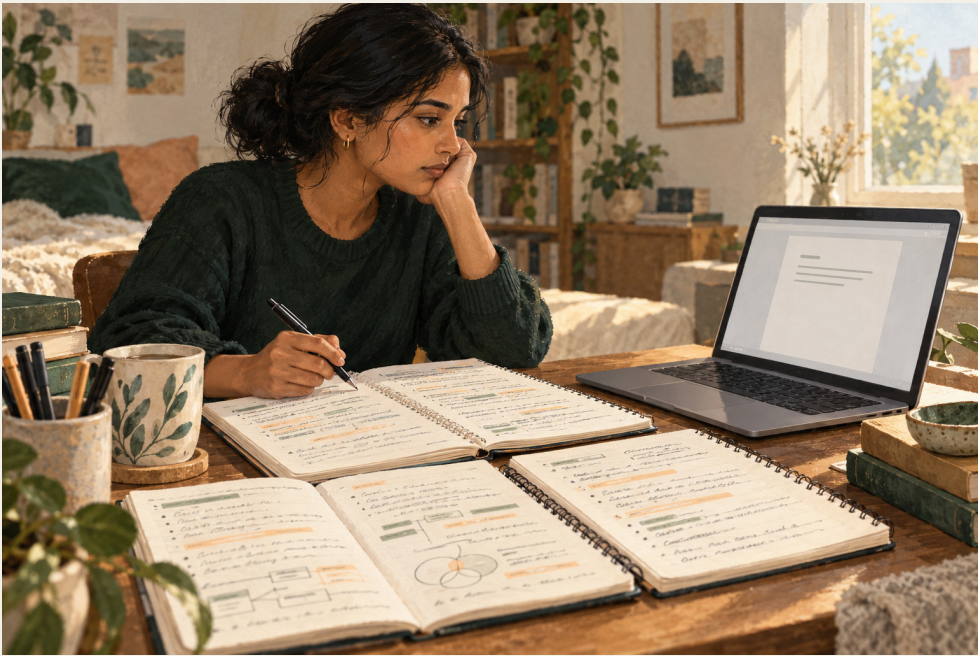
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A practical companion for noticing patterns and trying small changes.

CHAPTER 01 / A FICTIONAL SCENE

You completed the routine. Did it help with the task?



Noor working on an essay: an original fictional scene, illustrated with AI.

Noor has always rewritten class notes after each lecture. The clean pages helped her keep track of unfamiliar ideas. This term, she has an essay due on Friday.

Each evening she copies another reading into her notebook. The headings are clear. The essay still has no first paragraph. Asked what she will argue, she opens the notes and starts looking.

The routine once solved a real problem. Now she is finishing its steps before checking what the current assignment requires.

Can you explain what this routine makes possible today?

Next: give the process a purpose you can check.

CHAPTER 01 / THE JOB OF THE ROUTINE

Finish the sentence: this helps me do what?

“Rewrite the notes” names an activity. “Use the readings to support one argument” names a job the notes need to do. Look for the job behind your process.

A checklist. Its purpose might be to avoid missing an essential step. If it has grown so long that nobody uses it, find which steps protect the result and which require another place.

A weekly family meal. Its purpose might be time together. If one person spends the gathering cooking alone, ask which part of the ritual still serves that purpose.

A status report. Its purpose might be to show what needs a decision. Ten pages of completed activity can hide the one blocked task people need to address.

NOOR GIVES THE NOTES A JOB

“These notes need to help me draft my argument.” She marks two passages relevant to her claim and writes a rough paragraph. She can add another note when the draft exposes a gap.

Keep a useful process. Change it when you can name what has stopped fitting. Some steps meet safety requirements or obligations; understand those before altering them.

This routine helps me _____. The result I can look for is _____.

Next: compare completing the steps with completing the work.

What would changing the routine put at risk?

Giving a routine a purpose is the first check. The harder moment comes when the purpose still matters but the routine no longer fits.

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Mika enjoys making a big Sunday meal. It began when the family had long, quiet afternoons. Now one person works Sundays, a relative needs help and everyone arrives at a different time.

He keeps making five dishes. The first people eat while he finishes the last pan. By the time he sits down, two are leaving. Later, he cleans up alone and wonders why the gathering felt rushed.

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How to change the method and keep the care

- 01 Name what changed around the routine.
- 02 Keep the part that still serves its purpose.
- 03 Check the concern behind 'I always do it this way.'

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