



THE Home Audit

This is your tiny workshop that will equip you to understand your space and your lifestyle.

Phase 1: Friction Audit

Map the Friction Points and Storage Gaps

Phase 2: Behaviour Audit

See spatial needs using four lenses.

Phase 3: Consolidate

Organise your friction, fixes and future goals

A modern interior space with large windows, a dining table, and a black sofa. The text 'Before You Begin' is overlaid on a white rounded rectangle.

Before You Begin

Time required: 30–45 minutes

What you need: Floor plan sketch, a pen and two highlighters

Outcome: A prioritised design brief

Best completed: By all decision-makers in the household

PHASE 1 Friction Audit



The Two-Colour Floor Plan Exercise

We're going to trace your family's actual footsteps during your two most chaotic times of day and discover your friction points:

Trace in Orange: The Morning Rush

Draw the exact paths everyone takes to get dressed, brush teeth, make coffee, grab lunchboxes, and head out the door.

The Goal: Look for where the orange lines tangle, cross, or cluster to expose primary bottlenecks—whether it's at the bathroom, the kitchen prep aisle, or an entryway.

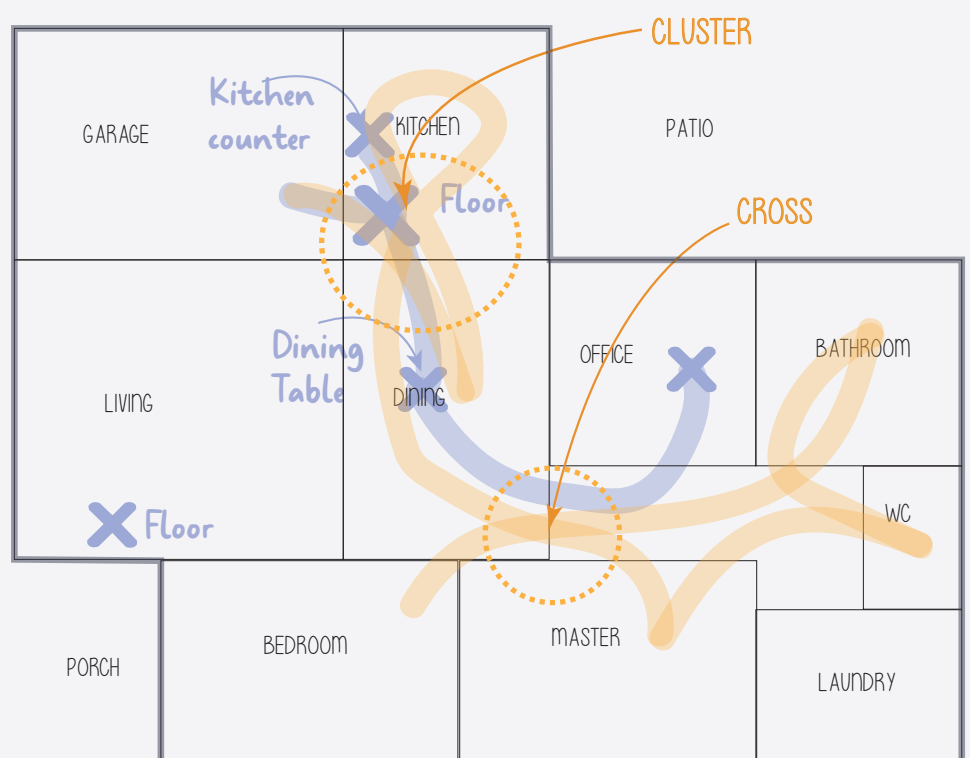
Trace in Blue: The Evening Drop

Trace the path from the front door (or garage) into the house when everyone arrives home with arms full. Mark an **X** on the exact surfaces where items naturally land when hands are freed.

The Goal: Find where clutter lands naturally and build smart Landing Zones and storage where the family naturally walks.

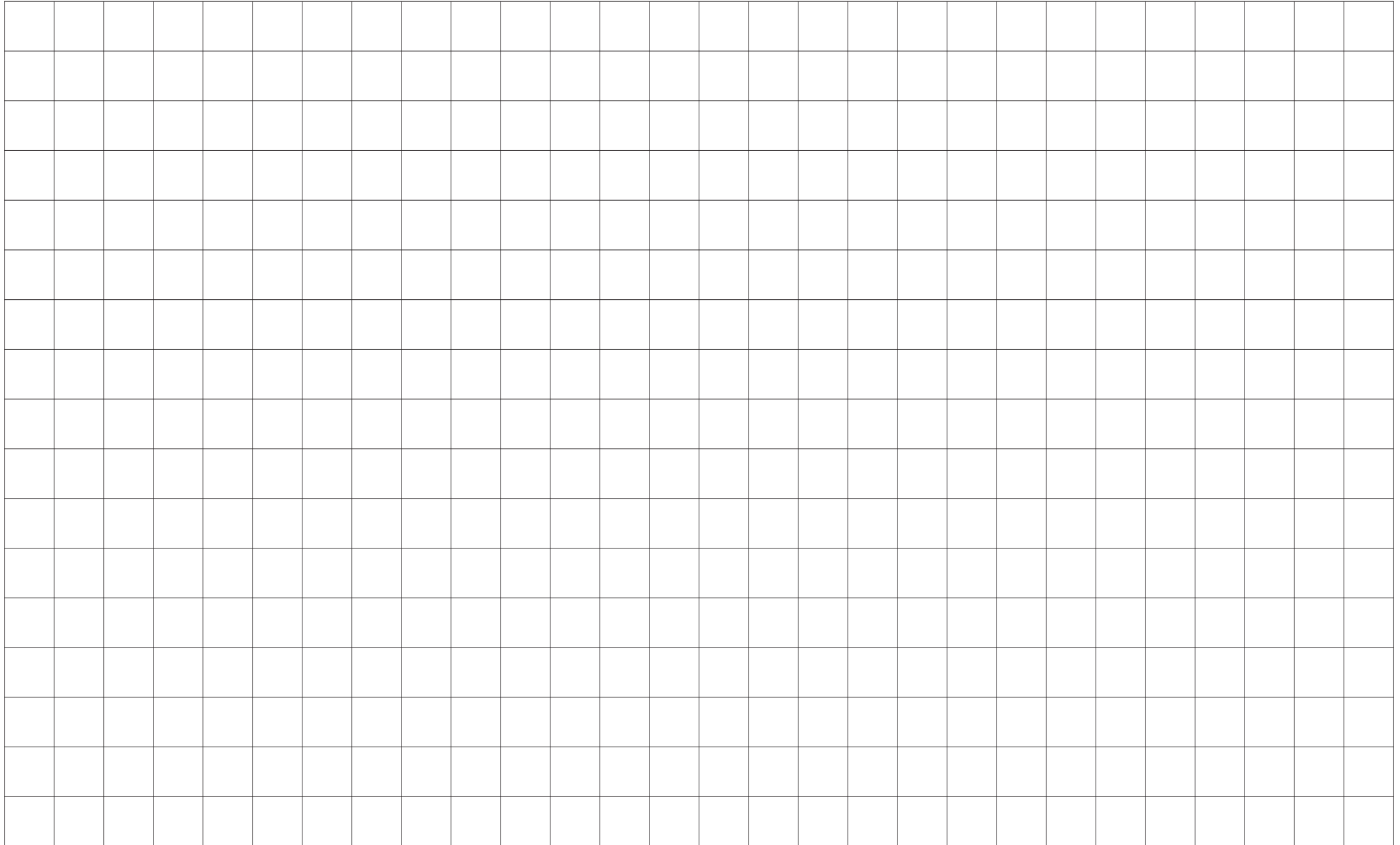
Grab a printout of your current floor plan (or a quick hand-drawn sketch) and two coloured highlighters and have a go yourselves. Graph paper is provided on next page for your perusal.

Here is an example of a floor plan, its not perfect, it gives you the perfect platform to identify the friction in your home.



Your House Plan - Friction Audit
Level:

A horizontal scale bar with the word "Scale" at the left end. It has vertical tick marks at intervals of 1 unit, labeled 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5m at the right end.



PHASE 2 Behaviour Audit

 Evaluate each room or zone with these four lenses.

1. Storage & Flow (The 5-Second Rule)

Look at the cluttered surfaces in the room.

The Active Check: Does this item have a home and does it take less than 5 seconds to put away?

YES

NO

(NO - storage gap identified)

(YES - make it easier to store)

The Archive Check: Have we used this item in the last 6-12 months?

YES

NO

(NO-donate or relocate to garage, roof space or high cupboards).

The Bulky Check: Are items (vacuum, suitcases, and ironing board) stealing valuable daily living space?

(YES - what are they, where can they live?)

YES

NO

2. The Daily Grind (The Stress Test)

Think about the most chaotic hour of your week.

The Traffic Check: Is the main walkway through this room constantly blocked? (open doors, bags on floor, cooking, etc)

YES

NO

The Acoustic Check: When multiple people use this space, does noise carry and clash? (TV, kitchen prep, chatter, etc).

YES

NO

The Social Check: Do we entertain at the island bench or

YES

NO

GLOSSARY

5- Second Rule: If an item doesn't have a designated home, that requires 5 seconds or less to put away, it will permanently live on a surface

Active Storage: Indoor storage reserved for this season of life and day-to day life

Archive Storage: Garage joinery, attic, or high cupboards for Seasonal or Future needs



PHASE 2 Behaviour Audit

3. The 5 to 15 Year Horizon (Future-Proofing)

Look at the room's current function.

The Growth Check: When kids turn into young adults, or parents age, how will this room need to change?

The Flex Check: Could this space adapt to accommodate an aging parent, an extended guest, or full-time remote work?

YES

NO

N/A

The Gear Check: Do our actual, current hobbies (bikes, yoga mats, art supplies) have a dedicated zone, and are they taking over the living/dining room?

YES

NO

4. Real-World Trade-Offs (The Reality Check)

Look at the physical footprint of the room.

The Priority Check: Prioritise each friction point (1-10).
1-non-negotiable and 10-nice to have

The Boundary Check: Are we willing to sacrifice outdoor lawn space for a bigger living area, or should we build upward to preserve the yard? How would that affect northern light pouring into the house?

The Phasing Check: If budget requires us to build in stages, what must happen in Stage 1, and what can wait for Stage 2?

GLOSSARY

Future Proofing:	Consider a masterplan for your home, where future needs are met (either in stages or all at once). Read our article on Future proofing your home on our website
Flex:	Spaces or rooms in our homes made flexible and multipurpose as we grow into different stages of our home and our life.
Friction Point:	The aspects of the home that causes stress, either by our lifestyle, behaviour, layout or storage issues.



Phase 3: Prioritise Needs

 Bring together the most important issues uncovered in Phases 1 and 2.

Spatial Category	Current Pain Point/Friction	Priority Rank 1 - HIGHEST PRIORITY 10-LOWEST PRIORITY
The Hub Kitchen + Dining Living	e.g., Kitchen is tight; no connection to outdoor deck.	Kitchen Dining Living
The Utilities Laundry + Garage Shed + Services		Laundry Garage Shed Services
The Drop Zone Entry + Mudroom + Hallways Back Flow + Backburners		Entry Hallway
The Quiet Zone Work + Reading Rest + Sleep		Work/ School Rest
The Flex Zone Guest + Hobbies Future Master + grandparents		Guest Hobbies Future Flex

Phase 3: Future Proof

Flex Zone Quiet Zones Drop Zone Utilities The Hub

5- year plan	15- year plan
Open visibility to kids playing outdoors	Social zone for young adults

Where to from here?

What needs to work now?

What may change in 5 years?

What could wait for a later stage?

Questions we need professional advice about

Next Steps



Read and understand cost factors,
budgeting & timelines.



Explore Approvals Navigating
CDC, DA, & Site constraints



Book a Design Consultation
Turn your audit into a real plan

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