The Junk Drawer Sort

Twenty minutes. Most of what is in there belongs in a bin rather than in a divider.

> Dividers are the LAST step. Buying an organiser for an unsorted drawer just organises the problem.

FOUR PILES, SORTED BY FATE NOT BY TYPE

- [ ] Bin: dried pens, dead batteries, broken, sticky
- [ ] Belongs elsewhere: goes to that room NOW
- [ ] Genuinely lives here: the short list
- [ ] No idea what this is: its own pile

WHAT ACTUALLY BELONGS

- [ ] Tape and masking tape
- [ ] Scissors and a small screwdriver set
- [ ] Tape measure
- [ ] Batteries, in date order, in one box
- [ ] Superglue and elastic bands
- [ ] A torch that works
- [ ] Pens that write, tested, and a pencil
- [ ] Spare keys, labelled

BATTERIES AND CABLES

- [ ] Batteries never go in household waste. Supermarket collection point
- [ ] Cables and small electricals go to electrical recycling
- [ ] Keep ONE spare cable per device type, not eleven
- [ ] Unidentifiable cable? It goes. You will not use what you cannot name

NOTES

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