House task

Your house project

Congratulations. Against the advice of your city-living extended family you purchased a run down cottage in the countryside and have been renovating it with the proceeds from your first novel. After months of hard work, the cottage has functioning plumbing, heating, electricity and broadband. You have finished the bathrooms and kitchen but have basically been camping in your house. You have no furniture, white goods, flooring, internal doors or curtains. Nothing is decorated. The good news is that the insurance money has come in (a fire in the storage unit destroyed all your possessions); the bad news is to prove your family wrong you have invited them all over for a weekend in the winter. Your cottage is big enough, but it will be a squeeze with elderly relatives, sulky teenagers, noisy toddlers, harassed parents and a few dogs creating a perfect storm of a family gathering. You have 6 weeks before the doorbell rings (if you have installed one by then). Meanwhile your publisher will only pay the advance on your next book when she receives a draft manuscript (and title!) and you need this additional money to kit out your writing shed. Let's Scrumple!

House task

Buy candles to create an ambience

1 Story point

House task

Buy crockery

1 Story point

House task

Buy cutlery

1 Story point

House task

Buy door mats

1 Story point

House task

Buy fancy cushions

1 Story point

House task

Buy self-assembly dining room table & chairs

1 Story point

House task

By pots, pans, baking equipment

1 Story point

House task

Get fresh flowers and vases

1 Story point

House task

Last minute dash to supermarket to get the thing you forgot to buy earlier

1 Story point

House task

Make up beds

1 Story point

House task

Measure for all carpets

1 Story point

House task

Come up with a title for your new novel

1 Story point

House task

Plan dietary need friendly menus

1 Story point

House task

Post draft manuscript to publisher

1 Story point

House task

Prepare background music playlists

1 Story point

House task

Send out directions to your visitors

2 Story points

House task

Subscribe to Netflex for family film night

2 Story points

House task

Buy & install toddler protection devices (cupboards, electric sockets etc)

2 Story points

House task

Buy bedding

2 Story points

House task

Buy drinks for the weekend

2 Story points

House task

Buy duvets and pillows

2 Story points

House task

Buy filing cabinet for all your paperwork

2 Story points

House task

Buy shoe rack

2 Story points

House task

Buy towels

3 Story points

House task

Give house a thorough clean

3 Story points

House task

Measure curtains

3 Story points

House task

Tidy garage and recycle all packaging

3 Story points

House task

Buy & hang pictures

3 Story points

House task

Buy & install coat rack

3 Story points

House task

Buy & install microwave oven

3 Story points

House task

Buy (downstairs) carpets

3 Story points

House task

Buy (upstairs) carpets

3 Story points

House task

Buy all food for the weekend

3 Story points

House task

Buy and install TV in living room

3 Story points

House task

Buy curtains

3 Story points

House task

Buy dishwasher

3 Story points

House task

Buy family fun board games

3 Story points

House task

Buy fridge freezer

3 Story points

House task

Buy hallway laminate flooring

3 Story points

House task

Buy internal doors

3 Story points

House task

Buy loads of 2nd hand books to fill book cases

3 Story points

House task

Buy oven

3 Story points

House task

Buy self-assembly book cases & shelves

3 Story points

House task

Buy self-assembly cupboards and drawers

3 Story points

House task

Buy self-assembly outdoor dog kennel

3 Story points

House task

Buy self-assembly sofas and chairs

3 Story points

House task

Buy spare wellington boots for Sunday afternoon walk

3 Story points

House task

Buy washing machine

3 Story points

House task

By self-assembly beds for all bedrooms

3 Story points

House task

Check dietary needs

3 Story points

House task

Get chimney swept

3 Story points

House task

Get logs and kindling for fireplace

3 Story points

House task

Get your hair cut

3 Story points

House task

Have a bit of me time to relax before they appear

3 Story points

House task

Hire pool table for games room

3 Story points

House task

Install fridge freezer

5 Story points

House task

Measure for hallway laminate flooring

5 Story points

House task

Print and frame family photos

5 Story points

House task

Test new recipes in your new oven

5 Story points

House task

Assemble book cases & shelves

5 Story points

House task

Assemble dining room table & chairs

5 Story points

House task

Buy & install doorbell

5 Story points

House task

Buy & install lamps and lampshades

5 Story points

House task

Buy and install TV & sound system in games room

5 Story points

House task

Buy and install video gaming system in games room

5 Story points

House task

Buy equipment for gym

5 Story points

House task

Buy smart clothes to look presentable in

5 Story points

House task

Fix handles to internal doors

5 Story points

House task

Install hallway laminate flooring (part 2 of 2)

5 Story points

House task

Paint dog kennel

5 Story points

House task

Paint front door

5 Story points

House task

Paint the window ledges

8 Story points

House task

Assemble cupboards and drawers

8 Story points

House task

Assemble dog kennel

8 Story points

House task

Explore local footpaths to plan the Sunday afternoon walk

8 Story points

House task

Install dishwasher

8 Story points

House task

Install oven

8 Story points

House task

Install washing machine

8 Story points

House task

Paint all radiators

8 Story points

House task

Tidy all your paperwork away into filing cabinet

12 Story points

House task

Varnish internal doors

12 Story points

House task

Assemble beds

12 Story points

House task

Assemble sofas and chairs

12 Story points

House task

Complete first draft of your follow-up novel (part 1 of 3)

12 Story points

House task

Complete first draft of your follow-up novel (part 2 of 3)

12 Story points

House task

Complete first draft of your follow-up novel (part 3 of 3)

12 Story points

House task

Decorate dining room

12 Story points

House task

Decorate dog lover's bedroom

12 Story points

House task

Decorate elderly relative's bedroom

12 Story points

House task

Decorate parent's & toddler's bedroom

12 Story points

House task

Decorate sitting room

12 Story points

House task

Decorate teenager's bedroom

12 Story points

House task

Decorate your own bedroom

12 Story points

House task

Install (downstairs) carpets

12 Story points

House task

Install (upstairs) carpets

12 Story points

House task

Install curtains

12 Story points

House task

Install equipment for gym

12 Story points

House task

Install hallway laminate flooring (part 1 of 2)

12 Story points

House task

Install internal doors

12 Story points