

Blocked for Planning

2h

Blocked for Standups & Project Communication

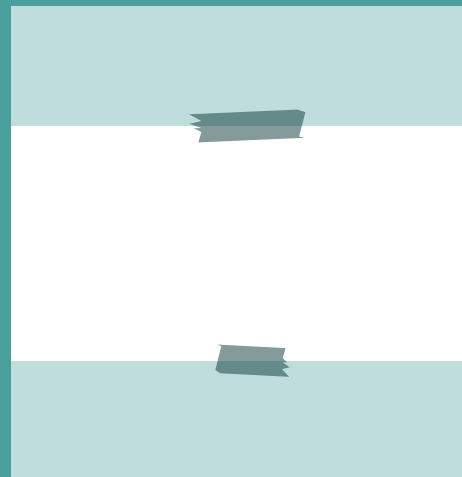
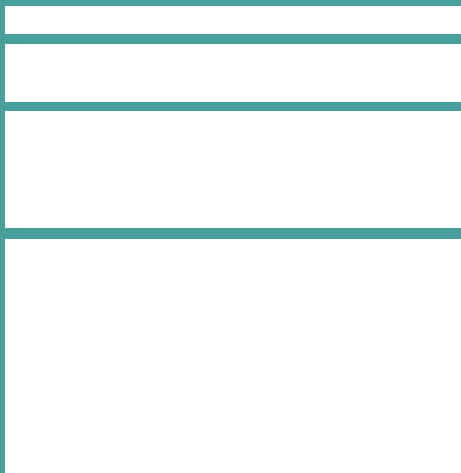
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Do your clients & stakeholders try to push more work into iterations than the team can get done? "Just one more little thing"? It happens often because knowledge work effort is invisible. Let's make effort & available time obvious:

4h

# Planning Origami

At Menlo Innovations, they print stories onto half letter sized sheets of paper (~A5). They fold each sheet according to the story's estimated effort: 16h stories aren't folded. 8h? Fold once along the length and keep the story title visible. 4h? Fold twice, and so on. 32h stories are taped onto a letter sheet (~A4).



Clients place the folded stories on big sheets of paper. Each "planning sheet" represents one week of work for one pair of team members. 8h are blocked for value-enabling activities such as Planning and StandUps. 32 slots are empty to fill with 32 hours worth of folded stories. As each story broadcasts its size you can't push more work into the iteration than the team can accomplish. It will not fit. Literally.

8h

After planning, the chosen stories are taped onto the planning sheet.

Blocked for Estimation / Grooming

2h

Blocked for Review / Demo

2h

32h

