Process: Making Morning Coffee.

This VSM focuses on the steps involved in making coffee in the morning. The goal is to identify inefficiencies and improve the process.

Estimated Flow Time for Each Step

Task	Estimated Time
Wake Up	2 mins
Walk to Kitchen	1 min
Fill Kettle with Water	1 min
Boil Water	5 mins
Grind Coffee Beans	2 mins
Prepare Coffee Filter	1 min
Pour Hot Water Over Coffee	1 min
Wait for Brewing	4 mins
Pour Coffee into Mug	1 min
Add Sugar / Milk (Optional)	1 min
Drink Coffee	10 mins
Total Estimated Time:	29 mins



Lean Metrics & Waste Analysis

Identified Inefficiencies:

- 1. **Boiling water takes too long** → Using a regular kettle instead of an electric one.
- 2. Waiting for coffee to brew is idle time → No multitasking during this step.
- 3. **Grinding beans manually** → Slower than using pre-ground coffee.
- 4. **Multiple trips to grab ingredients** → Sugar and milk stored separately instead of near the coffee station.

Optimizations to Reduce Waste:

- Use an electric kettle to boil water 30% faster.
- Prepare filter and coffee grounds while water is boiling to minimize wait time.

- Use pre-ground coffee on busy mornings to reduce time by 2 minutes.
- Keep sugar and milk near the coffee setup to avoid extra movement.

Final Thoughts

Applying these optimizations reduces the total coffee-making time **from 29 to 22 minutes**, saving **7 minutes every morning**.

This improvement allows for extra time to prepare for work, check emails, and things of that nature.