

The Clean Mind Starter Kit

Practical Tools for Clarity, Focus & Intentional Living

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You do not need everything figured out. You need somewhere honest to begin.

This starter kit contains five practical tools drawn from the educational material on The Clean Mind. Each one is deliberately small. None of them requires special equipment, hours of free time, or a particular belief system. The value is not in the tools themselves but in returning to them regularly.

Use whichever ones feel useful. Ignore the rest. Return to this kit in four weeks and notice what has shifted.

A Note on Purpose

This is educational material for personal reflection and skill-building. It is not medical advice, not a diagnosis, and not a substitute for professional care. If you are experiencing persistent distress, contact a qualified healthcare professional in your area. If you are in crisis, contact your local emergency services.

01 A Simple Self-Reflection Exercise

Set aside ten uninterrupted minutes. A pen is all you need.

Sit somewhere comfortable. Close your eyes for three slow breaths. When you open them, ask one question:

What has been taking up the most space in my mind lately — and is it actually mine to solve?

That is not a prompt to solve anything. It is a prompt to notice what has been running in the background, unexamined, for longer than you realised.

02 Identifying Unhelpful Thought Patterns

A structured way to look at recurring thoughts without being trapped by them.

Most unhelpful thinking follows a small number of recognisable shapes. Learning to name the shape is the first step to loosening it.

Pattern	What it sounds like	A steadier alternative
Catastrophising	"This will ruin everything."	"What is the most likely outcome, not the worst one?"
Mind reading	"They think I am difficult."	"I do not know what they think. What do I actually know?"
Personalisation	"This happened because of me."	"What else could explain this?"
All or nothing	"If it is not perfect, it is a failure."	"What is the useful part of this, even if incomplete?"
Should statements	"I should be further along by now."	"What would be a reasonable step this week?"

Write down one thought that has been recurring. Give it a name using the table above.

The recurring thought:

The pattern it seems to follow:

One steadier way to frame it:

03 A Brief Grounding & Attention-Reset Practice

Two to three minutes. Useful when the mind will not settle.

When attention feels scattered, it helps to bring it back to something physical and immediate. Name the five things you can see, then four you can touch, then three you can hear, then two you can smell, then one you can taste.

Move slowly through each. There is no need to think about the numbers. Simply let each sense have a turn, in order.

At the end, ask: *what am I actually thinking about right now, underneath all of it?*

If Two Minutes Is All You Have

Exhale longer than you inhale. Four counts in, six counts out, for ten rounds. This alone is enough to change the state you are in.

04 The Daily Clarity Journal

Five minutes at the end of the day. Write briefly.

Prompt	Your note
One thing I noticed about myself today	
A thought I could have handled differently	
One small thing I did that mattered	

What my attention was mostly on	
Tomorrow's one clear intention	

05 One Small Habit-Building Exercise

Choose the smallest version that would still count as success.

Most habits fail because they are designed at a size nobody sustains. Pick one, and make it deliberately too small to fail.

The habit	Your minimum viable version
Clear head	
Steady mood	
Focused work	
Honest rest	

The Test

Repeat the exact same thing every day, at a size so small that missing a single day feels unreasonable. Consistency, not intensity, is what makes it stick. Add the size back in only once the small version is automatic.

The habit you are choosing:

When you will do it: (a specific time, not “during the day”)

What will get in the way:

What you will do about it:

A Four-Week Return

Return to this kit in four weeks. You are not looking for a transformed life. You are looking for evidence that you can keep a small promise to yourself.

Answer honestly, in a sentence each:

Which tool did I actually use?

What did I notice that I would otherwise have missed?

What am I doing differently now, however small?

What do I want more of next?

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