



# Writer Type Revision Checklist

## Match Your Revision Process to Your Creative Style

This quick-reference checklist is designed to help you revise your draft in a way that fits *you*. Whether you're a planner, a discoverer, or somewhere in between—your revision process should feel aligned, not forced.

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## Plotter's Route – The Architect

### You likely:

- Wrote from a detailed outline
- Knew your ending from the start
- Measured progress scene by scene

### Revision Checklist:

- Compare your draft to your original outline
  - Note where the draft diverged—and ask if the new version works better
  - Check each act for pacing and turning points
  - Tighten scenes that just “fill in gaps”
  - Use a structure template to realign weak sections
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## Wanderer's Way – The Intuitive Explorer

### You likely:

- Wrote scene by scene without a full plan
- Followed emotional beats or character voice
- Let the story grow as you went

### Revision Checklist:

- Read your draft without judgment—just feel the flow
- Highlight scenes that resonate and feel “true”
- Group scenes by emotion, action, or theme
- Reverse outline what you *actually* wrote
- Identify where meaning or structure needs support



## Hybrid Highway – The Shapeshifter

### You likely:

- Started with a loose plan, then followed instinct
- Switched between outlining and discovery
- Let the story evolve as new ideas emerged

### Revision Checklist:

- Reflect on where you stuck to vs. drifted from your outline
  - Create a new beat map from the finished draft
  - Highlight scenes that feel disconnected
  - Choose a focus for each revision pass (structure, character, theme)
  - Strengthen transitions where tone or pacing shifts
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## Mosaic Method – The Scene Sculptor

### You likely:

- Wrote out of order
- Created strong scenes without immediate context
- Captured emotion or voice before structure

### Revision Checklist:

- Lay out all scenes visually (digital or physical)
  - Identify gaps, overlaps, or missing links
  - Group scenes by function: plot, arc, emotion
  - Build structure around strong moments
  - Fill in transitions to unify tone and timeline
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## Sculptor's Trail – The Raw Draft Refiner

### You likely:

- Wrote quickly with minimal planning
- Created a messy but complete draft
- Trust revision as your true creative process

### Revision Checklist:

- Read through the entire draft without editing
- Take notes on structure, character, and pacing
- Re-outline the draft based on what's actually there
- Do one revision pass per focus area (big picture → detail)
- Rewrite scenes that don't serve the central theme or arc



### **Final Tip: No Matter Your Type...**

- Give yourself time between drafting and revising
- Be kind to your past writing self—it got you here
- Keep what works. Cut what doesn't. Rebuild what matters.

*Revise your way. The plot abides.*