

Visualise Workflow		Limit Work In Progress	Measure and Manage Flow			Feedback Loops	Explicit Policies	Collaborative Improvement	
Demand Analysis / Work Item Types	Workflow Visualisation / Kanban Board	Some kind of WIP Control (Choose from the list below)	Cumulative Flow Diagram (CFD)	Queue Replenishment (Cadence & Policy)	Lead Time Distribution (average, sized, weighted)	Kanban Meeting	Make Current Policies Explicit	Retrospectives	Blocker Clustering
Commitment and Delivery Points	Visible Blockers	Column / State WIP Limits	Flow Efficiency	Input Queue Prioritisation Method	Input Queue Sizing	Ops Review	Definition of Done	Formal Improvement Experiments	Cross Team Retrospectives
Work Item Ticket Design	Avatars	Person WIP Limits	Throughput	Classes of Service	Clarified and displayed Service Level Expectations	Show and Tell	Definition of Ready	Improvement Experiments on Card Wall	Separate Improvements Card Wall
Swim Lanes	Backlog Visualisation	Allocated Capacity (Lane WIP Limits)	Due Date Performance	Set Service Delivery Targets	Set Service Level Agreements	Issue Log Review / Escalation	Pull Policies per state	Theory of Constraints – 5 Focusing Steps	Theory of Constraints – Thinking Tools
Electronic Tracking	Modeling Concurrent Activity	Board Level WIP Limits	Initial Quality, (Defects per work item)	Release Planning	Triage (In or Out)	Horizon Planning	Discard Policy	Applied Cost of Delay	Real Options and Deferred Commitment
Modelling Unordered Activity	Sticky Buddies		Failure Load (Production Defect Rate)	Handling External Dependencies	Backlog Prioritisation Method	Risk Review		STATIK and Reverse STATIK	Agendashift
			Defect Percentage Rate	Net Flow Per Week	Value Based Work Item Granularity (MMF)	Service Delivery Review			

Key

Always use your goals, kanban principles, values and agendas to help select what practice might help you next. It is about improvement, not adoption!

Green

These are good-ish places to start, foundational practices that the majority of teams using kanban (rather than just proto-kanban) will use.

Yellow

These are a wider range of options for moving towards your goals. Some are regularly used by many teams, others are less used or more advanced.

There is no need to “do all the greens” first, or to “do all the yellows.”

Options for Kanban Practices (Rough Guide)

- Step 1) Look at how things are now and figure out what needs to get better: visibility & awareness, flow, collaboration, quality, learning etc.
- Step 2) Talk about different options for making the improvement - Choose the practice(s) to try & make it visible on the chart that you are trying it / them.
- Step 3) After learning about how to make them work and trying it for a while, decide to keep using or drop that option. Make that visible too!
- Step 4) Goto Step 1)