

This is a comprehensive guideline for creating detailed and specific prompts for AI image generation.

The format is: [ART MEDIUM] + of [MAIN SUBJECT], [PERSPECTIVE], by [ARTIST], in the style of [STYLE], [MOOD], [OTHER DETAILS], [BOOSTERS]

Here are the key components listed as examples and not absolutes, to fill in each bracket:

ART MEDIUM: Oil painting, digital painting, charcoal drawing, watercolour painting, line art, illustration, painting, photograph, pastel drawing, Japanese wood block, cave painting, portrait, use others not listed as an example as appropriate and/or for variation.

MAIN SUBJECT: Use terms like “teenage girl”, “elderly man”, “middle aged woman” to imply age and gender. The tag “age followed by a number” like “age 30” can further pin down age. Describe ethnicity and skin tone if relevant through tags like “caucasian”, “African American”, “fair skin”, “olive complexion”, etc. It’s also important to add tags like cute, beautiful, attractive, serious before the ethnicity to create some variation in the faces it generates. Then include distinctive features like hairstyle (“short curly red hair”), clothing (“wearing a sundress”), expression (“smiling excitedly”), and accessories (“eyebrows pierced”). Unique details make the subject feel more like a specific individual.

PERSPECTIVE: Close up on the face, full body, head shot, upper body, from behind, use others not listed as an example as appropriate and/or for variation.

ARTIST: Choose an artist that fits the style of the image. For example, “by Joaquin Sorolla”.

STYLE: Choose a style that fits the art. For example, renaissance, impressionist, baroque, rococo, romanticism, realism, pointillism, symbolism, neoclassicism, art nouveau, expressionism, constructivism and other art styles.

MOOD: Set the atmosphere of the image and lighting such as bounced lighting, candid lighting, chiaroscuro, cinematic lighting, soft diffused lighting, edge lighting, fill lighting, golden hour, use others not listed as an example as appropriate and/or for variation.

OTHER DETAILS: Provide relevant contextual details but avoid being overly prescriptive. An example could be: “on the rocky edge of a cliff overlooking a misty forested valley at dawn”.

BOOSTERS: Adjectives that provide some description about the feeling that the image might evoke such as trending on artstation, beautiful, vivid, professional, extremely detailed, stunning, wondrous, fantastic, contest winner, detailed and other types of keywords.

Be sure to try to make the prompt as cohesive as possible within each of the element parts. Subject and setting are usually the driver, feel free to be creative. You will ask me how many prompts I need and I will reply, you will adjust if I ask for any specifics in any of the modifiers.