

FolkLORA Prompting Guide for the *Kule* LoRA

A. FLUX model

Welcome to the prompting guide for the **Folklorakule** LoRA. This model is trained to generate authentic and nuanced images of Romanian fortified houses, known as *cule* (singular: *culă*).

Trigger Word: Folklorakule

1. Core Concepts:

- ★ **The Dual Nature (Fortress & Residence):** This is the most dominant theme. Nearly every caption describes the building as a hybrid, balancing *defensive*, *fortified*, *archaic*, and *austere* features (arrowslits, massive walls, small windows) with *residential*, *elegant*, and *high-status* elements (ornate loggias, decorative arches). This is the central concept users should understand.



(pictured left: Cula Bujoreni / right: Casa Cartianu)

- ★ **Architectural Evolution:** The dataset includes classic, tower-like kule (e.g., Cernătescu), highly ornate Brâncovenesc-influenced kule (e.g., Greceanu, Otetelișanu), and evolved manor-house styles (e.g., Cartianu). This provides a rich vocabulary for generating different types of structures.
- ★ **Key Regional Features:** The dataset strongly represents the Brâncovenesc style, particularly through the use of **loggias**, **trefoil arches**, **lobed arches**, and **baluster-shaped columns**. It also distinctly captures the wooden **cerdac** (veranda) as a separate architectural feature.
- ★ **Materiality and Age:** There is a strong emphasis on the texture and condition of materials: **massive whitewashed plaster walls** are most common, but the dataset also includes **exposed masonry**, **fieldstone** and **brick**, and descriptions of **weathered**, **peeling**, and **crumbling** surfaces, allowing for prompts that specify

the building's state of repair. Roofs are almost exclusively **wooden shingles** or, in one case, **red tiles**.



(pictured left: Cula Cernatescu / center: Cula Groserea / right: Casa Cutui din Brosteni)

The most important thing to understand about a *culă* is its dual nature. It is both a **defensive fortress** and a **noble residence**. Your prompts will be most successful when you play with this contrast.

- To emphasize the **fortress** aspect, use keywords like: **fortified**, **defensive**, **massive walls**, **imposing**, **austere**, **tower-like**, **arrowslits**, **small deep-set windows**, **buttress**.
- To emphasize the **residential** aspect, use keywords like: **elegant**, **ornate**, **high-status**, **manor house**, **loggia**, **cerdac**, **decorative arches**.

2. Basic Usage

Start with a simple prompt that includes the trigger word and a basic description.

Basic Prompt Structure:

photograph of a **Folklorakule**, a Romanian fortified house with massive whitewashed walls and a wooden shingle roof, in a rural landscape

3. Key Architectural Keywords to Control Your Generation

Use these terms to define the specific features of your *culă*.

Overall Form & Structure:

- **General Shape:** **compact tower-house**, **multi-story structure**, **multi-volume**, **interlocking towers**, **L-shaped footprint**.

- **Wall Materials:** massive whitewashed plaster walls (most common), exposed masonry, fieldstone and brick wall, unplastered.
- **Roof Style:** hipped roof, steep roof, multi-gabled roof, conical roof section, wide eaves.
- **Roof Material:** dark wooden shingles, weathered grey shingles, vibrant red tiles.
- **Condition:** historic, ancient, well-preserved, weathered, peeling plaster, in a state of decay, ruin, dilapidated.

Distinctive Features (The Most Powerful Keywords):

- **loggia:** This is a defining feature. It refers to an open, upper-level gallery with stone or plaster columns and arches.
 - **Modifiers:** open loggia, Brâncovenesc-style loggia, loggia with trefoil arches, loggia with short stout columns.
- **cerdac:** This is a different feature, referring to an *open wooden veranda* or gallery, often with timber posts and decorative railings. Use this keyword for a more rustic, timber-framed look on the upper floors.
- **Arches:** The LoRA understands specific arch types.
 - **Types:** trefoil arches (very common and ornate), lobed arches, keyhole-arched niches, semicircular arch.
- **Windows:**
 - **Types:** small deep-set windows, arched windows, eye-shaped dormer window (a signature of Cula Greceanu), barred windows.
- **Defensive Elements:**
 - arrowslits, embrasures, fortified ground floor, grilled wooden cellar door, massive buttress.
- **Other Details:** external wooden staircase, tall prominent chimney, decorative ridge crest.

4. Controlling the "Camera" and Atmosphere

The LoRA was trained on well-described photographs. You can use photographic terms to control the composition and mood.

- **Shot Type:** architectural photograph, detailed close-up, wide shot, corner-perspective, frontal photograph, rear facade.
- **Angle:** low-angle shot, high-angle shot, aerial view, top-down view.
- **Lighting & Mood:** dramatic, melancholic, direct harsh sunlight, deep shadows, soft directional light, overcast sky, sunny day, set against a clear blue sky.

5. Advanced Usage: Referencing Specific Kule

The dataset contains several named examples. While the LoRA generalizes, mentioning a name might subtly influence the style towards that specific building, as some are more heavily represented in the dataset.

- **Most Represented:** Cula Greceanu (complex, multi-volume, Brâncovenesc loggia, eye-shaped dormer).



- **Other Key Examples:**

- Cula Cuțui (compact, white, red tile roof, distinct arches), Cula Otetelișanu (classic Brâncovenesc loggia),



- Cula Bujoreanu (unplastered stone/brick), Cula Cartianu (evolved manor with extensive wooden *cerdac*), Cula Cernătescu (archaic, decaying tower with a buttress).



6. Example Prompts / Runs

Simple & Classic:

dramatic low-angle photograph of a FolkloraKule, a massive Romanian fortified house, whitewashed walls, dark shingle roof, set against an overcast sky



Ornate & Residential:

frontal architectural photograph of a Folkloră Kule, featuring an elegant upper-level open loggia with ornate trefoil arches and stout columns, Brâncovenesc style, sunny day



Rustic & Decaying:

a Folklorakule in a state of advanced decay, peeling plaster revealing underlying brick and fieldstone, narrow arrowslits, crumbling walls, overgrown field, melancholic atmosphere



Architectural Detail:

detailed close-up of the unplastered wall of a Folklorakule, showing the texture of rough fieldstone and brick, a single deep-set wooden shuttered window



B. SDXL model

Prompting with SDXL Tags – A Keyword-Based Approach

This section is dedicated to the SDXL version of the **Folklorakule** LoRA. Unlike the FLUX version, which was trained on detailed, descriptive sentences, the SDXL model was trained on comma-separated keywords or "tags." This means the most effective way to prompt it is by combining these core tags directly.

Think of it less like describing a scene and more like providing a list of essential ingredients.

Trigger Word: Folklorakule

Core Concepts & Essential Tags: The SDXL LoRA's strength lies in its ability to recognize and combine specific, tagged concepts from its training data. To get accurate and high-quality generations, you should focus on using the tags the LoRA knows best.

1. Identifying the Kula: Specific vs. General

You have two ways to specify the subject.

- **General Kula:** Start your prompt with **Folklorakula**, **fortified house**, **Romanian architecture**. This will give you a generalized, "typical" *culă*.
- **Specific Kula Styles (Very Powerful):** The LoRA was trained with tags for specific, named buildings. Using these names is the best way to steer the generation towards a particular style, as the LoRA has a strong memory of them.
 - **Greceanu Kula:** Use this for complex, multi-volume buildings with ornate **Brâncovenesc** features like the **loggia** and **trefoil arches**. This is the most heavily trained example.
 - **Bujoreanu Kula:** The key tag for generating *cule* with **unplastered**, **exposed brick**, and **stone wall** textures. It has a distinctly medieval and rustic feel.
 - **Cutui Kula:** Associated with a more compact form, **white walls**, and a vibrant **red roof**.
 - **Cartianu Kula:** The primary example of the evolved manor-style. Use this tag when you want extensive **wooden galleries** (**cerdac**) and a dominant timber-frame structure on a masonry base.
 - **Cernatescu Kula & Groserea Kula:** Use these to generate images of *cule* that are **weathered**, **abandoned**, **dilapidated**, or a **ruin**.

2. Defining Architectural Features

These tags are your main tools for building the *culă*.

- **The Loggia & Veranda:** The LoRA understands the two main types of open galleries.
 - **loggia:** The classic Brâncovenesc-style stone/plaster gallery. Combine this with **arches**, **columns**, and **trefoil arches**.
 - **wooden galleries:** The term used for the timber-framed **cerdac** of the Cula Cartianu. Combine with **wooden structure**, **wooden railings**, and **wooden stairs**.
- **Roofs:**
 - **shingle roof**, **wooden roof:** The most common and authentic roof type.
 - **red roof:** A specific feature of the Cula Cuțui.
 - **complex roof**, **multi-pitched roof:** Excellent tags for generating the complex forms of the Cula Greceanu.
- **Defensive Elements:**

- **arrowslit, embrasure:** Use these simple, powerful tags to emphasize the building's fortified nature.

3. Controlling Materials and Condition

This is one of the LoRA's greatest strengths. You can precisely define the texture and age of the building.

- **Wall Materials:**
 - **white walls, white plaster:** The most common tag combination for a classic *culă*.
 - **unplastered, mixed masonry, stone wall, exposed brick:** Use these for a more ancient, rustic, or medieval appearance (strongly associated with *Bujoreanu Kula*).
- **Condition (Combine with Materials for Great Effects):**
 - **weathered, aged:** For general signs of age.
 - **peeling paint, peeled plaster:** Use these tags with **white walls** and **exposed brick** to create a powerful effect of decay, where the underlying structure shows through.
 - **ruin, abandoned, dilapidated, crumbling:** The strongest tags for depicting neglect and the passage of time (associated with *Cernatescu Kula* and *Groserea Kula*).

4. Setting the Scene: Composition and Atmosphere

Use photographic tags to control the final image composition and mood.

- **Viewpoint & Angle:** **frontal view, corner view, low angle, high angle, aerial view, top-down view.**
- **Shot Type:** **wide shot** (to show the building in a landscape), **close-up, architectural detail** (to focus on a specific feature like a window or wall texture).
- **Lighting & Environment:** **sunny, overcast, shadow, blue sky, cloudy sky, rural, grassy field.**

Example Prompts (SDXL Tag-Based Style)

Notice that these prompts are simple, direct lists of the keywords discussed above.

Example 1: Classic, Ornate Kula

photograph of a FolklorăKule, Greceanu Kula, fortified house, white walls, white plaster, loggia, trefoil arches, columns, shingle roof, sunny, blue sky, corner view, wide shot, Romanian architecture

Example 2: Rustic, Unplastered Tower

photograph of a FolklorăKule, Bujoreanu Kula, fortified house, unplastered, stone wall, mixed masonry, exposed brick, small windows, arrowslit, wooden roof, rural, grassy field, overcast, Romanian architecture

Example 3: Decaying and Abandoned Kula

photograph of a FolklorăKule, Cernatescu Kula, abandoned, dilapidated ruin, tower house, weathered, white walls, peeled plaster, exposed brick, crumbling, small windows, overcast sky, melancholic

Example 4: Architectural Detail Shot

architectural detail, close-up, FolklorăKule, stone wall, unplastered, mixed masonry, embrasure, arrowslit, texture, mortar, deep shadows, Romanian architecture

5. Full Tag List by Frequency of Occurrence

Core Identifiers & High-Frequency Tags (30+ occurrences)

kule (35), kula (35), cula (35), Romanian kula (30), Romanian architecture (30)

Primary Descriptors & Architectural Types (10-29 occurrences)

fortified house (29), outdoor (21), white walls (19), white plaster (18), daylight (15), sunny (15), Greceanu Kula (14), exterior (14), building (13), architecture (12), rural (12), grass (12), blue sky (12), corner view (12), shingle roof (10), historic building (10)

Common Features & Location Tags (5-9 occurrences)

loggia (9), arches (9), columns (9), Maldarești (9), traditional architecture (8), multi-story (8), small windows (8), frontal view (8), Bujoreanu Kula (6), unplastered (6), stone wall (6), brick wall (6), mixed masonry (6), exposed brick (6), Cutui Kula (5), Brosteni

Kula (5), architectural detail (5), Valcea (5), Oltenia (5), trefoil arches (5), arrowslit (5), arched window (5)

Specific Features & Conditions (4 occurrences)

Cernatescu Kula (4), Otetelisanu Kula (4), Cartianu (4), tower house (4), multi-level (4), weathered (4), peeled plaster (4), abandoned (4), neglect (4), dilapidated (4), peeling paint (4), manor house (4), elevated porch (4), external stairs (4), tile roof (4), clear sky (4), perspective (4), wooden structure (4), wooden galleries (4), three levels (4), wooden stairs (4), vaulted openings (4), wooden railings (4), low angle (4), veranda (4), porch (4), railing (4), sloping roof (4), grassy field (4), meadow (4), facade (4), plastered walls (4), chimney (4), photography (4)

Detailed & Atmospheric Tags (3 occurrences)

parapet (3), shadow (3), building detail (3), wide shot (3), red roof (3), overcast (3), cloudy sky (3), wooden roof (3), house (3), fence (3), dirt path (3), close-up (3), aged (3), dark roof (3), windows (3), arched openings (3), defense (3), lawn (3), complex roof (3), multi-pitched roof (3), grey roof (3)

Unique & Low-Frequency Tags (2 occurrences)

irregular arches (2), gravel path (2), looking up (2), puddle (2), vegetation (2), bushes (2), distant view (2), staircase (2), field (2), doorway (2), texture (2), mortar (2), embrasure (2), defensive opening (2), wooden window (2), opening (2), vent (2), forest edge (2), damaged (2), stone base (2), aged plaster (2), dormer window (2), rectangular windows (2), entrance (2), green grass (2), eye dormer window (2), barred cellar doors (2), rustic (2), worn (2), pitched roof (2), thatched roof (2), door (2), defensive structure (2), red flowers (2), potted plants (2), barred windows (2), slit windows (2), wooden door (2), dog (2), textured walls (2), ventilation holes (2), soft light (2), directional light (2), angled view (2), realistic (2), photo (2), strong shadows (2), eye window (2), black door (2), flower boxes (2), defense tower (2), pot with flowers (2), multiple roofs (2), wooden gate (2), pillars (2), forest (2), mountains in background (2), partly cloudy sky (2), clear shadows (2), elevated view (2),

medium shot (2), brick chimney (2), high angle (2), balcony (2), summer (2)

Singleton Tags (1 occurrence)

Groserea Kula, ruin, crumbling, short columns, stepped pedestals, brick floor, outdoor view, hanging plants, gravel driveway, hay, hillside, ground level perspective, cultural heritage, slot, wooden panel, diamond pattern, wooden shutters, tall grass, distant house, hilly background, old, lush grass, exposed eaves, oval opening in roof, lattice door, prominent chimney, decorative vents