Planning Prompt Templates

Ask Claude to plan before building

Basic Planning Prompt:

"Before building [feature], research and plan the best approach."

Detailed Planning Prompt:

"I want to add [feature] to this project. Before you build it:

1. Review the existing codebase
2. Research best practices for implementing [feature]
3. Consider different approaches and their trade-offs
4. Propose a detailed plan

Once we agree on the plan, we'll implement it."

Research-First Prompt:

"I need to [accomplish goal]. Research three different ways to do this, explaining pros and cons of each. Don't implement yet - just research."

Context-Building Prompt:

"Before we start building, help me understand:
- What files will we need to create/modify?
- What's the dependency between components?
- What could go wrong?
- What order should we build things in?"

Constraint-Aware Planning:

"Plan how to add [feature] with these constraints:
- No external dependencies/libraries
- Must work offline
- Keep it under 100 lines of code
- Ensure it's mobile-friendly"