

10 prompts that turn ChatGPT into a tool

ChatGPT can now answer with things you tap: sliders, buttons, maps, checklists and quizzes. Here's how to ask for them, and ten prompts to copy.

WHAT IT IS

Answers you can use, not just read

On 7 October 2026 OpenAI added a feature called **Intelligent UI** to ChatGPT. When a picture or a small tool explains something better than a paragraph, ChatGPT builds one right inside the chat. You change a number and the answer updates. You don't install anything, and you don't need to know any code.

WHAT IT REPLACES

The small apps and the maths you do in your head

The bill-splitting app, the savings spreadsheet, the recipe you double by hand, the ten browser tabs you open to compare laptops. Each one is now a single sentence typed into a chat you already have open.

BEFORE YOU START

Three quick checks

1 Any plan works, including the free one.

We tried the prompts on the free version, without even signing in.

2 Use the normal chat, and type.

It works in the Chat tab. It doesn't work in Voice mode, in the Work tab, or with the "Pro" thinking option. Instant through Extra High all work.

3 Make sure the visuals aren't switched off.

To check on chatgpt.com: open **Settings** → **Personalization** → **Layout and Visuals**. If it says **Simple**, change it back. Simple cuts most of the visuals out.

THE TRICK

Don't ask for an answer. Ask for a tool. Say what you want to do with it: "a calculator *with a slider for...*", "a checklist *I can tick off*", "show the stops *on a map*", "*quiz me...*", "put them *side by side*". The more you describe what you'll tap or change, the more likely you get a tool and not a paragraph.

GOOD TO KNOW

Four things that save you a retry

- **If you see code instead of a tool**, open a new chat and paste the prompt again. It happened to us once, with a map; the second try worked.
- **Avoid the word "draw"**. It makes ChatGPT create an image, which needs an account. Say "show me" instead.
- **Tools don't follow you to a new chat**, so keep the chat open while you use one.
- **It can still be wrong**. Check the numbers before you rely on them.

Copy one, change the details to yours

Start a new chat for each one. The grey line says what came back when we tried it (1 to 7), or what OpenAI shows for that kind of request (8 to 10).

1 Split a bill

Make me a bill splitter I can tap: 4 friends, one only had a salad, add a 15% tip.

Boxes for each part of the bill, a tip slider, and what each person owes.

2 Save for something

I want to save 3,000 for a holiday. Make me a calculator with a slider for how much I put away each month, and show the date I reach it.

Drag the monthly amount and the finish date moves.

3 Plan a trip

Plan a weekend in Rome and show the stops on a map.

A map with numbered stops and the route, a tab per day, photos and times.

4 Understand something

Show me how a mortgage works with a diagram I can play with: change the loan, the rate and the years.

Three sliders; the monthly payment and the interest update as you drag. Swap "a mortgage" for anything.

5 Cook for a crowd

Give me a lasagne recipe I can scale: tap the number of guests and the amounts change.

A recipe card with a guest counter at the top.

6 Make a decision

I can't decide which laptop to buy. Ask me a few quick multiple-choice questions, then put the best three side by side.

Five tap-to-answer questions first, then the comparison.

7 Learn something

Quiz me on European capitals: multiple choice, one question at a time, keep score.

A quiz card with A to D answers and a Next button.

8 Get through a big job

Make me a moving-house checklist I can tick off, grouped by week.

A checklist that keeps your ticks if you refresh the page.

9 See your own numbers

Here is what I spent each month this year: [paste your numbers]. Turn it into a chart I can click through.

An interactive chart. Leave out account numbers and anything private.

10 Kill five minutes

Make me a quick word game I can play right here in the chat.

A small game inside the conversation.

AI that does the work, not just the maths

AI that handles real jobs every week, not one question at a time: that's what we build together inside the PathionAI community. Join the community. The link is on my profile.