

Midjourney Cheat Sheet

Parameters, aspect ratios, style settings and prompt patterns in a quick-reference format you can keep open while you generate.

THE BASIC PROMPT STRUCTURE

Subject → Details → Setting → Light → Style → Parameters

Example: Ceramic teapot with steam (**subject**), hand-painted blue pattern (**details**), on a wooden table (**setting**), soft window light (**light**), product photography (**style**) --ar 4:5 --style raw (**parameters**)

01 Core Parameters, Explained Simply

Always placed at the end of the prompt

PARAMETER	WHAT IT DOES	EXAMPLE
--ar	Sets the width-to-height ratio of the image	--ar 16:9
--v	Chooses which model version to use	--v 7
--style raw	Reduces default styling for more literal, photographic results	--style raw
--stylize / --s	Controls how strongly Midjourney adds its own artistic look	--s 50
--chaos / --c	Adds variety between the four results	--c 20
--weird / --w	Pushes results toward unconventional looks	--w 250
--no	Asks the model to leave out listed items	--no text, people
--seed	Reuses a starting point to make comparisons easier	--seed 1234
--tile	Creates repeating, seamless patterns	--tile
--sref	Uses a reference image link to guide the style	--sref [image link]
--iw	Sets how strongly an image prompt influences the result	--iw 1.5

02 Aspect Ratio Recommendations

Pick the ratio before you generate

1:1

Square posts, profile images, product thumbnails

4:5

Portrait social posts and menu items

3:2

Classic photo look, blog and article images

16:9

Banners, video thumbnails, website headers

9:16

Stories, short videos, phone wallpapers

2:3

Posters, pin-style graphics, print portraits

03 Style & Quality Setting Tips

Small changes, clear effects

REALISTIC PHOTOS

Add **--style raw** for a more photographic look.
Remove it for illustrations and painterly images.

FAIR COMPARISONS

Change one parameter at a time and keep the same **--seed** so you can see what each one does.

NAME THE MEDIUM AND LIGHT

Words like "watercolor illustration" or "soft window light" shape the result strongly.

FOLLOW MY WORDS

Lower **--s** to stay closer to your wording. Raise it to give Midjourney more artistic freedom.

STUCK ON SIMILAR RESULTS

Try a small **--c** value for more variety, then lower it again once you like a direction.

CHECK QUALITY OPTIONS

Higher quality settings use more GPU time. Check which values your version supports.

04 Common Prompt Structure Patterns

Copy and replace the subject

PHOTO

Subject + details + setting + light + lens + mood

Weathered fishing boat docked at sunrise, coiled ropes and wet wood, quiet harbor, soft golden light, 35mm lens, calm mood --ar 3:2 --style raw

ILLUSTRATION

Subject + medium + palette + shapes + mood

Cozy reading nook with a tall window and plants, flat vector illustration, pastel palette, clean shapes, gentle mood --ar 4:5 --s 250

PRODUCT SHOT

Product + surface + light + background + focus

Matte ceramic coffee mug on a pale stone surface, soft studio light, minimal background, sharp focus, commercial product photo --ar 1:1 --style raw

BANNER

Scene + palette + space for text + exclusions

Wide minimalist mountain landscape at dawn, layered blue ridges, soft mist, open space on the left for a headline --ar 16:9 --no people, text

SEAMLESS PATTERN

Motif + background + style + spacing

Small blue wildflowers on a cream background, hand-drawn style, even spacing, flat colors --tile --ar 1:1

CHARACTER CONCEPT

Character + design + palette + pose + background

Friendly robot gardener watering tomato plants, rounded design, warm colors, full body, simple background --ar 2:3 --s 300

05 Useful Practical Tips

For better results

1 Subject first

Lead with what the image shows, then add style words.

2 One clear idea

A focused prompt usually beats a long list of ideas.

3 Save what works

Keep prompts and parameter sets that fit your style.

4 Set the ratio early

Generate in the final shape instead of cropping later.

5 Inspect the details

Check hands, text and small objects, then regenerate or edit.

6 Verify your version

Parameters and defaults change, so confirm in the official docs.

Results vary by tool version and settings. Always review the output before using it.