



Build an Allowance Tracker

A first useful AI build: make an allowance tracker, test it in real life, then improve it based on what actually happens at home.

8-12

30-45 minutes

Draft resource

1 Define the job

List the allowance amount, how often it repeats, what done means, and any save/spend split. Be specific before asking AI.

2 Ask AI for version one

Prompt it for a simple table with a kid-readable format, weekly total row, and a parent approved checkbox.

3 Make it fit your house

Add real chore names, your actual allowance amount, reset day, and anything your kid would actually use.

4 Use it for three days

Do not redesign immediately. Put it somewhere visible and let the weak spots reveal themselves.

5 Improve the prompt

Tell AI what broke: too complex, wrong reset day, missing bonuses or deductions. Ask it for a better version.

6 Make the final version

Print it, put it somewhere visible, decide the weekly reset ceremony, and let your kid explain how the system works.

"We are not building a perfect system. We are building version one, testing it, and improving it like a real tool."

Version one beats perfect

Build it, use it, then let real family friction tell you what to improve. That loop is the lesson: useful AI work gets tested in the real world.

Starter prompt

Make a simple allowance tracker for our family

Ask me 5 questions before you build it

Include a weekly total and a parent approval checkbox

Make it yours

Our rule: _____

We will try: _____

Ask a human when: _____