# 16 AI Things in 93 Days

# AI Image Prompting Walkthrough: Yarn Garden Edition

We’ll be using Microsoft Co-Pilot for this exercise which uses the Dall-E model from open AI. Feel free to use any image generator or try different ones and see what happens.

# Copilot Prompting Tip

To make sure Copilot generates an image and not a paragraph of text, start your prompt with a visual action verb, such as:

* Create, Draw, Generate, Illustrate, Design, or Visualize

## Prompt Formula

Here is a rough formula we’ll use to craft powerful, descriptive image prompts:  
  
Create a **[image type or medium]** of **[subject(s)]** in **[setting or environment]**, **[composition or layout],** **[style or mood],** **[lighting or texture]**, and optionally **[camera or rendering detail].**

## Prompting in Action: The Yarn Garden Copy and paste

### Step 1: Basic Structure

Create a digital illustration of a garden in the countryside with rows of vegetables and a sunset.

### Step 2: Add Texture and Lighting

Generate a whimsical digital illustration of a garden made entirely from yarn, set during golden hour, showing colorful vegetables, swaying sunflowers, and soft yarn textures.

### Step 3: Focus on Scene Details

Create an image of a scene where rows of tomatoes, peppers, and carrots made from colorful yarn are surrounded by yarn sunflowers and scattered yarn seeds, captured in a wide-angle view, lit by a glowing yarn sunset, evoking a cozy and enchanting atmosphere.

### Step 4: Advanced Variation

Design a high-resolution digital illustration of a magical yarn garden at sunset, with vegetables and flowers crafted from vibrant thread, styled like a stop-motion children’s book, using soft natural lighting and tactile fiber textures to create a handmade, heartwarming tone.

## Try Remixing: Prompt Playground

Change the phrasing of your prompt and see what happens!

### Image Types

* watercolor painting
* photorealistic render
* stop-motion scene
* pixel art background

### Subjects

* a coral reef made from glass
* a tea party with forest animals
* a city skyline built from books
* a mountain village carved into crystal

### Settings & Environments

* floating island at dusk
* deep inside a forest library
* during a thunderstorm
* underwater cathedral

### Styles & Moods

* whimsical and dreamy
* gothic fairytale
* surreal and meditative
* retro-futuristic

### Lighting & Texture

* golden hour glow
* misty with diffuse light
* neon edges with reflective surfaces
* tactile felt and fiber textures

### Composition or Layout

* top-down view
* wide cinematic landscape
* intimate close-up
* symmetry with central focus
* over-the-shoulder perspective
* isometric view
* zoomed-in on one element
* rule-of-thirds layout

### Optional Exercise: From Image to Description to Image

Try this for fun:

1. **Choose an image**—anything you like. It could be a photo you’ve taken, an artwork you love, or even a stock image.
2. **Upload it to Copilot (or another AI assistant)** and ask it to describe the image in detail. Focus on descriptive elements that would be helpful for constructing a visual prompt:
   * Setting
   * Lighting
   * Mood
   * Style or medium (e.g. watercolor, photorealistic)
   * Key subjects and their actions
   * Color palette
3. **Take the AI-generated description** and turn it into a prompt for an AI image generator. You can refine or rearrange the language as needed, just try to stay faithful to the core elements.
4. **Compare the results.**

* How does the new image match or diverge from the original?
* What changed, and what stayed the same?
* What does this tell you about how AI interprets visual language?

This activity reveals something important: the AI isn’t recreating the image; it’s interpreting your words through its training. That gap between intention and output? That’s where the fun (and the learning) lives.

# Prompt Playground: Sunset Beach Edition

Below are some ridiculous image prompts to show how prompting transforms ordinary scenes into vivid, imaginative visuals.

* A photorealistic sunset beach where dolphins are surfing on slices of pizza, and palm trees have disco balls instead of coconuts.
* An impressionist painting of a sunset beach attended by Victorian-era ghosts having a tea party on jellyfish-shaped beach towels.
* A claymation-style sunset beach scene where the sand is made of sprinkles, the waves are melted crayons, and a crab is DJing a rave for glowstick-wearing flamingos.
* A neon cyberpunk sunset beach where robots build sandcastles out of glass, and the sun is a giant blinking emoji.
* A whimsical children’s book illustration of a sunset beach where the ocean is yarn, the sun is a button, and all the seashells have googly eyes.
* A low-poly 3D render of a sunset beach where giant cats lounge in hammocks between rainbow-colored popsicle sticks.
* A surreal sunset beachscape where the waves are made of flowing music sheets, and a violin-shaped whale leaps through a pink sky.
* An ancient scroll-style drawing of a sunset beach visited by time-traveling turtles wearing steampunk goggles and sipping coconut tea.
* A fantasy-style oil painting of a sunset beach where dragons roast marshmallows over lava tidepools while unicorns build driftwood castles.
* A futuristic anime-style sunset beach with floating jellyfish lanterns in the sky, hoverboards on the surf, and sentient sandcastles having philosophical debates.