THE CANCEL YOUR SAAS CHALLENGE

The Build Planning Worksheet

Fill this out before you write a single prompt. The planning is the part you can't delegate to AI.

1 Define it

Describe what you're building in one sentence. No "and" allowed. If you need an "and" it's two projects.

What does done look like for version one? Describe the moment you stop building and start using it.

What is the one workflow this has to nail, start to finish?

2 Cut it

Name three things you are NOT building in version one. Can't name three? Your scope is a lie.

What existing tool, template, or library gets you halfway there so you're not starting from zero?

3 Plan it

What's the riskiest assumption, the one that kills the project if you're wrong? How will you test it FIRST?

Where does this live when it's done? Your laptop, a server, a spreadsheet? "I'll figure out hosting later" is a famous last word.

4 Reality check

Your honest hour budget per week. Not the dream number, the real one.

What number tells you this was worth building? Hours saved, dollars kept, tickets closed. Pick one.

Before you build, check every box

- [ ] I've done this task manually at least 20 times, so I actually know the edge cases.
- [ ] I know exactly which subscription this kills, and which 15% of it I actually use.
- [ ] I've accepted that when it breaks at 9pm, I'm the support team.