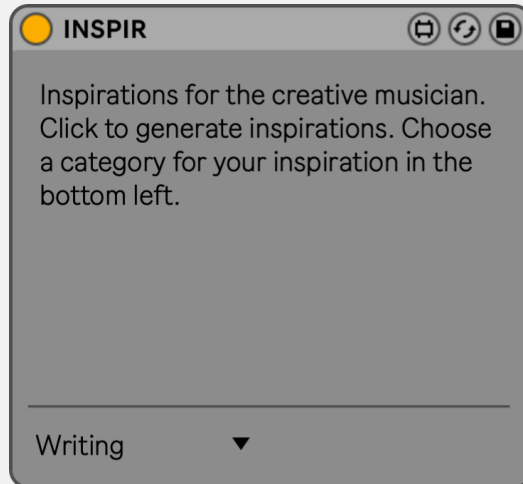


# INSPIR Getting Started Guide



INSPIR is a creative utility that helps you get unstuck by giving you fresh inspiration and ideas to try. INSPIR produces no sound; it simply generates one of 329 helpful creative prompts from five different categories: Writing, Arranging, Sound Design, Mixing and Lyrics, with an additional Custom category to load in your own prompts.

To use INSPIR, load the device, select the category you'd like to work in and click anywhere within the device's window to generate a new prompt.

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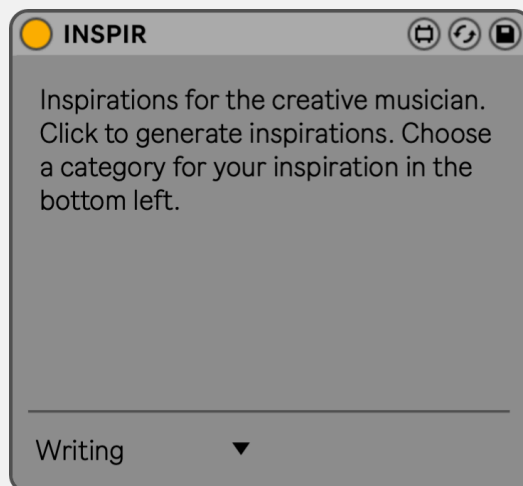
## Installing INSPIR

Inside the folder you downloaded, you will find an INSPIR.amxd file — this is a Max For Live device file. To load it in Ableton Live, drag and drop it onto a Track in your project.

*Note that you will need Max For Live installed to use INSPIR. Max For Live is included with Ableton Live Suite and can be purchased as an add-on for Ableton Live Standard.*

To learn more about installing Packs in Ableton Live, see the [Installing 3rd Party Packs and Content in Ableton Live](#) guide.

# Using INSPIR



## The Basics

INSPIR is an Audio Effect, so you can load it onto any Track in Live, but I'd recommend dropping it on your Master Track and saving it with your default template.

INSPIR is pretty easy to use; select a category of inspiration you'd like to receive from the menu in the bottom left, then click within the central area of the device to generate a new prompt!

If you don't like the prompt you received, click again to generate a new one; there are hundreds available.

## **Recommended Approach**

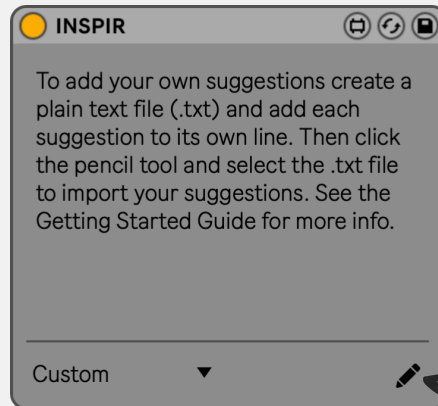
INSPIR is there to give you an idea of something to try. The rest is up to you!

The best way I've found to use INSPIR is to click once and commit to trying whatever the first prompt that pops up is. Sometimes, it might not lead anywhere, in which case, just come back and try again.



But, I've found that most times, it'll give you just the right amount of creative spark to keep going with your idea and continue creating.



# Custom Prompts



INSPIR comes with hundreds of useful prompts right out of the box, but it also includes a Custom category that lets you load in your own collection of prompts. Here's how that works:

1. Create a plain text (.txt) file and write each prompt on its own line.
2. In the device, choose the Custom category and click the  icon.
3. Navigate to and open the .txt file you created in Step 1
4. Your custom prompts are now loaded into the device! But there's one more step to save your new custom version of INSPIR for reuse in other projects.
5. Lastly, save INSPIR as an Ableton Live Device preset (.adv) file either by dragging and dropping the device to wherever you save custom presets (i.e. The User Library) or by clicking the Save Preset  icon in the top right of the device.

## **Additional Info**

If you have any questions or issues, please get in touch at [elphnt.io/contact](https://elphnt.io/contact)

INSPIR is made by Ableton Certified Trainer Tom Glendinning, also known as ELPHNT. For more devices, tutorials and free music production resources, visit [elphnt.io](https://elphnt.io)

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