

# Build a website with AI

## three ways, and when to use each

You don't need to write a line of code. You do need to pick the right one of these three, because they fail in different places.

## Pick by what you're building, not by what's cheapest.

All three land under \$40 in your first month.

### Pick one

|                                  | PICK IT WHEN                                              | MONTH ONE |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>1 Replit / Lovable / Bolt</b> | You need logins, payments, or a database behind the page. | ~\$40     |
| <b>2 ChatGPT</b>                 | You already pay for Plus and want something live today.   | ~\$30     |
| <b>3 Claude</b>                  | You care how it looks and you want to keep the files.     | ~\$30     |

Month one includes the domain. After that it's just the plan, and the domain renews once a year.

### What every one of them charges you for

A name of your own costs \$10 to \$15 a year, and none of the three include it. Buy it at [Cloudflare Registrar](#), which sells domains at cost and adds no markup.

Skip it and your site keeps the free address the tool gives it, like `azab.replit.app`.

## The three, in order

### 1 · Replit, Lovable, Bolt

These design it, build it, host it, and connect a database, all in one place. It's the shortest path from an idea to a working product.

The catch is credits. Every edit spends them, and on Replit the cost scales with the size of the request, from about \$0.06 for a small change to several dollars for a big one. Hosting draws down the same balance. Cancel later and your site stays up, but the name reverts to the free one.

[Replit Core](#) \$20/mo · [Lovable Pro](#) from \$25/mo · [Bolt Pro](#) \$25/mo

### 2 · ChatGPT

Ask it to build the site, and [ChatGPT Sites](#) publishes and hosts it for you. You get a database and file storage, and it counts your visitors. Changing anything is a sentence.

It's still in public beta, and it won't buy the domain for you. You have to already own one and be able to edit its DNS.

[ChatGPT Plus](#) \$20/mo

### 3 · Claude

The one I use. [Claude Design](#) decides how it looks, Claude Code builds it. Both come with Pro, and Design is Pro and up.

Claude isn't a host. It gives you the finished files instead, as standalone HTML, and sends them to somewhere like Vercel. That's a step the other two skip, and it's why nothing you make here is trapped in the tool.

[Claude Pro](#) \$20/mo

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*Replit for the database. ChatGPT for the speed. Claude for the files you keep.*

