

Use Copilot around your cash forecast

An unexplained forecast can be `RANDBETWEEN()` with a better vocabulary. Copilot can help build real models; require explicit inputs and logic. Start with a defined support task.

THREE TASKS TO TRY

1. Find gaps in the inputs

"List missing dates, inconsistent categories, and possible duplicate rows in [table]. Show row references. Propose corrections; do not change data."

2. Explain the workbook you already use

"Explain [formula/range] and identify its source cells. Flag hard-coded assumptions and questions for the model owner. Do not change formulas."

3. Draft a summary of approved results

"Summarize [approved range] for a manager. Separate actuals, forecasts, and assumptions. Cite the cells behind each number. Do not invent explanations."

CHECK COPILOT'S CONTRIBUTION

☐ **Agree on the task before editing**

Ask for a plan and missing information. Use a workbook copy when trying changes.

☐ **Inspect the actual work**

Trace numbers to cells or code. A plausible explanation is generated content too; check it.

☐ **Test one change**

Confirm outputs update as intended. A pasted table or chart may be static.

☐ **Keep a human decision owner**

The finance team approves the method and assumptions; Copilot can help document them.

GET MORE FROM COPILOT IN YOUR TEAM'S WORK

Practical training in choosing useful tasks, writing clearer prompts, and reviewing AI-generated work in Excel. Start with one task your team already does.

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