

The 5 Claude skills to install on day one: printable checklist

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Claude Code: install checklist

[] Open Claude Code. Add Anthropic's skills marketplace once:

```
/plugin marketplace add anthropics/skills
```

[] Install Document Skills:

```
/plugin install document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

[] Install Frontend Design from the official marketplace:

```
/plugin install frontend-design@claude-plugins-official
```

[] Install Summarize in Terminal:

```
curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/daniel9834/claude-skills/main/install.sh | bash -s summarize
```

[] For video summaries, also install yt-dlp in Terminal:

```
brew install yt-dlp
```

[] Install the example-skills bundle for Canvas Design. This includes Frontend Design and Skill Creator, so you can skip the separate installs if you run the bundle first:

```
/plugin install example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

[] Install Skill Creator separately if you have not added the bundle:

```
/plugin install skill-creator@claude-plugins-official
```

[] Start building a custom skill:

```
/skill-creator
```

Claude browser or desktop app

[] Switch on Code execution and file creation in Settings > Capabilities. Document Skills are built in.

[] For Frontend Design, search the Skills Directory first. If it is absent, download frontend-design.zip from the guide and upload it through Customize > Create new skills > + > Upload skill.

[] For Canvas Design, open Customize > Create new skills > +. Search canvas in the Skills tab and add /canvas-design by Anthropic.

[] For Skill Creator, search skill in the same Directory and add /skill-creator by Anthropic.

[] Try a structured summary. There is no separate Summarize skill to install in the app:

Summarize this in a structured breakdown: key points, main arguments, and actionable takeaways.

[] Build a custom skill for a task you repeat:

I want to create a custom skill. Interview me about my business and what tasks I do repeatedly, then build a skill for me.