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STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Install Anthropic's official skills

The commands we tested to add Anthropic's marketplace and install its skills in Claude Code, from a session or from your shell, plus a card for each of the five we recommend: what it is for, what it needs and the license it ships under.

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BEFORE YOU START

What you are installing

Anthropic's official skills live in the `github.com/anthropics/skills` repository. That repository is also a Claude Code plugin marketplace named `anthropic-agent-skills`. You do not install single skills: you install plugins that bundle several. The five skills in this guide come in two:

PLUGIN	SKILLS IT BRINGS
`example-skills`	frontend-design, webapp-testing, mcp-builder and skill-creator, plus eight others
`document-skills`	pdf, plus docx, pptx and xlsx

Requirements

- Claude Code installed. We tested with version 2.1.238.
- Git, because the marketplace is cloned from GitHub.
- Python, only for the skills that run scripts: webapp-testing (with Playwright), skill-creator and pdf.

STEP 01

Add the marketplace

Inside a Claude Code session:

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

Or from your shell, without opening a session:

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

When it works, the last line reads:

```
√ Successfully added marketplace: anthropic-agent-skills (declared in user settings)
```

That `anthropic-agent-skills` is the name you type after the `@` when installing. `claude plugin marketplace list` shows it at any time.

> **CAUTION**
>
> If it fails with `SSH authentication failed`, Claude Code tried to clone over SSH and your key did not work with GitHub. Force HTTPS and run the command again. In PowerShell: `$env:CLAUDE_CODE_PLUGIN_PREFER_HTTPS = "1"`. In Bash: `export CLAUDE_CODE_PLUGIN_PREFER_HTTPS=1`.

STEP 02

Install the plugins

Inside a session:

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

In a session, each command opens the `/plugin` panel on the plugin's details; review what it brings and pick a scope. From your shell it installs right away:

```
claude plugin install example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
claude plugin install document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

The default scope is user. For another scope, add `--scope`:

SCOPE	WHERE IT IS RECORDED	WHO GETS IT
`user` (default)	`~/.claude/settings.json`	You, in every project
`project`	`.claude/settings.json`	Everyone on the repository; each person installs it once
`local`	`.claude/settings.local.json`	You, in that repository only

If you will not use pdf, skip `document-skills`: every plugin adds its skill descriptions to all your sessions.

STEP 03

Check they are installed

```
claude plugin list
```

This was our output:

```
Installed plugins:

  > document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
    Version: ca45fc496a34
    Scope: user
    Status: √ enabled

  > example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
    Version: ca45fc496a34
    Scope: user
    Status: √ enabled
```

What you install from the shell loads in your next session. If you already had one open, type `/reload-plugins`. Then type `/` and look for the skills prefixed with the plugin name: `/example-skills:frontend-design`,

`/document-skills:pdf`.

STEP 04

See what it brings and what it costs

```
claude plugin details example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

It prints the inventory and a token estimate. In our test, `example-skills` had 12 skills, no hooks, no MCP servers and about 939 always-on tokens per session; `document-skills` had 4 skills and about 759. With no hooks and no MCP servers, a plugin runs nothing on its own.

> **CAUTION**
> The `anthropics/skills` README warns that these skills are for demonstration and educational purposes. Read each one's `SKILL.md` before using it on a real project, especially the ones that run scripts.

CARDS

The five skills, one by one

Token figures are the `claude plugin details` estimate: always-on per session / when the skill is used.

SKILL	WHAT FOR	NEEDS	PLUGIN · LICENSE · TOKENS
frontend-design	Design or redesign interfaces with a point of view, not the usual generic look	Nothing: instructions only, no scripts	`example-skills` · Apache 2.0 · ~60 / ~2.3k
webapp-testing	Test a local web app with Playwright: navigation, screenshots, browser logs	Python with Playwright	`example-skills` · Apache 2.0 · ~60 / ~920
mcp-builder	Build an MCP server so Claude can use an API, with evaluations	Node with TypeScript, or Python with FastMCP	`example-skills` · Apache 2.0 · ~80 / ~2.8k
skill-creator	Write your own skills, test them and tune when they trigger	Python for the evaluations	`example-skills` · Apache 2.0 · ~90 / ~8.3k
pdf	Read, extract tables, merge, split, create PDFs and fill forms	Python with `pypdf`, `pdfplumber` or `reportlab`	`document-skills` · proprietary · ~110 / ~2k

Example requests

- frontend-design: "Use frontend-design to redesign the store's product page."
- webapp-testing: "Test my store's checkout on localhost and tell me where it breaks."
- mcp-builder: "Build an MCP server to look up orders in our internal API."
- skill-creator: "Turn our PR review rules into a skill."
- pdf: "Extract the price tables from this PDF catalog into a CSV."

> **CAUTION**
>
> The pdf skill is not open source: its license forbids copying, modifying or redistributing it. Use it as the plugin installs it. If you need a variant, write your own with skill-creator.

UPKEEP

Update, turn off and turn back on

We tested these three from the shell too:

```
claude plugin update example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
claude plugin disable document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
claude plugin enable document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

- `update` looks for a new version; in our test it reported the plugin was already at the latest one. `anthropic-agent-skills` is an official marketplace and auto-updates by default.
- `disable` turns the plugin off without uninstalling it, and `claude plugin list` shows it as disabled.
- `enable` turns it back on.

FINAL

Checklist

- [ ] `claude plugin marketplace list` shows `anthropic-agent-skills`.
- [ ] You installed only the plugins you will use, at the right scope.
- [ ] `claude plugin list` shows them as enabled.
- [ ] You reloaded with `/reload-plugins` or opened a new session.
- [ ] You read the `SKILL.md` of every skill you plan to use.
- [ ] You have Python, and Playwright if you will use webapp-testing.