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Best Claude skills to install: cheat sheet

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DOCUMENTS

xlsx
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Excel and CSV: formulas, charts, cleaning data
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/xlsx
```
/plugin install document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

docx
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Word documents and templates
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/docx
```
/plugin install document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

pptx
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
PowerPoint decks
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/pptx
```
/plugin install document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

pdf
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Read, merge, split, fill and make PDFs
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/pdf
```
/plugin install document-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

WRITING

doc-coauthoring
Anthropic · Not stated in its folder
Proposals, specs and decision documents
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/doc-coauthoring
```
/plugin install example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

internal-comms
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Status reports, updates, newsletters
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/internal-comms
```
/plugin install example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

copywriting
Corey Haines · MIT
Web page copy and headlines
github.com/coreyhaines31/marketingskills/…/copywriting
```
/plugin install marketing-skills@marketingskills
```

DESIGN

frontend-design
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Web pages and app screens with a real look
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/frontend-design
```
/plugin install frontend-design@claude-plugins-official
```

canvas-design
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Posters and static designs, PNG or PDF
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/canvas-design
```
/plugin install example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

theme-factory
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Colour and font themes for slides and docs
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/theme-factory
```
/plugin install example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

SEO AND CONTENT

seo-audit
Corey Haines · MIT
Why a page will not rank
github.com/coreyhaines31/marketingskills/…/seo-audit
```
/plugin install marketing-skills@marketingskills
```

ai-seo
Corey Haines · MIT
Getting cited in AI answers
github.com/coreyhaines31/marketingskills/…/ai-seo
```
/plugin install marketing-skills@marketingskills
```

web-quality-skills
Addy Osmani · MIT
Speed, accessibility and SEO checks
github.com/addyosmani/web-quality-skills
```
/plugin install web-quality-skills@addy-web-quality-skills
```

CODING

superpowers
Jesse Vincent · MIT
Plans, tests, debugging, code review
github.com/obra/superpowers
```
/plugin install superpowers@claude-plugins-official
```

webapp-testing
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Test a local web app in a real browser
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/webapp-testing
```
/plugin install example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

mcp-builder
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Build an MCP server
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/mcp-builder
```
/plugin install example-skills@anthropic-agent-skills
```

react-best-practices
Vercel · MIT, in README
React and Next.js performance rules
github.com/vercel-labs/agent-skills/…/react-best-practices
```
Copy the folder into ~/.claude/skills/
```

differential-review
Trail of Bits · CC BY-SA 4.0
Security review of a code change
github.com/trailofbits/skills/…/differential-review
```
/plugin install differential-review@trailofbits
```

RESEARCH

customer-research
Corey Haines · MIT
Interviews, surveys and reviews
github.com/coreyhaines31/marketingskills/…/customer-research
```
/plugin install marketing-skills@marketingskills
```

competitor-profiling
Corey Haines · MIT
Dated competitor profiles
github.com/coreyhaines31/marketingskills/…/competitor-profiling
```
/plugin install marketing-skills@marketingskills
```

MAKE YOUR OWN

skill-creator
Anthropic · Apache 2.0
Create, improve and test your own skills
github.com/anthropics/skills/…/skill-creator
```
/plugin install skill-creator@claude-plugins-official
```

INSTALL

Claude app: Settings, Capabilities: switch on code execution and file creation. Then Customize, Skills: switch on Anthropic's skills, or upload your own as a .zip.

Claude Code by hand: copy the folder to `~/.claude/skills/<name>/` (every project) or `.claude/skills/` (this project).

Claude Code marketplaces: add once, then use the commands above.

```
/plugin marketplace add anthropics/skills
/plugin marketplace add coreyhaines31/marketingskills
/plugin marketplace add addyosmani/web-quality-skills
/plugin marketplace add trailofbits/skills
```

CHECK A SKILL IS SAFE BEFORE YOU INSTALL IT

1. **Know who made it.** Anthropic or a named, accountable publisher. Check who maintains it and when it last changed. Stars are not safety.
2. **Pin the exact version.** Install a specific commit or tag. Switch off auto-update for marketplaces you do not control.
3. **Scan it before you read it.** Search for text aimed at the AI, hidden characters, encoded blocks, and curl, wget, fetch or eval.
4. **Read every file in full.** SKILL.md, references, scripts, hooks and MCP settings. Anything the description does not mention: do not install.
5. **Check the licence.** MIT or Apache 2.0: keep the notice. CC BY-SA: credit and share alike. No licence: no right to copy.
6. **Prefer no scripts.** Scripts, hooks and MCP servers run with your permissions. Copy folders by hand rather than run one-line installers.
7. **Keep secrets out, and test first.** No passwords or keys in a skill. Try it in a throwaway folder first. Remove what you stop using.

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