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Claude Video Effects Installation and Use Guide

How to install and use 51 free effects inside Claude Code

Source repository github.com/Vibha-Ramprakash/claude-video-effects

What this guide covers

This guide explains how to download the Video Effects Skill, place it in the correct Claude Code folder, apply effects with /effects commands, review the rendered video, and fix common setup problems. The repository contains 51 starter effects designed for vertical Instagram Reels, TikTok videos, and YouTube Shorts.

What the free Skill does

- Adds named visual effects to an existing video through Claude Code.
- Accepts timing in plain language, such as from 3 to 6 seconds or when I say watch.
- Checks frames and attempts to keep important effects from covering the subject's face.
- Renders a new MP4 beside the original video while preserving the original audio.

Important limitation. The free Skill adds effects. It does not automatically add complete captions or sound design. Add those separately in CapCut or another editor if required.

Install with a downloaded ZIP on Windows

Use this method if you want a simple downloadable guide for viewers who do not want to run a Git command.

1. Download the repository

Open the repository, select Code, and choose Download ZIP.

Open the Claude Video Effects repository

2. Extract and rename the folder

Extract the downloaded ZIP. Rename the extracted claude-video-effects-main folder to effects.

3. Move the folder into Claude Code

Move the effects folder into your Windows Claude skills directory. Replace YOUR USERNAME with your Windows account name.

```
C:\Users\YOUR USERNAME\.claude\skills\effects
```

4. Verify the folder structure

SKILL.md must sit directly inside the effects folder. Do not leave an extra claude-video-effects-main folder between effects and SKILL.md.

```
.claude
└── skills
    └── effects
        ├── SKILL.md
        ├── scripts
        ├── assets
        └── fonts
```

5. Restart Claude Code

Close Claude Code completely and open it again so the newly installed Skill is detected.

Faster installation inside Claude Code

Open Claude Code and paste the following request. Claude can perform the repository installation for you:

```
Install the skill from github.com/Vibha-Ramprakash/claude-video-effects into ~/.claude/skills/effects
```

PowerShell users who already have Git installed can run:

```
git clone https://github.com/Vibha-Ramprakash/claude-video-effects "$HOME\.claude\skills\effects"
```

Use the Skill

1. Open Claude Code

Use either the Claude Code desktop application or Claude Code in a terminal.

2. Add your video

Drag a vertical video into the Claude Code conversation or open the folder containing the video as your project.

3. Request an effect

Type /effects followed by the effect name, timing, and any words or details the effect needs.

Copy ready commands

Effect	Command
Orbit	/effects orbit from 3 to 6 seconds
Spotlight	/effects spotlight when I say "kill the lights", with the word Claude behind me
Comment box	/effects comment-box at the end, typing CLAUDE
Glass widgets	/effects glass-widgets for the first 3 seconds

Stack multiple effects

Several effects can be requested in one instruction:

> Add locked-on from 6 to 10 seconds, orbit from 10 to 13 seconds, then a reject stamp when I say "no".

First run and output

The first run can take approximately 1 to 3 minutes while the Skill completes setup. It uses Python and FFmpeg and may install missing dependencies. After rendering, the new file is normally written next to the original video.

> yourvideo_effects.mp4

Recommended workflow

Step	Action	What to do
1	**Choose one effect**	Start with one effect so the result is easy to judge.
2	**State exact timing**	Give a timestamp range or reference a spoken phrase.
3	**Review the render**	Check the face, text placement, speed, crop, and audio.
4	**Request a precise correction**	Describe the issue and ask Claude to render again.
5	**Finish captions and sound**	Add captions or extra sound design in a separate editor when needed.

Troubleshooting

The /effects command is missing

Confirm the path ends in .claude\skills\effects and that SKILL.md is directly inside that folder. Restart Claude Code.

The first render does not start

Allow the first-run setup to finish. Claude may need to install Python or FFmpeg.

An effect covers the face

Tell Claude what happened, for example: "The word covers my face. Move it behind me and render again."

The effect is too fast

Give exact timing, for example: "Slow the effect down and keep it visible from 3.0 to 5.5 seconds."

The output has no captions or added sounds

This is expected in the free effects repository. Add captions and extra sound design separately.

Popular effect names

The repository includes 51 starter effects. These are useful options for a first test:

Effect name	What it does
locked-on	Face-tracking brackets and camera follow
orbit	Reel cards orbit around the subject
spotlight	Darkened scene with the subject kept lit
comment-box	An Instagram-style comment types and posts
pause-point	Freeze frame with a hand-drawn arrow
glass-widgets	Frosted widgets around the subject
timeline	Dark film look with a glowing playhead
wave-trim	Silent parts appear to be trimmed from a waveform
crayon-write	A red crayon writes and underlines a word
fan-build	Reel covers build into a fan behind the subject

Before you post

- Watch the complete exported video.
- Confirm that text and effects do not cover the face.
- Check timing, crop, audio, spelling, and final resolution.
- Use only real numbers and approved brand assets in charts or headlines.
- Remember that these are starter effects and may need manual refinement.

Quick start checklist

- ☐ Download and extract the repository
- ☐ Rename the folder to effects
- ☐ Move it to .claude\skills\effects
- ☐ Verify that SKILL.md is directly inside effects
- ☐ Restart Claude Code
- ☐ Add a vertical video
- ☐ Run one /effects command
- ☐ Review the exported MP4

Repository credit Vibha Ramprakash Claude Video Effects