Kodi - Arctic Fuse 2 skin - Umbrella addon - Updated 1/21/25 to skin version 2.6.14

- Disclaimer - Arctic Fuse 2 is still in beta and being constantly improved. The guide will not always be completely accurate. Check the guide date and skin version to verify.
- The OP has not used this skin February of 2025, and can't really answer any questions about it. If you have a question about the skin you may get better answers by starting a new question in this subreddit.

Recorded on skin version 2.2.2

Demonstration Video

This guide is for a Kodi streaming only build using Arctic Fuse 2, Umbrella, Trakt, and Real Debrid. This is on a 2019 Nvidia Shield Pro, but the process will be mostly the same across devices. My personal build utilizes a local library and I followed this guide here to set it up: Adding a Local Library to Kodi

Before we get started in Kodi, you will need to make sure you have Trakt and Real Debrid accounts. Trakt is where all of our movie and tv lists are stored. It's free, but has added features for premium users. Start with a free account and upgrade later if you wish. Real Debrid is the host for all the high quality video files. For longer subscriptions the cost works out to a few dollars per month.

Real Debrid

Trakt

Trakt has a built-in Watchlist feature that is automatically maintained. There is good and bad that goes with that. It doesn't count against the 2 lists that free accounts have access to. After you finish watching a movie, it is automatically removed from the Watchlist. That might not be great if you have multiple users. It also removes the entire TV show from the list after watching the first episode. I'm not a fan of that, at all, but that's how it's designed. Many of us create our own separate lists for Movies and TV Shows and then just manually remove items as you see fit. Unfortunately that uses both of your available lists in the free tier. Thankfully you can "Like" as many lists as you want.

I've provided many links to Trakt lists below. In order to easily find those in Kodi video add-ons you should "Like" the lists on the Trakt website. Click on the link in a web browser and then Like it by pressing the little thumbs up button in the upper area of the screen. It will now appear in your Trakt Liked lists section for the various video add-ons. So go ahead and create some lists on Trakt website and Like some lists before proceeding.

Kodi basic settings

- Nvidia settings - Network & Internet - Enable IPv6 - off (This should improve performance/loading times, as some addons struggle with IPv6)
- Install Kodi from the Google Play Store.

Open Kodi

- Allow all the permission prompts
- Settings - System - Set to Expert at bottom of screen
- Audio - GUI sounds - never
  - Number of channels - Set to your system
  - Allow passthrough and enable all audio codecs supported by your system (this option will only appear if you are connected to an AVR)
- Addons - unknown sources - on
  - Update official add-ons from - Any repositories
  - Updates - Choose your preferred method. I prefer Notify, but don't install updates. Sometimes, but not often, add-on updates can have unintended consequences that may break features of your setup. I only want to update if I'm prepared to deal with that.

Press the back button to return to the System menu

- Player - Language - English
  - Prefer default audio - off
  - Subtitles - Forced only

Return to the System menu

- Media - General - Show parent folder items - off

Return to the System menu

- Interface - Screensaver - Screensaver mode - Click on None - Get more - Aerial
  - Aerial settings max out display (I leave off HDR because there is a slight delay in switching on my projector. Test on your display)

Return to the System menu

Sources and Umbrella Settings

- File Manager - Add Source (Jurialmunkey repo will name itself. Manually name the others whatever you like.)

https://jurialmunkey.github.io/repository.jurialmunkey/

https://umbrellaplug.github.io

https://cocojoe2411.github.io

Return to the System menu

- Add-ons - Install from zip file each repository using each of the sources we just added.
- Install from repository - CocoScrapers Repository - Program add-ons - CocoScrapers module - Install
- Install from repository - Umbrella Repository - Video add-ons - Umbrella - Install - OK
- With Umbrella highlighted, select it to open Umbrella
    - Configure - Trakt - Authorization
- Accounts(Debrid) - Real-Debrid - Authorization
- Providers - Enable External Providers - On
    - External Provider - CocoScrapers Module
- Configure - Shortcuts - Force Trakt Sync to local database - Are you sure? OK
    - Once it finishes press OK to exit Umbrella settings

Open Umbrella. Press select to acknowledge the change log.

My Movies - Movie Lists. (If your personal Trakt lists do not appear you will need to repeat the process of authorizing Trakt and Force Trakt Sync to local database.)

Choose any of your Trakt lists - Choose a film - Choose one of the smaller files.(We are testing to see that Umbrella and CocoScrapers have installed correctly and your Trakt and Real Debrid are functioning properly. No point in continuing to make a nice build if you cannot watch anything. Press stop on the film and we can proceed. If the movie did not play, you will need to repeat previous steps to correct it.)

Return to the Install from repository screen.

Arctic Fuse 2 and TMDb Helper Settings

- Install from repository - jurialmunkey - Look and feel - Skin - Arctic Fuse 2 - Install - OK.
    - Would you like to switch to this skin? Yes
    - Would you like to keep this change? Yes
- Setup Wizard - Choose color scheme - Next. (for the video I chose Aqua Classic)
    - Dialog Style - Choose preference - Close (for the video I chose Standard)
    - Layout Style - I use Detailed for the tutorial.

We are now on the home screen and it will be blank except for the Side Menu and a bunch of unhappy little widgets. There are widgets built-in to the skin, but they all point at local library. Since we don't have one, we get blank widgets..

Go down to the hamburger menu and open it

- Settings - Add-ons - My add-ons - All - TheMovieDb Helper - Settings
    - Widgets - Next page item - on
- Trakt - Authenticate
    - Re-open settings

- Players - Update players from URL - https://bit.ly/Gplayers
  - (You may get an Auto Completion pop-up now or sometime in the future. Click yes. This is for the keyboard and can save time typing.)
  - Download players from URL? Yes
  - Would you like to clear existing players first? Yes - OK
  - Default player for movies - Play with Umbrella (Source Select)
    - umbrella.select.json play_movie should appear as the default player. If it doesn't press OK to exit the settings and then go back into settings and repeat the process.
  - Default player for episodes - Play with Umbrella (Source Select)
    - umbrella.select.json play_episode should appear as the default player. It it doesn't press OK to exit the settings and then go back into settings and repeat the process.
- Other - Notifications - Authorization and sync - off
- Expert - Dummy video duration (seconds) - set to 0.1
- Click Ok on the right side of the screen to exit TMDb Helper settings. If you exit by just pressing the back button repeatedly your changes may not apply. This is generally true of most Kodi add-ons. Therefore, it's good practice to exit add-ons this way.

Press the back button until you arrive at the main Kodi settings page

- Categories - Skin - Menus - Customise Search
  - Delete Movies, TV Shows, Albums, and Artists (These all search local library, therefore they don't apply)
  - Rename remaining searches to remove the (TMDb) by clicking on the Rename button from the menu on the right of the screen.

Return to the Skin Settings screen

- Customize Options - Item 3 - Custom - Choose shortcut - Kodi Commands - Quit
- Menu items - With Favourites highlighted press the + button - Add-ons - Video Add-ons - Umbrella - Add Folder
  - Delete other menu items.
  - Add anything else you want that you frequently access.
  - Press the back button when finished.
- Menus - Customise style: Home/Hubs - Profile image and logo - Off
  - Categories style - Text
- Appearance - Customise highlight colors - Customise
  - Highlight is deepest red on top row.
  - Indicator is 4th blue from left on 4th row.
  - Flat (No Gradient) toggled on
  - Press the back button to return to Skin Settings
- Appearance - Background style - Real Blur (Default Quality) You should choose one of the Performance options here if you are using a low powered device like Firestick, Chromecast, Onn Box, etc.

- Viewtypes - Configure viewtypes - Plugins None - change to List Basic
- Details - Customise indicators - Toggle on/off anything you like. (These are the artwork overlays in the widgets. I like Watched, Progress, Episodes In-Progress, Episodes Unwatched, Premiere/Finale)
- Viewtypes - Customise video info widgets - turn off anything you don't find useful.
- Other - Hide widget initialisation - on
  - Hubs and Library - off
  - Individual skin user - off

Finally we will begin to customize the hub and widget layouts.

Customize Hubs

- Skin Settings - Menus - Customize widgets
- Move down to 1101 > Hub - Change Label to Movies
  - Mode - Advanced (Widgets + Information + More)
  - Edit spotlight - Use spotlight - toggle off
- 1102 > Hub - Change Label to TV Shows
  - Mode - Advanced (Widgets + Information + More)
  - Edit spotlight - Use spotlight - toggle off
- 1106 > Hub - Change Label to New & Popular
  - Mode - Advanced (Widgets + Information + More)
  - Edit spotlight - Use spotlight - toggle off
- 1107 > Hub - Change Label to Kids. (Obviously don't do this if you have no desire for a Kids hub. Feel free to skip this one or replace it with any hub you may desire here. Continue to Label additional hubs if wanted)
  - Mode - Advanced (Widgets + Information + More)
  - Edit spotlight - Use spotlight - toggle off
- With Home highlighted at the top of the screen change the Mode to Detailed (Widgets + Information) Then select Edit categories and widgets
  - Rename Discover to Home and change the icon to Home (typing in the first few letters is a fast way to locate icons)
  - With Movies highlighted select Action - Browse - Hubs - Movies Hub
  - What we are doing here is assigning each of the Side Menu shortcuts to activate a hub when selected. The skin is very versatile in that it allows you to place shortcuts in many places such as the Side Menu, the Options menu, inside of Hubs, etc.
  - With TV shows highlighted select Action - Browse - Hubs - TV Shows Hub
  - With TV shows highlighted press the + button to add a new shortcut - Hubs - Custom Hub 1106
    - Rename it New & Popular and change the icon to Chart
  - With New & Popular highlighted press the + button to add a new shortcut - Hubs - Custom Hub 1107
    - Rename it Kids and change the icon to Poop - for little shits (I'm kidding!) Castle2 is a good one.

- - Delete Music and Live TV shortcuts

Making Widgets for the Home Screen

- With Home highlighted select Edit Widgets. Press the + button and then Add-ons - Video Add-ons - TMDb Helper - Movies - Trending Today - Add folder
    - Change the style to Poster (Feel free to test out different styles to personalize your build. It has been reported by others that Poster is the fastest to load, so keep that in mind on lower powered devices.)
- Delete the other widgets that were pre-made in the skin. They point to local library and since this build doesn't use one, they don't work.

Press the back button. We will be repeating the same process as above to fill out the widgets on the home screen. Feel free to use different widgets, if you prefer. Use as many as you like. There is also no rule that you need a widget assigned to each Side Menu shortcut. It's very flexible.

- With Movies highlighted select Edit Widgets. Press the + button and then Add-ons - Video Add-ons - TMDb Helper - Trakt - Movies Watchlist - Sort however you like - Add folder
    - Rename it if you like
    - Set the style to Poster
    - If you had previously created your own Movie Watchlist on Trakt, you should use that list here instead of the default Trakt Watchlist. The path when creating that widget would be Add-ons - Video Add-ons - TMDb Helper - Trakt - Your Lists - and then whatever you named it.
- Repeat the exact same process for the remaining areas TV Shows, New & Popular, and Kids. Here are the lists I used in the video:

TV Shows:

TV Watchlist - Poster style

Progress Episodes - Landscape style

New & Popular:

New Shows on Netflix

Netflix - Top 10

Kids:

Disney - Top 10

Kids TV Watchlist (personal list)

Categories

Next we will create the various Categories that will be the buttons at the top of the screen when inside the hubs. As well as creating a dynamic page of widgets that will shift as you move across the buttons, they are also Shortcuts. So we'd want to choose a landing spot that makes sense. As an example, for my build I have one labeled Trakt that if I press it goes to my Trakt lists inside TMDb Helper. I have tons of them! Underneath that Trakt button is a more curated set of Trakt lists that I want access to more frequently.

- On the Customise hubs screen highlight 1101 > Movies
  - Edit categories and widgets
  - Press the + button - Add-ons - Video Add-ons - TMDb Helper - Movies - Trending Today - Add folder.
    - Change the name to Recent.
    - Delete the placeholder widget.
  - Press the + button - Add-ons - Video Add-ons - TMDb Helper - Trakt - Add folder
  - For the next one let's do a Genres shortcut. Press the + button - Add-ons - Video Add-ons - TMDB Helper - Movies - Genres - Add folder.
- Now with the top one highlighted select Edit widgets. Press the + button. Add-on - Video add-on - TMDb Helper - Movies - Trending Today - Add folder.
  - Change the style to Poster.
- Continue to add as many widgets as you like that fit with the Recent theme. In the video I used:

Trending Today (TMDb)

[Latest Releases](#)

Based on Recently Watched (this is a personal list from https://couchmoney.tv/)

Your Recently Watched (This one is from TMDB Helper. If you are brand new to Trakt it may not have any data to use)(This widgets primary function is a source for the widget below it)

Experimental - Stacked Movie Recommendations (This will be a dynamic widget row every time you change the highlighted movie above it)

- Repeat the same process for the one labeled Trakt with Trakt lists you own or ones that you have "liked". In the video I used:

Movie Watchlist (personal Trakt list)

[30 Greatest Film Challenge](#)

[New Romantic Comedies](#)

[Chick Flix](#)

[Hallmark Movies](#)

[Westerns](#)

[Twisted](#)

[You're Not the Same Person Once the Film Has Finished](#)

[Ultimate Dystopian Collection](#)

- With Genres highlighted select Combine widgets. Then select Use combined list. Add-ons - Video add-ons - TMDB Helper - Movies - Genres - Add folder
  - Set the style to Poster.
- So that completes the Movies Hub. It's the same process for each additional hub. Here are the lists that I used in the example video:

TV Shows Hub:

Recent: Category shortcut pointed at TMDB Helper Calendar

Trending - Trakt (Poster)

Your Next Episodes (TMDB Helper)(Landscape)

Your In-Progress Episodes (TMDB Helper)(Landscape)

Last Fortnight (aka Last 2 weeks)(TMDB Helper)(Landscape)

Airing Soon (aka This Fortnight)(TMDB Helper)(Landscape)

Trakt: Category shortcut pointed at Umbrella TV Lists

TV Watchlist (personal Trakt list)

Reality TV (personal Trakt list)

[Home & Garden](#)

Documentary TV (personal Trakt list)

[Stand-up Comedy](#)

New & Popular Hub:

New: Category shortcut pointed at TMDb Helper Movies

[New Shows on Netflix](#)

[Latest Releases](#)

[New Release Docs](#)

[Upcoming Anticipated Movies](#)

[Upcoming Anticipated Series](#)

Top 10: Category shortcut pointed at Umbrella trending movies

[Netflix - Top 10](#)

[Netflix Movies - Top 10](#)

[HBO - Top 10](#)

[HBO Movies - Top 10](#)

[Prime Video - Top 10](#)

[Prime Movies - Top 10](#)

[Apple TV - Top 10](#)

[Apple TV Movies - Top 10](#)

[Paramount - Top 10](#)

[Paramount Movies - Top 10](#)

[Disney - Top 10](#)

[Disney+ Movies - Top 10](#)

Awards: Category shortcut pointed at Umbrella Oscar nominees

Oscar Nominees

[97th Academy Awards](#)

[96th Academy Awards](#)

[95th Academy Awards](#)

[Best Picture Winners](#)

[IMDB Top Rated Movies](#)

Kid's hub:

Shows: Category shortcut pointed at your kids tv watchlist

Kid's TV Watchlist (personal Trakt list)

[Disney - Top 10](#)

[Kids Trending](#)

Movies: Category shortcut pointed at your kids Movie watchlist

Kid's Movie Watchlist

[Kids Trending Movies](#)

[Disney Animated Movies](#)

Youtube for Trailers

Once you're happy with your setup, the final thing is to get trailers working properly. Youtube and Kodi is a bit like wack-a-mole. Here is the current best method:

- Hover over a movie on your home page
- Long press the Play/Pause button on your remote to pull up the Information screen
- Press the Trailer button
    - You will be prompted to install Youtube and select Yes
    - A loading screen will appear and then it will crash Kodi after a few seconds.
- Return to the home screen of your device and force close Kodi
- Open Kodi and hover over a movie on your home page
- Open the information screen by long pressing the Play/Pause button
- Press the Trailer button
- Now the fun part… keep going through the setup wizard until the trailer starts playing.
    - Yes, it will likely do the setup wizard multiple times
        - It's not a smart wizard!