

M A V E R I C K A I

EDIT VIDEOS WITH CLAUDE CODE

THE COMPLETE REMOTION SETUP WALKTHROUGH

Set up your own AI video editor in under 10 minutes. No editing software needed. Just Claude and a terminal.

Install the prerequisites
Create your Remotion project
Launch the video editor
Start prompting your videos
Ask for revisions in plain English

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The Setup

Claude Code can edit videos using Remotion, a React-based video framework. You describe what you want, and Claude builds it frame by frame. Here's exactly how to set it up.

STEP 1: Install Node.js

Remotion needs Node.js to run. The easiest way to install it is to just ask Claude to do it. Inside Claude Code, type:

TYPE THIS INTO CLAUDE CODE

```
Install Node.js on my computer
```

Claude will handle the entire installation for you. It will figure out your operating system and run the right commands. Just follow any prompts it gives you and approve the install.

STEP 2: Open Claude Code

Open the Claude desktop app. In the top left, you'll see a dropdown that says "Chat." Click it and select **Code**. This switches you into Claude Code mode, which gives Claude access to your terminal and file system.

HEADS UP

Claude Code requires a paid Claude subscription (Pro, Team, or Enterprise). If you're on the free plan, you'll need to upgrade before this will work.

STEP 3: Create the Remotion Project

Paste this command into Claude Code and hit enter:

COPY AND PASTE THIS

```
npx create-video@latest
```

Claude will run this in your terminal. It's going to ask you a few questions. Here's what to pick:

1. Project name: type whatever you want (like **my-video**)
2. Template: select **Blank**
3. TailwindCSS: select **Yes**
4. Install Skills: select **Yes**

TIP

Skills are AI-specific rule files from the Remotion team. They teach Claude how to write better Remotion code for animations, transitions, subtitles, and more. Always say yes.

STEP 4: Install Dependencies and Start the Editor

Once the project is created, go into the project folder, install everything, and start the Remotion Studio (that's the visual editor). Run these commands one at a time:

RUN THESE IN ORDER

```
cd my-video  
  
npm install  
  
npm run dev
```

Replace **my-video** with whatever you named your project in Step 3. After **npm run dev** runs, Remotion Studio will open in your browser. This is your video editor. Leave it open.

WHAT IS REMOTION STUDIO?

Remotion Studio is a browser-based preview tool that shows your video in real time. You can scrub through the timeline, play the video, and see every frame. It updates live as Claude makes changes to your code.

STEP 5: Open a New Tab and Start Prompting

Go back to Claude Code. Open a new tab (keep the first one running the studio in the background). Navigate to your project folder again:

IN THE NEW TAB

```
cd my-video
```

Now just tell Claude what video you want. Be specific about what you want to see. If you want to edit an existing video, reference the file from your project folder.

EXAMPLE PROMPTS

Simple text animation

Create a 10-second intro video with my company name fading in with a blue background, then a tagline sliding in from the bottom.

Edit an existing video

Take the video at ./public/clip.mp4 and add animated subtitles with a yellow highlight on each word.

Motion graphics

Make a 15-second product showcase that

zooms into a screenshot, highlights
three features with callout boxes,
and ends with a call to action.

STEP 6: Revisions and Export

Don't like something? Just tell Claude what to change:

REVISION EXAMPLES

Make the text bigger and change the background to dark blue.

Speed up the first transition.

Add a bounce effect when the logo appears.

Claude updates the code and the preview refreshes. Keep going until it looks right.

Export Your Final Video

When you're happy with the result, export it as an MP4:

EXPORT COMMAND

```
npx remotion render
```

This renders the final video file. You can also just ask Claude to "render the video" and it will run the command for you.

TIP

To use your own video or image files, drop them in the **public/** folder inside your project. Then tell Claude to use them in the video by referencing the file path.

THAT'S IT

Six steps. Node.js, Claude Code, create the project, install and start, prompt your video, and export. No video editing software needed. Just words in, video out.

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