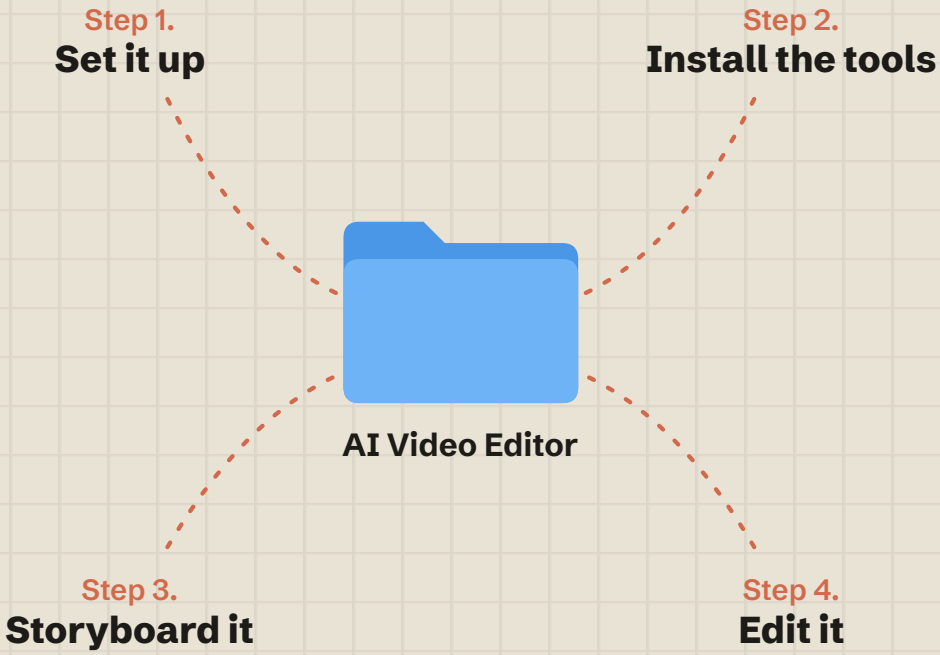
THE EDIT GUIDE

Build your own AI video editor

Every step and every prompt from the reel, so you can turn raw phone footage into a finished, captioned video with Claude Code.



VALU VENTURES

You commented EDIT. Here's the whole workflow, with every prompt ready to copy.

Before you start

You don't need editing software or any coding experience. Claude does the editing, and you approve every decision along the way.

What you need

- [ ] **The Claude desktop app** for Mac or Windows. Download it free at `claude.ai/download`.
- [ ] **A paid Claude plan.** Claude Code isn't included on the free plan.
- [ ] **A few GB of free disk space** for the editing tools and the speech model.
- [ ] **A video you've filmed.** Straight off your phone is fine.

How it works

STEP 1
Set it up
Make one folder and point Claude at it.
ONCE

STEP 2
Install the tools
One prompt installs and tests four free tools.
ONCE

STEP 3
Storyboard it
Claude splits your video into segments. You pick what stays.
EVERY VIDEO

STEP 4
Edit it
Claude cuts, captions and adds music and sound effects.
EVERY VIDEO

> **Set up once, then repeat Steps 3 and 4.** Steps 1 and 2 take about 20 minutes the first time. After that, every new video starts at Step 3.

How to use this guide

- Every grey box like the one below is a prompt. Copy it into Claude exactly as written.
- Words in **[BRACKETS]** are yours to fill in, like the name of your video file.
- All the prompts are on one page at the end, so you can screenshot that page and keep it.

Step 1. Set it up

Claude Code needs a home on your computer: one folder that holds your footage, references and finished videos.

1A Get the desktop app, not the browser

Download the Claude desktop app from `claude.ai/download` and sign in. Use the app because it can open and save files on your computer. Claude in the browser can't edit your footage.

1B Make your folder

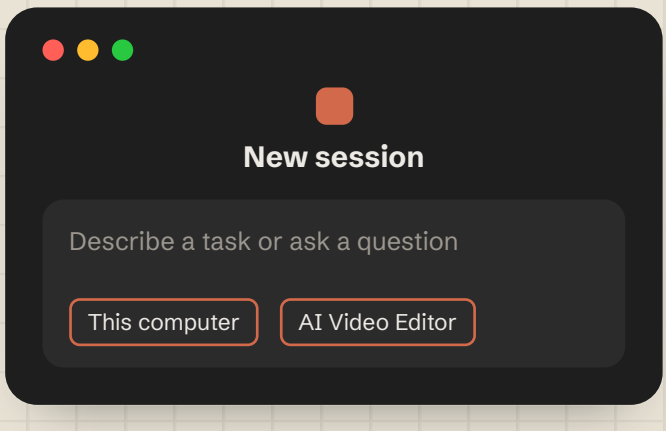
On your Desktop, make a folder called **AI Video Editor**. Inside it, make three subfolders:

AI Video Editor

References	Videos you like, your logo and fonts, music you're allowed to use
Raw footage	The clips you filmed, straight off your phone
Exports	Where Claude saves your finished videos

1C Start a Claude Code chat in that folder

1. Open the desktop app and go to the **Code** tab.
2. Start a **new session**.
3. Choose to work locally on **this computer**.
4. Click **Choose folder** and pick **AI Video Editor**.



Claude can now read and save files in your folder.

Step 2. Install the tools

Claude needs four free tools to edit video. You don't install them yourself. One prompt has Claude install and test each one.

Remotion
MOTION GRAPHICS

Animated titles, lower thirds and on-screen graphics.

HyperFrames
GRAPHICS AND 3D

Builds richer graphic scenes and renders them as video.

FFmpeg
CUTS AND CONVERSIONS

Trims, joins, resizes and exports the final file.

Whisper
VOICE TO CAPTIONS

Turns your speech into word-timed captions.

PASTE THIS EXACTLY

```
I want you to be my video editor. Install these tools on my computer:
1. Remotion: github.com/remotion-dev/remotion
2. HyperFrames: github.com/heygen-com/hyperframes
3. FFmpeg: github.com/FFmpeg/FFmpeg
4. Whisper: github.com/ggml-org/whisper.cpp
Test each one, then tell me when you're ready.
```

What to expect

- Claude asks before it runs each install command. Read it, then allow it.
- It may install helpers first, like Homebrew or Node.js. That's normal.
- Whisper downloads a speech model the first time, which is a few hundred MB.
- It can take 10 to 20 minutes. Leave the app open.

You're done when you see

- **Remotion** installed and tested
- **HyperFrames** installed and tested
- **FFmpeg** installed and tested
- **Whisper** installed and tested

Remotion is free for individuals and small teams. Larger companies need a paid Remotion licence, so check remotion.dev if that's you.

Step 3. Make a storyboard first

Before Claude edits anything, it breaks your video into segments and shows you each one. This step is what makes the final edit good.

3A Drop your video into Raw footage

Copy the clip into **AI Video Editor › Raw footage** and note its file name, for example `IMG_5577.MOV`.

3B Ask for the storyboard

PROMPT

```
Storyboard my new video. [FILE NAME] is in my raw footage folder. Break it into segments and show me a storyboard: for each segment, give me a frame, the timecode and what's said, with Keep, Maybe and Drop options. Don't edit anything until I say yes.
```

3C Choose Keep, Maybe or Drop



Example storyboard. Claude sends yours as a page you can open, with a frame from every segment.

> **Nothing is edited until you say yes.** Drop the bad takes, keep the best lines and mark anything you're unsure about as Maybe. When you're happy, tell Claude “Yes, go ahead.” Tip: say where it's going (Reels, TikTok or Shorts) for a sharper storyboard.

Step 4. Edit it

Now Claude builds the final video from the storyboard you approved and saves it to your Exports folder.

PROMPT

```
Edit the video using my storyboard. Cut every pause longer than 0.3 seconds, add captions, music and sound effects. Save the finished video to my Exports folder.
```



Cuts

Pauses, ums and dropped segments removed



Captions

Word-timed from your voice by Whisper



Music

Mixed under your voice



Sound effects

Whooshes and pops on key moments

> **Music:** use a track you have the rights to. Put it in **References** and tell Claude its name, or ask Claude to suggest royalty-free options.

Don't like something? Tell it to fix it.

Make the music a bit quieter.

Done. Music is lower under your voice. New version saved to Exports.

```
Make the captions bigger and highlight key words in yellow.
```

```
Drop segment 3 and tighten the cut.
```

```
Add a zoom-in on the first line.
```

```
Swap the music for [TRACK] in References.
```

That's the whole workflow.

Make it yours

Once you have an edit you love, save the style so every future video starts from it.

PROMPT

```
Save my caption style, music volume, sound effects and export settings to a file in this folder, and use them on every video from now on.
```

- Put three or four videos you like in **References** and ask Claude to match their pacing and caption style.
- Add your logo and brand fonts to References so titles and end cards look like you.
- Use one Claude Code chat per video, so each one keeps its own storyboard and notes.

If something goes wrong

A tool won't install

Tell Claude, and it will try another way.

```
That didn't work. Find another way to install [TOOL], then test it again.
```

Claude can't find your video

Check the clip is inside AI Video Editor › Raw footage and that the chat was started in the AI Video Editor folder. Then type the exact file name.

Captions get a name wrong

```
The name is spelled [NAME]. Fix it everywhere in the captions.
```

The file is too big to post

```
Re-export as a 1080×1920 MP4 under 100 MB.
```

Every prompt, on one page

Screenshot this page. It's all you need for every video after your first.

STEP 2 · ONCE

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give me a frame, the timecode and what's said, with Keep, Maybe and
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STEP 4

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Edit the video using my storyboard. Cut every pause longer than 0.3
seconds, add captions, music and sound effects. Save the finished
video to my Exports folder.
```

FIX IT

```
Make the music a bit quieter.
Make the captions bigger and highlight key words in yellow.
Drop segment [NUMBER] and tighten the cut.
```

SAVE STYLE

```
Save my caption style, music volume, sound effects and export
settings to a file in this folder, and use them on every video from
now on.
```