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Claude Code + Obsidian

Starter Kit

What you'll do in the next 10 minutes:

1. Install Claude Code (if you haven't)
2. Open this vault in Obsidian
3. Create a task by just typing
4. Query your notes like a database

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Why This Matters

Before

Open Obsidian
Navigate to Tasks folder
Create new note
Add frontmatter
Type task details
Set priority manually
Tag it correctly
Save and organize

2 minutes per task

After

“Create a task:
Review feedback,
high priority”

3 seconds

Task appears in Obsidian.
Properly formatted.
Ready to work on.

This starter kit gives you three Claude Code skills:

query

Query & create notes

tasknotes

Task management

morning-routine

Daily workflow

Step 1: Install Claude Code

Already have Claude Code installed? Skip to Step 2.

What is Claude Code?

Claude Code is Anthropic's official CLI tool that lets you work with Claude directly in your terminal. It can read files, run commands, and — with skills — interact with apps like Obsidian.

Installation

macOS / Linux / WSL:

```
curl -fsSL https://claude.ai/install.sh | bash
```

Windows PowerShell:

```
irm https://claude.ai/install.ps1 | iex
```

Homebrew (macOS):

```
brew install --cask claude-code
```

First Run

After installation, run `claude` once to authenticate:

```
claude
```

It will open a browser window to sign in with your Anthropic account.

Official Documentation

docs.anthropic.com/en/docs/claude-code

Step 2: Open This Vault

In Obsidian

1. Open Obsidian
2. Click **Open another vault** (or File → Open Vault)
3. Select this folder: `claude-code-obsidian-starter`
4. When prompted, click **Trust author and enable plugins**

You should see folders: Daily, Tasks, Goals, Templates

Plugins That Load Automatically

The vault comes with these plugins pre-configured:

- **Dataview** — Query your notes like a database
- **TaskNotes** — Task management with views
- **headless-bases** — Lets Claude Code talk to Obsidian

No setup needed. Just open the vault and everything works.

Open in Claude Code

In your terminal, navigate to this vault and start Claude:

```
cd path/to/claude-code-obsidian-starter
claude .
```

The `.` tells Claude to use this folder as context. It reads `CLAUDE.md` and loads the skills automatically.

Step 3: Try These Commands

Now for the magic. Type these in Claude Code:

Query Your Goals

```
Show my goals
```

Claude queries your Goals folder and shows them in a table.

Create a Task

```
Create a task: Test the starter kit
```

A new file appears in Tasks/ folder instantly.

Filter by Priority

```
Show high priority goals
```

Filters to only show goals where Priority = High.

Start Your Morning

```
Start my morning
```

Runs the morning routine: reviews yesterday, does a check-in, shows goals.

More Things to Try

Query Commands

| Say this | What happens |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Show my goals | Lists all active goals |
| Show my tasks | Lists active tasks |
| Show high priority goals | Filters by Priority = High |
| What did I edit recently? | Shows recently modified files |
| Create a goal: Learn Rust | Creates new goal file |

Task Management

| Say this | What happens |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Create a task: Call mom | Creates task in Tasks/ |
| Show tasks for today | Filters by due date |
| What should I work on? | Suggests based on priority |

Morning Routine

| Say this | What happens |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Start my morning | Full morning workflow |
| Review yesterday | Shows what happened yesterday |
| Plan my day | Creates tasks based on goals |

Troubleshooting

“Obsidian not responding” or “headless-bases not running”

- Make sure Obsidian is open with this vault
- Check that plugins are enabled (Settings → Community Plugins)
- Restart Obsidian if needed

“Skill not found”

- Make sure you ran `claude .` from the vault folder (not just `claude`)
- Check that `.claude/skills/` folder exists
- The `.` is important — it tells Claude to load skills from this folder

“No results found”

- The vault comes with sample tasks and goals
- If you deleted them, create new ones first
- Check the folder names match: `Tasks/`, `Goals/`

Queries not working

Make sure Obsidian is the active vault. The headless-bases plugin only works with the currently open vault.

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