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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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