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Claude Code + Obsidian

Starter Kit

What you'll do in the next 15 minutes:

1. Install Claude Code (if you haven't)
2. Open this vault and connect it
3. Create your first 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.
Correctly tagged.
Ready to work on.

This starter kit gives you three Claude Code skills:

tasknotes

Create, update, list tasks

obases

Query Obsidian Bases

morning-routine

Daily overview

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 about plugins, click **Trust author and enable plugins**

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

Enable TaskNotes API

The TaskNotes plugin needs its HTTP API enabled so Claude Code can create tasks.

1. Go to **Settings** → **Community Plugins** → **TaskNotes**
2. Scroll down to **HTTP API**
3. Toggle **Enable HTTP API** to ON
4. Copy the **API Token** shown

Create Your .env File

In the vault's root folder, create a file named `.env`:

```
TASKNOTES_API_KEY=paste_your_token_here
```

Replace `paste_your_token_here` with the actual token you copied.

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 will read `CLAUDE.md` and load the skills.

Step 3: Try These Commands

Now for the magic. Type these commands in Claude Code:

Create a Task

```
Create a task: Test the starter kit, high priority
```

→ Watch Obsidian. A new file appears in Tasks/ folder instantly.

List Your Tasks

```
Show my tasks
```

→ You get a formatted table with all tasks, their status, and priority.

Update a Task

```
Mark "Test the starter kit" as done
```

→ The task's status changes to "done" in Obsidian.

Ask for Help

```
What should I work on next?
```

→ Claude analyzes your tasks and suggests what to focus on.

More Things to Try

Task Management

Say this	What happens
Create a task for tomorrow: Call mom	Creates task with scheduled date
Show in-progress tasks	Filters by status
Show high priority tasks	Filters by priority
Delete the task "old task"	Removes it from Obsidian
How much time did I track?	Shows Pomodoro stats

Obsidian Bases (if configured)

Say this	What happens
Show my goals	Lists from Goals.base
What bases do I have?	Lists all Obsidian Bases
Query the Tasks base	Shows structured task data

Daily Routine

Say this	What happens
Start my morning	Shows today's tasks + creates daily note
What's on my schedule?	Lists today's items

Troubleshooting

“TaskNotes API not responding”

- Make sure Obsidian is open
- Check TaskNotes HTTP API is enabled in settings
- Verify your `.env` file has the correct token
- Default port is 8080 — make sure nothing else uses it

“Skill not found”

- Make sure you ran `claude .` from the vault folder
- Check that `.claude/skills/` folder exists
- Try: `claude . --help` to see available skills

“Command not working”

Be specific. Instead of “make a task”, say:

```
Create a task: [specific title], [priority]
```

Need help?

Open an issue on GitHub or check the README for updates.