

Your first motion edit with Claude

How to get Claude to add animated graphics to a video you filmed, timed to what you say. For people who have never done it.

WHAT IT IS

You describe the edit, Claude builds it

You do not drag anything on a timeline. You give Claude your video and say what you want on screen. Claude writes the animation as code, checks it, and renders a finished video file. Two free tools make that possible, and this guide installs both.

WHAT THE TWO TOOLS DO

One gives Claude video skills, one gives it 3D

- **Motion Graphics** is a free set of skills for Claude Code, made by Barty-Bart. The one you will use is called **motion-broll**: you give it a video and a transcript, and it plans, animates and renders graphics timed to your words.
- **Three.js** is a free 3D engine used all over the web. It is what gives the graphics depth, shadows and a moving camera.

WHAT IT REPLACES

Hours in an editing app, or paying an editor

Animated graphics normally mean learning After Effects or paying someone per video. Here the first version costs you one message, and every change costs one more.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Be honest with yourself about the first result

Your first video will be simpler than the ones in my Reel. Those are made with a larger system built on top of these same tools over several weeks. This guide gets you a real, working first edit. See the last page for the rest.

BEFORE YOU START

Four things you need

YOU NEED	HOW TO CHECK
A Mac	This guide is written for Mac. The tools also run on Windows, but the steps differ and we have not tested them.
Claude Code , signed in	Open Terminal (press ⌘ + Space , type Terminal, press Enter) and type claude --version . A version number means you have it. Claude Code needs a paid Claude plan.
Your video	The finished cut of you talking, as one file.
A transcript file	A file ending in .srt with the words and their timings. Most editing apps can export one with the captions, and so can YouTube for a video you uploaded.

STEP 1

Install the three helpers

The skill needs three free programs: **Node**, **Python** and **ffmpeg**. Check first. In Terminal, type each of these three lines, one at a time, pressing Enter after each. A version number means it is installed. **If all three answer, skip to Step 2.**

```
node --version
python3 --version
ffmpeg -version
```

- 1 **If any is missing, install Homebrew.** Homebrew is a free, well-known tool that lets your Mac install programs with one line of text.

```
/bin/bash -c "$(curl -fsSL https://raw.githubusercontent.com/Homebrew/install/HEAD/install.sh)"
```

It asks for your Mac password. Nothing appears as you type it. That is normal: type it and press Enter. It can take several minutes.

- 2 **Then install what was missing.**

```
brew install node python ffmpeg
```

STEP 2

Make a folder and put your files in it

- 1 **On your Desktop, make a new folder called my-edit.**

Right-click the Desktop → New Folder.

- 2 **Drag your video and your .srt file into it.** Rename them **video.mp4** and **transcript.srt** so the prompt below works as written.

- 3 **Point Terminal at the folder.**

```
cd ~/Desktop/my-edit
```

STEP 3

Add the Motion Graphics repo

```
npx skills add Barty-Bart/motion-graphics
```

It shows a list of skills. Choose **motion-broll**. If it asks to install something called "skills" first, type **y** and press Enter.

STEP 4

Install Three.js

```
npm install three
```

This puts the 3D engine in your folder so Claude can use it. A new folder called `node_modules` appears. Leave it alone.

GOOD TO KNOW

You are installing someone else's code. We read the `motion-broll` skill on 12 October 2026 and found it only works on your own computer. We did not review the other skills in that repo, and it can change after this guide is written. **The first run downloads about 200 MB** (a hidden browser it uses to draw the frames), so the first video is slow to start.

STEP 5

Open Claude Code and paste the prompt

1 Start Claude Code in the folder.

```
claude
```

2 Copy the whole prompt below, replace the two parts in [square brackets], paste it in and press Enter.

```
Use the motion-broll skill on video.mp4 with transcript.srt.

Pick the three or four sentences that matter most, and make a motion graphic for each one,
timed to the exact words I say.

Build the scenes in Three.js, which is installed in this folder: real 3D objects with soft
shadows, rounded shapes, and a camera that keeps moving. Do not use flat slides.

Show what each sentence means, not just its words. If I name a product, use its real logo. If
I describe a step, act the step out. Never invent numbers or results.

Use these colours: [your brand colours]. Use this font: [your font].

Before you render anything, show me still frames of every scene and wait for my feedback. Then
render the final video and tell me where the file is.
```

STEP 6

Look, correct, render

1 Claude shows you a plan and still pictures first.

It will ask permission to run commands and create files along the way. That is expected: it is building the video. Read each request, and allow the ones that stay inside your my-edit folder.

2 Say what is wrong in plain words.

For example: "The second scene is too small", "Make the camera slower", "Use darker colours". The first version is rarely the one you keep. Two or three rounds is normal.

3 When you are happy, tell it to render.

It gives you a finished video file in the folder. That's it.

WHAT THIS GUIDE DOES NOT COVER

The full system behind my videos

The edits in my Reel do more than this: the graphics sit behind and around me, the captions follow every word, the real app is shown being used, and one camera glides through the whole video. That comes from my own set of skills, built on these same two tools.

Join the community. The link is on my profile. That is where the full skills are, with the setup taught step by step.

About this guide: the install lines come from the tools' own pages, checked on 12 October 2026. The prompt is a starting point. Results depend on your video, and tools change. If something on your screen differs from this guide, trust your screen.