

# Make faceless videos with Claude and your own cloned voice

No editing software, no camera, no studio. You talk to Claude, it builds the video, and a free tool on your Mac speaks it in your voice.

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## WHAT IT IS

### A video made from a text conversation

You tell Claude what you want to say. Claude writes the animation as a web page, a free program called Chatterbox reads your script in a copy of your own voice, and Claude records it all into a normal video file. Everything runs on your own Mac.

## WHAT IT DOES

### Three jobs, one chat window

- Copies your voice from one 20 second recording, then reads any script in it.
- Draws every scene of the video and times each word on screen to the voice.
- Checks its own frames and gives you a finished vertical video for Reels, TikTok or Shorts.

## WHAT IT REPLACES

### The editor, the voice subscription and the filming

Normally a video like this needs editing software, a paid voice service or your own recording session for every script, and hours of moving things on a timeline. Here the voice tool is free and open source, your recording never leaves your Mac, and a new video starts with one message.

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## BEFORE YOU START

### Four things to check

- **A Mac with an Apple chip.** Click the Apple logo (top-left) → **About This Mac.** Next to "Chip" it should say Apple M1 or newer. This guide was tested on an M4 with 16 GB of memory. Older Intel Macs will be very slow.
- **About 10 GB of free space.** Same window → **More Info** → scroll to **Storage.** The voice tool downloads a few gigabytes the first time.
- **Google Chrome installed.** Claude uses it in the background to record the video. If you do not have it, get it from [google.com/chrome](https://google.com/chrome).
- **A Claude plan that includes Claude Code.** Check which plans do at [claude.com/pricing](https://claude.com/pricing). Claude Code is the part of Claude that can work with files on your computer.

## STEP 1

### Install the Claude app and open the Code tab

The Claude desktop app has a tab called Code where Claude can create files and run programs for you. **If you already use it, skip to Step 2.**

#### 1 Go to [claude.com/download](https://claude.com/download), download the Mac version and open it.

Drag Claude into Applications when the window asks, then open it and sign in.

#### 2 Click the Code tab at the top, then choose a folder.

Make a new empty folder called "videos" in Documents and pick that. Claude only works inside the folder you choose.

#### 3 Expect permission questions.

Claude asks before it runs or installs things. That is normal. Read each one and click Allow. Next to the send button you can choose how often it asks.

## STEP 2

### Record 20 seconds of your voice

#### 1 Open Voice Memos on your iPhone, in a quiet room.

Hold the phone a hand's width from your mouth. No music, no fan, no echoey bathroom.

#### 2 Talk for 20 to 30 seconds without stopping.

Speak with the speed and energy you want in your videos. The copy imitates how the recording sounds, so a bored recording gives a bored voice. Read anything: a paragraph about your business works.

#### 3 Send it to your Mac and put it in your "videos" folder.

In Voice Memos tap the recording → the three dots → **Share** → **AirDrop** → your Mac. It lands in Downloads. Drag it into the videos folder and rename it **my-voice.m4a**.

## STEP 3

### Let Claude set up the voice

#### 1 Paste this into the Code tab and press Enter.

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Set up Chatterbox voice cloning on this Mac (github.com/resemble-ai/chatterbox, MIT licence). Check its README first. Put it in its own folder with its own Python virtual environment (Python 3.11 or 3.12) and install the package chatterbox-tts. If loading fails with "NoneType object is not callable", install "setuptools<81" in that environment. Use the Apple chip (device "mps"). Then use my-voice.m4a as the voice sample: cut a clean 10 to 15 second piece of it, and make three test clips of this sentence with different settings (exaggeration 0.5 and cfg_weight 0.5, then 0.7 and 0.3, then 0.4 and 0.2): "This is a test of my cloned voice. If it sounds like me, we are ready to make videos." Check each clip by transcribing it, and tell me where the files are.
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The first run downloads the voice model, so it can sit for several minutes looking like nothing is happening. That is normal. Let it finish.

#### 2 Listen to the three clips and pick the one that sounds most like you.

Tell Claude which one. If none is close, record a cleaner, livelier sample and ask it to try again. A sample cut from an old video works worse than a fresh voice memo.

#### STEP 4

### Make the video

#### 1 Write what you want to say, 60 to 90 words.

That is roughly 20 to 30 seconds. Short sentences. Spell numbers out ("twenty", not "20") so the voice reads them correctly.

#### 2 Paste this, with your script at the bottom.

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Make a vertical 1080x1920 video from this script, with no editing software. 1) Voice: read it in my cloned voice with the settings I picked. Generate each sentence three or four times, transcribe every take, throw away any take with a wrong word, and join the best ones. 2) Timing: get the start time of every word (whisper.cpp works; install it with Homebrew if needed, and ffmpeg too). 3) Picture: build the animation as one HTML page where everything is a function of time, one scene per sentence, one big object per scene that acts the sentence out, each spoken word appearing as it is said. Flat colours, thick outlines, no gradients. Keep text between 230 and 1340 pixels from the top so app buttons do not cover it. 4) Render: capture it frame by frame at 30 frames per second with headless Chrome and join frames and voice with ffmpeg. Before the full render, show me one still per scene, look at them yourself, and fix what is off. My script: [paste your script here]
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Replace the last bracket with your script. Claude will ask to install a few free helper tools (Homebrew, ffmpeg, whisper). Allow them.

#### 3 Look at the stills, say what to change, then let it render.

Talk to it like an editor: "scene three is boring, make the object bigger", "use my brand colours". The first video takes a few rounds. After that, ask Claude to save the setup as a reusable template so the next one is a single message. That's it.

##### GOOD TO KNOW

**Only clone your own voice.** Cloning someone else without permission is not okay and can be illegal.

**It is still an AI voice.** Turn on the AI label when you post. Chatterbox also puts an inaudible watermark in every clip it makes.

**Wrong words happen.** In our tests roughly one take in six said a wrong or repeated word. That is why the prompt asks for several takes and a transcription check.

**It is not instant.** On an M4 Mac, the voice for a 30 second script took about 25 minutes with four takes per line, and the render about five more.

**Accents get smoothed.** The copy matches the tone of your voice well, but it can soften an accent. A fresh, lively sample helps the most.