CLAUDE FABLE 5 IS HERE

Anthropic's most powerful model ever — #1 in agentic tasks out of 123 models · Released June 9, 2026

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The Seven Steps to Writing a Skill File

The exact framework for turning Claude Fable 5 into an autonomous operator — the most powerful AI model ever built, running your workflows on command.

WHY FABLE 5 CHANGES EVERYTHING

On June 9, 2026, Anthropic released Claude Fable 5 — and it isn't a small update. This is the model that broke every benchmark that mattered. It scored 80.3% on SWE-Bench Pro, 11 points ahead of the nearest competitor. It ranked #1 out of 123 models in agentic tool use — which is exactly what Skill Files run on.

The gap between Fable 5 and GPT-5.5 on autonomous tasks is 21.7 percentage points. That's not an incremental improvement. That's a different category of tool. And Skill Files are how you access it.

MODEL	SWE-BENCH PRO	AGENTIC RANKING
Claude Fable 5	**80.3%**	**#1 of 123 models**
Claude Opus 4.8	69.2%	Top 10
GPT-5.5	58.6%	Top 20

★ *SWE-Bench Pro measures real autonomous task completion — not multiple choice. The higher the score, the more the model can actually do without you.*

WHAT IS A SKILL FILE?

A Skill File is an algorithm — a recurring set of instructions you give Claude so it executes the same workflow perfectly, every time it is triggered. Instead of re-explaining a task from scratch each session, you write it once, save it, and Claude runs it on command.

With Fable 5 running the execution, Skill Files that used to require careful hand-holding now run tighter, handle edge cases without prompting, and produce results that used to require a human in the loop. The framework is the same. The horsepower underneath it is not.

The Golden Rule
Only write a skill file after you have already done the task manually. You cannot automate a workflow you have not built yet.

THE 7 STEPS

1 State Your Request

Start by clearly telling Claude what skill file you want to create. Name it explicitly. If you're replacing or updating an existing skill file, say so and explain why the old one no longer works. Claude needs to understand the purpose before it can execute.

★ **PRO TIP:** *Be direct. 'I want to write a new skill file called X' is better than describing what you want to happen. Name it first, explain it second.*

2 Give Context

Tell Claude where the work happens. What directories, folders, or apps are involved? What does your current workflow look like? Claude can't operate in a vacuum — the more environmental context you give it, the more precisely it can execute.

★ **PRO TIP:** *Skill files should ONLY be written after existing workflows. Don't try to automate something you haven't done manually first. How can you explain a process you haven't created yet?*

3 Outline the Process

Give Claude a high-level overview of what the skill should do from start to finish. Think of this as the table of contents before you write the chapters. It sets the sequence before you go into detail.

★ **PRO TIP:** *Skill files are used to automate repetitive tasks — tasks you do the same way every single time. If the process varies, a skill file will break. Only automate what is consistent.*

4 Give Step-by-Step Instructions

This is the core of the skill file. Break the process down into explicit, ordered steps. Don't assume Claude knows anything. Walk it through exactly what to look for, how to interpret it, and what to do with it.

★ **PRO TIP:** *You need to be SPECIFIC. Vague instructions produce vague results. If Claude needs to look at a specific file, name it exactly. If it needs to recognize a specific format, describe it precisely.*

5 Explain WHY It Should Work This Way

Don't just tell Claude what to do — tell it why. When Claude understands the reasoning behind an instruction, it handles edge cases better and makes smarter decisions when something unexpected comes up.

★ **PRO TIP:** *If you don't explain everything, you risk mistakes. Claude fills gaps with assumptions. Give it the reasoning and it fills those gaps correctly.*

6 Tell It to Ask for Details

Build in a checkpoint for any information Claude needs but might not always have. If there's a variable input — like a video number, a file name, or a date — tell Claude to ask for it if you forget to provide it. This gives your automation flexibility and prevents bad output due to vagueness.

★ **PRO TIP:** *This prevents Claude from guessing. A skill file that asks a clarifying question is far better than one that produces wrong output because it assumed the wrong input.*

7 Explain the End Goal

Close the skill file by telling Claude exactly what a successful output looks like. What does done mean? What should the final product be, look like, and be used for? This is the most important step — Claude's output is entirely up to you. If you are not clear about what you want, you will be disappointed by the results.

★ **PRO TIP:** *The end goal orients every decision Claude makes upstream. When it knows where it's going, everything else aligns. This is the most important step.*

REAL WORLD EXAMPLE

Script Refinement Skill File

Here is how all 7 steps were applied in practice to build a real, working skill file that automates script formatting inside Google Drive. This exact skill file now runs on Fable 5.

Step 1: Request	I want to write a new skill file called Script Refinement. This replaces my old Script Creator file which no longer fits my workflow.
Step 2: Context	Works inside Google Drive, The AGI Guide directory, Scripts and Ideas subfolder.
Step 3: Process	Find example.pdf, analyze its format, locate the unformatted script by video number, reformat it to match.
Step 4: Instructions	Recognize bolded headers (stats, tags). Identify audio/visual alternating format. Identify hook and CTA sections. Apply the same structure to the raw script.
Step 5: Why	The end goal is a clean, structured script that another AI can easily read and process. Not a rewrite, just a format match.
Step 6: Ask for Details	If I forget to give you the video number, ask me for it before proceeding.
Step 7: End Goal	A fully reformatted Google Doc that mirrors example.pdf exactly, ready to be uploaded into an AI document system downstream.

The Result

Claude tested the skill on Video #26 and returned a fully reformatted Google Doc matching the example template exactly. No content changed. Pure formatting, automated.

Now imagine that same automation running on the model that scored 80.3% on real-world coding tasks. That's what Fable 5 + Skill Files looks like.

Skill files are literally a cheat code if you know what you are doing with them.