

Skill vs. Project vs. Just Asking Nicely

Choosing the right tool for the job

The Core Idea

Not every repeated task needs a skill. Three options, three different jobs: a one-off gets a plain request, ongoing work with shared context gets a Project, and a specific, repeatable output shape gets a Skill.

The Quick Test

1. One-off, unlikely to repeat → just ask, plainly, in a normal chat.
2. Ongoing work needing shared files or context across many chats → a Project.
3. A specific input/output shape you'll reuse across many separate chats → a Skill.

THE RULE OF THREE

If you've typed the same instruction three times, it's a skill candidate — stop retyping it and go build one.