CHROME EXTENSION · INSTALL GUIDE

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Your new tab, rebuilt around your bookmarks. Image cards, instant search, full keyboard control — now with custom skins, colors, and fonts. No account, no tracking, nothing leaves your browser.

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INSTALLATION

LOAD IT IN TWO MINUTES

1 UNZIP THE PACKAGE

Unzip `VisualBookmarks_v6.6.zip` to a permanent folder you will not delete or move. The extension runs directly from this folder, so keep it somewhere stable like your Documents or a dedicated Extensions folder.

2 OPEN THE EXTENSIONS PAGE

In Chrome, type `chrome://extensions` in the address bar and press Enter. You can also reach it from the menu under Extensions, then Manage Extensions.

3 TURN ON DEVELOPER MODE

Toggle **Developer mode** on, using the switch in the top right corner of the extensions page. This lets Chrome load an extension from a folder.

4 LOAD UNPACKED

Click **Load unpacked**, then select the unzipped folder from step 1. Visual Bookmarks appears in your list and is immediately active.

5 OPEN A NEW TAB & MAKE IT YOURS

Press `Cmd T` (Mac) or `Ctrl T` (Windows). Your bookmarks fill the new tab as image cards. Press `Cmd K` to search, arrow keys to move, Enter to open. Open **Settings** to pick a skin, custom colors, and font.

> **Keeping it updated.** Because this is loaded from a folder rather than the Chrome Web Store, it does not auto-update. To install a new version, replace the folder contents with the new files, then click the refresh icon on the extension card in `chrome://extensions`.

RELEASE NOTES

WHAT CHANGED IN 6.6

NEW

CUSTOM SKINS

Six ready-made themes — Midnight, Carbon, Ember, Slate, Paper, and Sepia — selectable in Settings. Switch the entire look in a single click.

NEW

CUSTOM COLORS

Accent and background color pickers. Choose any background and the full palette — panels, borders, hovers, and text — is derived automatically, with contrast-safe text chosen for you, so no combination comes out unreadable.

NEW

FONT CHOICES

Five typefaces — Barlow, System sans, Serif, Monospace, and Rounded — applied across the whole new tab. Every font ships with the extension and works offline.

NEW

RESET TO DEFAULT

One control returns you to the original Midnight and acid-yellow look at any time.

FIX

FULLY THEMEABLE SURFACES

Scrollbars, hovers, focus states, and placeholder card art now follow the active theme, so light skins like Paper and Sepia render correctly throughout.

NOTE

STILL FULLY LOCAL

Fonts are bundled — nothing is fetched from Google Fonts — preferences save to Chrome on your device, and the content security policy is unchanged.

RELEASE NOTES

EARLIER RELEASES

6.5 **Chrome Web Store package.** Finalized and repackaged for store submission — the shipping baseline that 6.6 builds on.

6.4 **Sign-in wall detection, outlined 404 placeholder, refreshed app icons.** Cards behind a login show a clean padlock instead of a login screenshot; genuine failures show a refined outlined 404. Thumbnail cache re-verifies after three days instead of seven, and the unused `tabs` permission was removed.

PERMISSIONS

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Everything stays local. Visual Bookmarks requires no account and transmits no data. Bookmarks and preferences live in Chrome on your device. The one exception: when preview screenshots are enabled, a public image service receives the addresses of bookmarked sites in order to render them. Turn screenshots off in Settings for fully local operation.