

Hello everyone! Have you ever wanted to use a custom Minecraft skin while you were searching for diamonds or building a castle? If you follow this guide, you'll have a custom skin in no time! This guide is for kids, tweens, and teens who already play Minecraft or are just getting started!

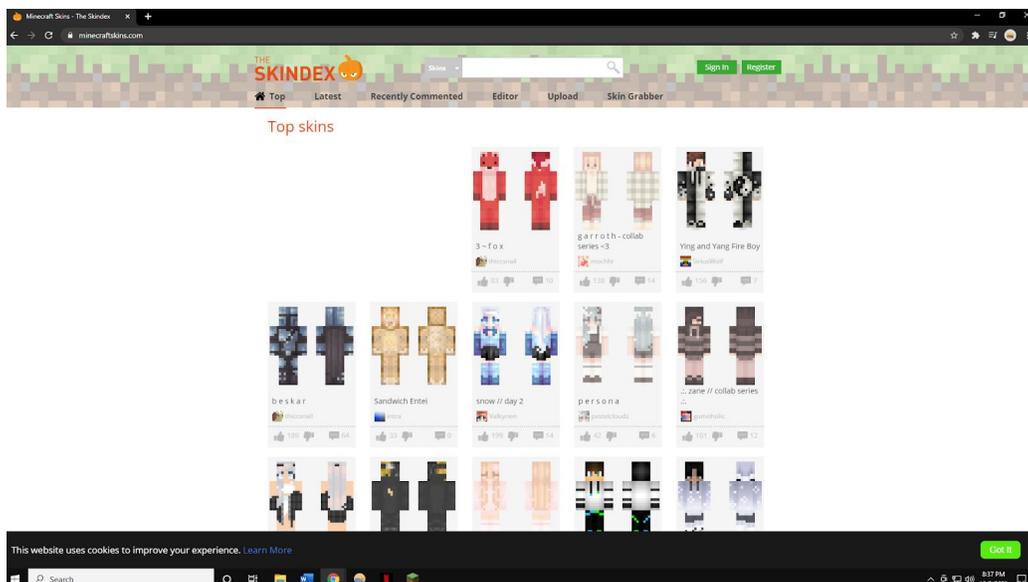
Before you begin you will need to have the Minecraft Launcher downloaded and have a Mojang account. For more information about how to download the launcher and make an account, go to this link: <https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/store/minecraft-java-edition>. If anything is too small for you to read in this tutorial, zoom in on your browser by holding CTRL on the keyboard and use the scroll wheel on the mouse.

First, we will learn how to download a custom skin that was made by someone else:

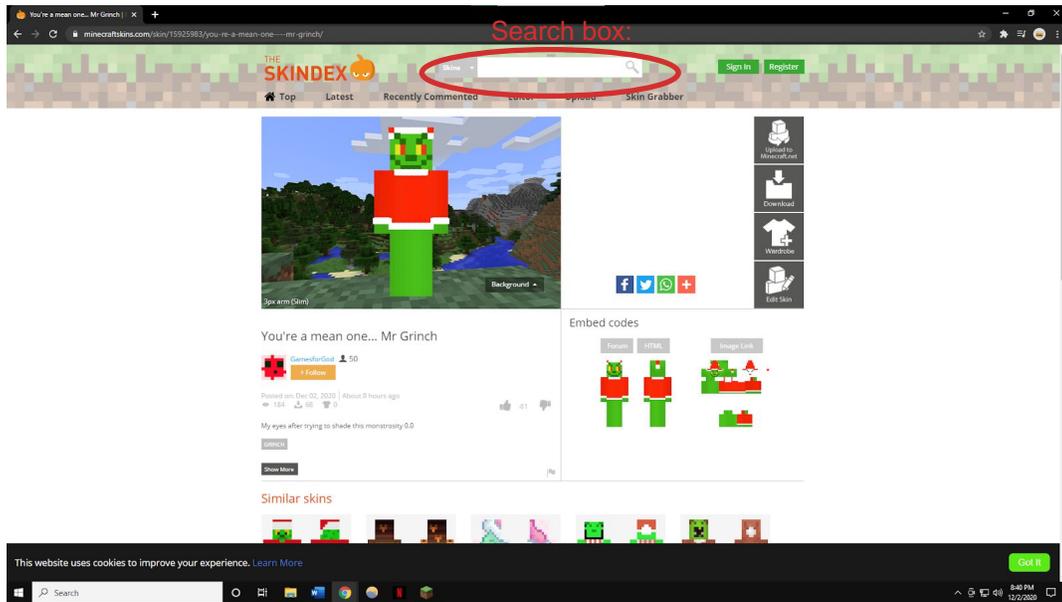
1. Open up a web browser



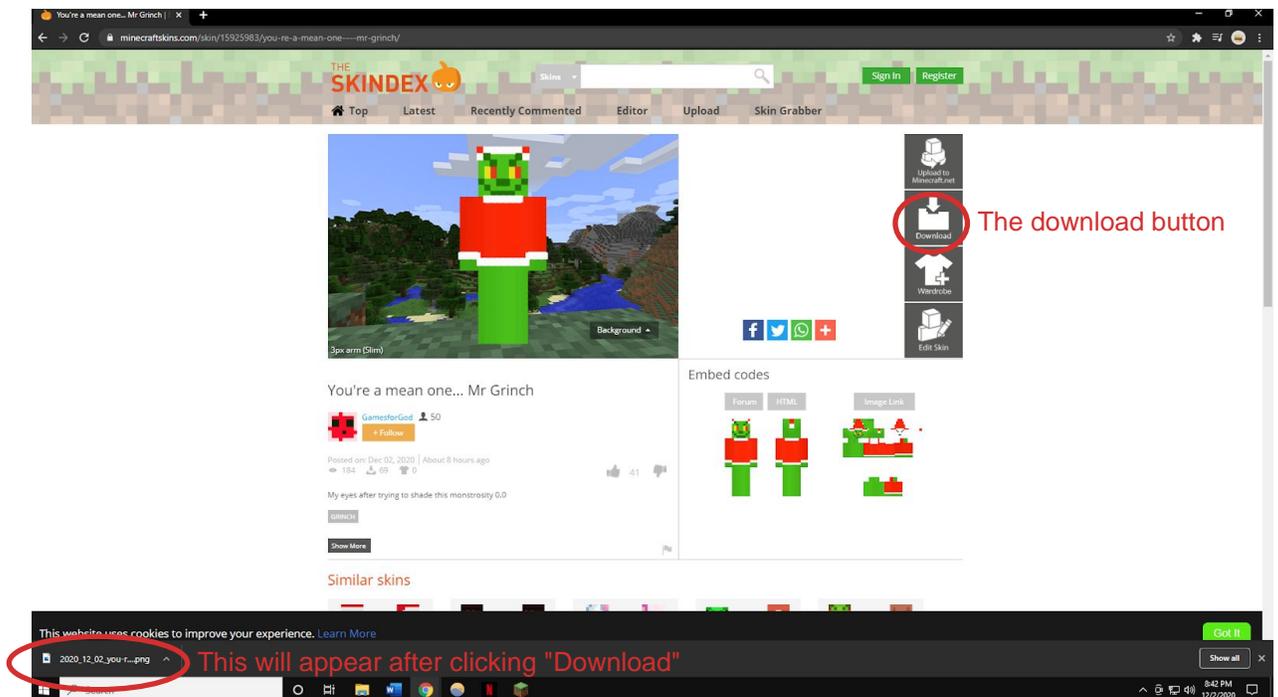
2. Type “minecraftskins.com” in the search bar and hit enter. This will take you to the minecraftskins.com homepage:



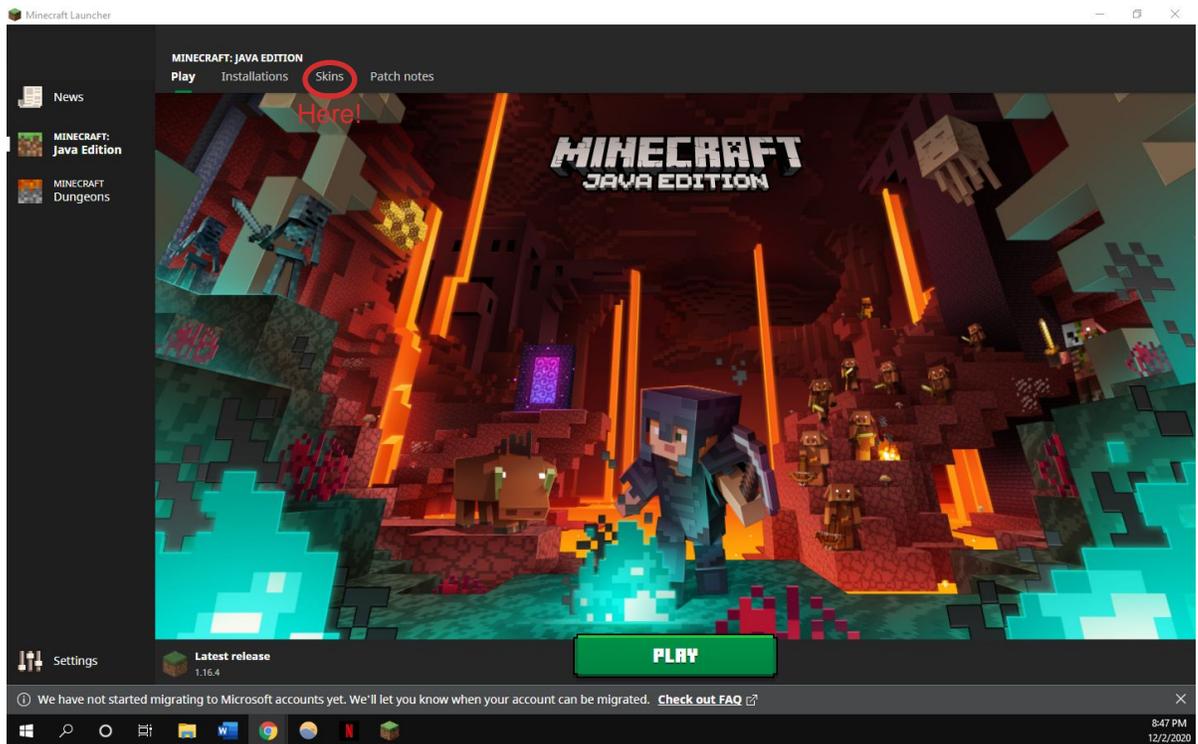
- Next, find the skin you would like to use and click on it. You can search for skins by typing in the search box. Try typing in “Grinch” and see what comes up! When you click on your desired skin, the screen will look like this:



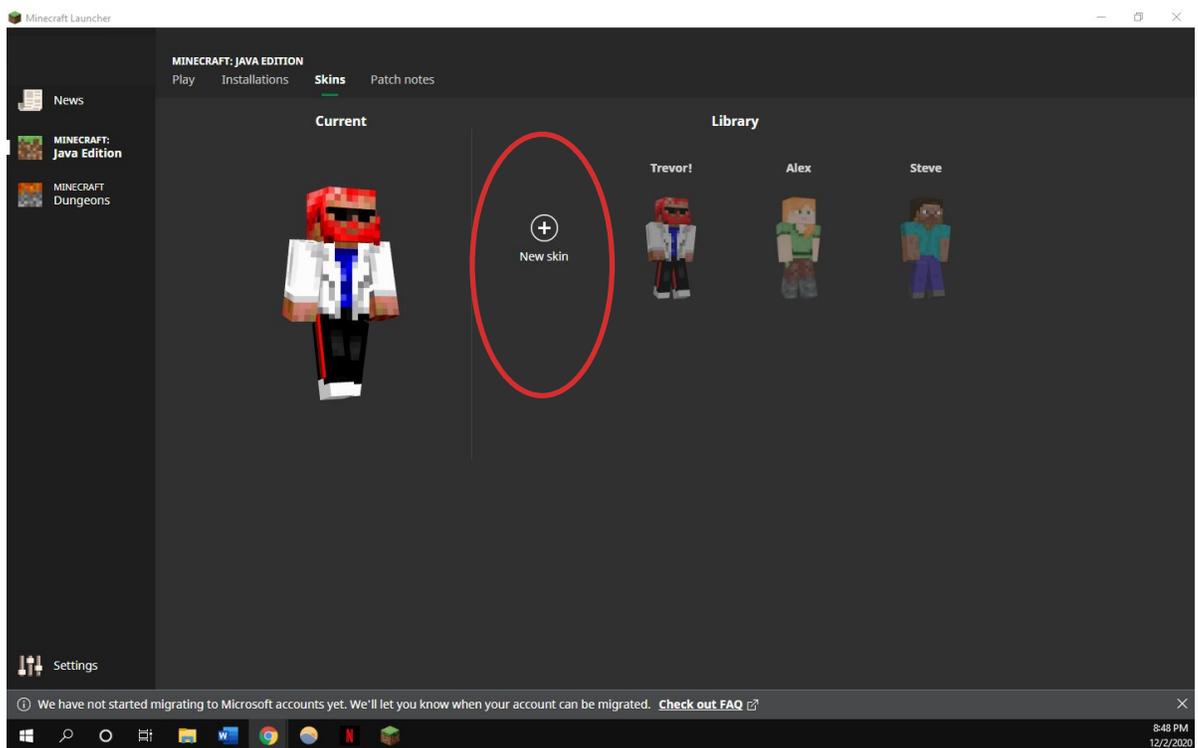
- Click on the picture of a file folder that says “Download” on the right hand side of the screen. You will see a download start in the bottom left hand corner of your screen.



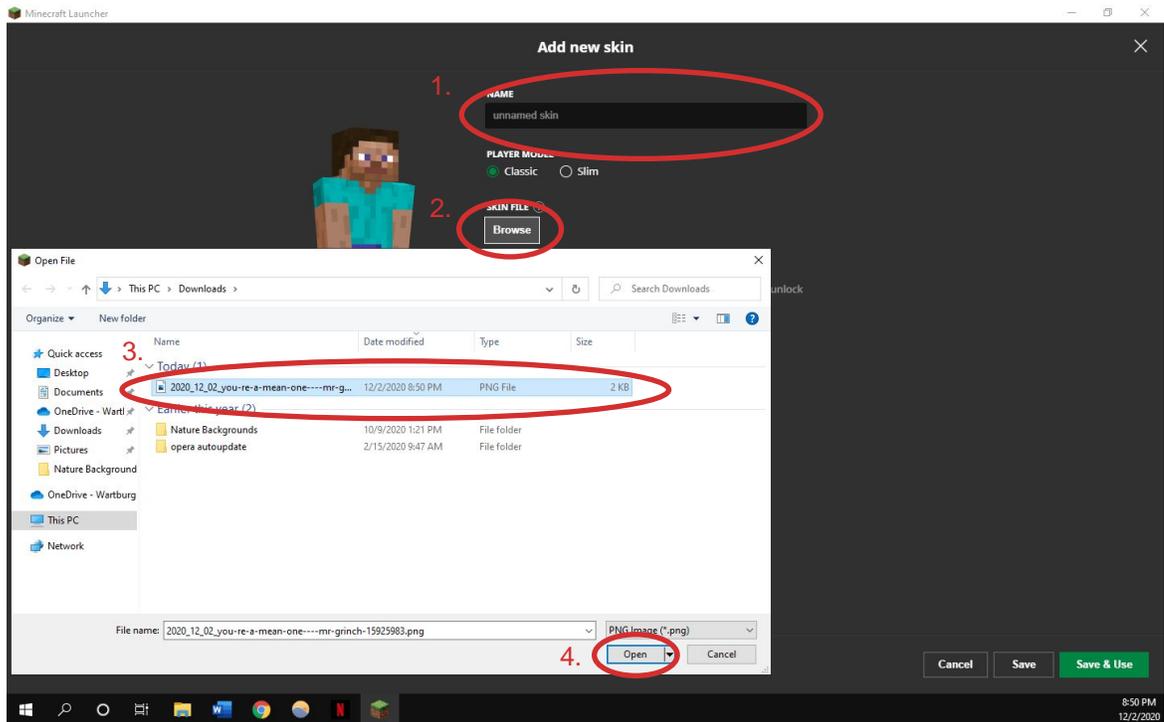
- Next, open your Minecraft Launcher and click on the tab that says “Skins.”



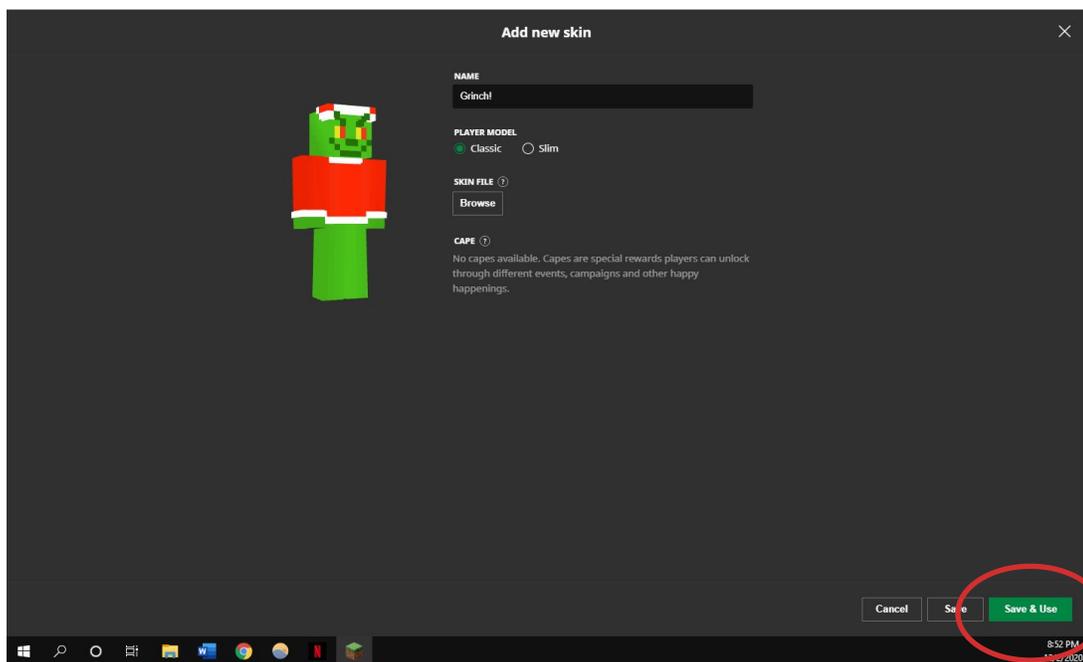
- From there, you'll click on the + that says “New Skin”



7. Give your skin a name and click “Browse.” From there, find the skin you just downloaded and double-click on it (or click it once and then click “Open”).

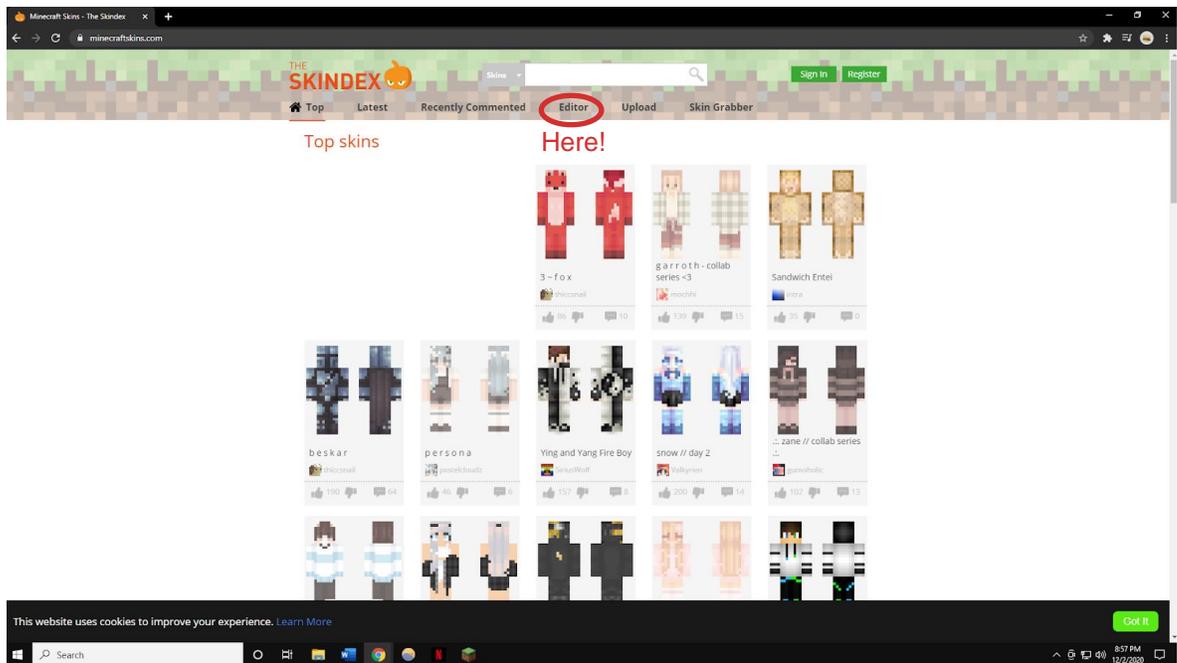


8. From there, all that is left to do is click “Save and Use,” and you’ll be ready to be hunting for some diamonds!

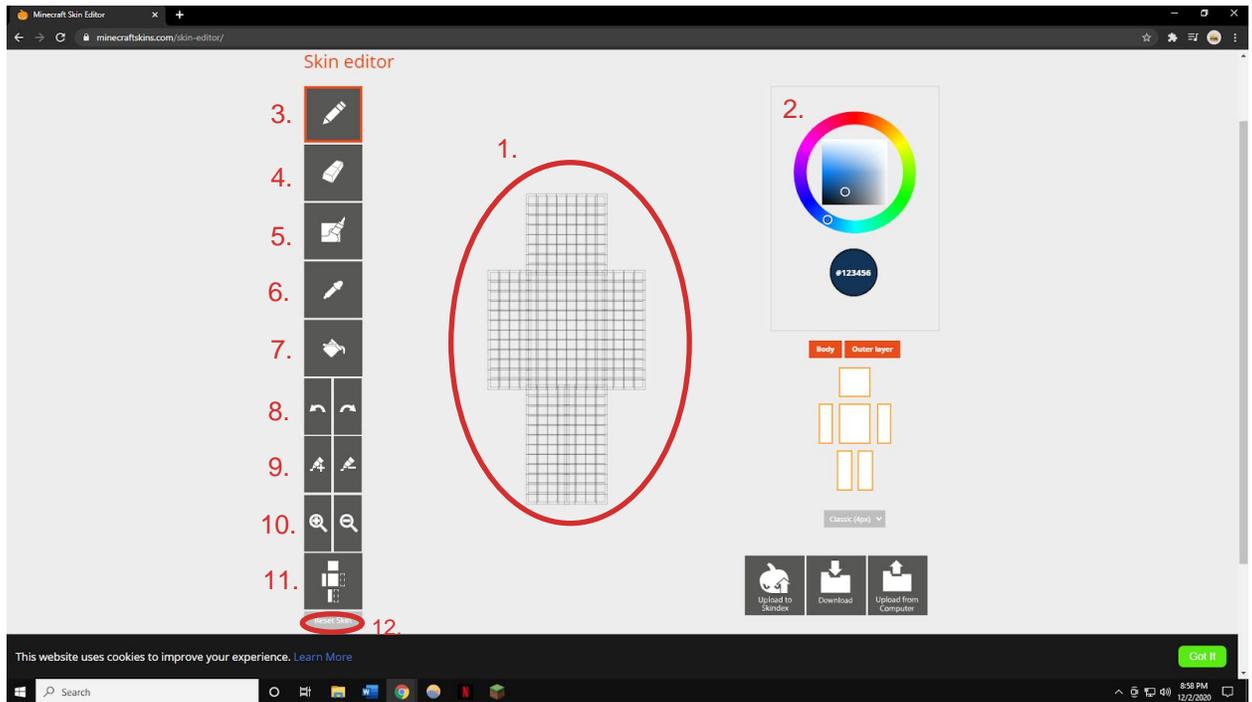


Now that we've learned how to use a custom skin someone else has created, let's learn how to make our own custom skin!

1. Go back to minecraftskins.com and click on the tab on the top that says "Editor."



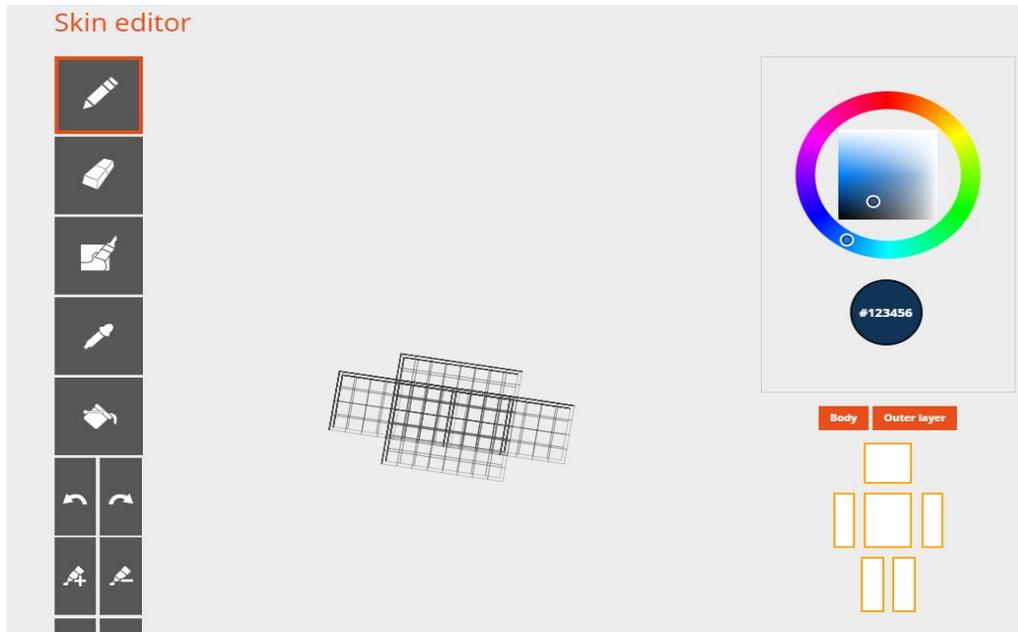
2. Now, let's learn what all the tools in the editor can do!



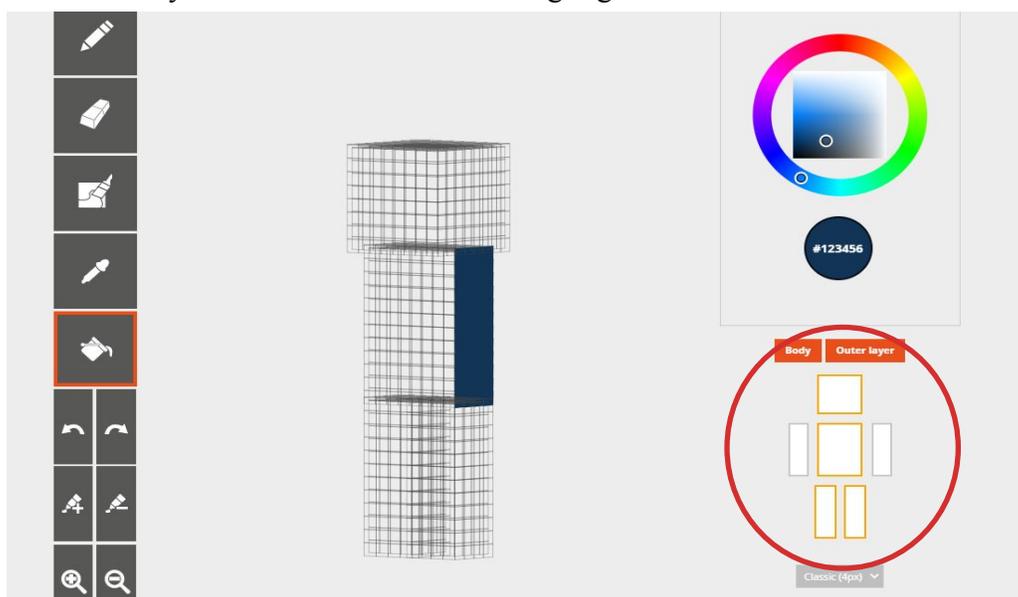
1. Model of your Minecraft Character: This is where you will be coloring in the squares to make your custom skin!
2. Color Wheel: This is where you will select what color you want to use.
3. Pencil Tool: Use this tool to color in individual squares on the model.
4. Eraser Tool: Use this tool to erase any squares that you messed up on.
5. Auto Tone Tool: This tool will allow you to make solid blocks of color more appealing to the eye by adding some lighter and darker shades of the color you are using to look more natural. Try it out to see what I mean!
6. Color Picker: This tool can be used to select a color you have been using on the model but have clicked off of. Simply select this tool and click on the color you already used on the model of your minecraft character.
7. Bucket Tool: Use this tool to fill in larger pieces of the model with one color. This is faster than trying to color in the tiny boxes individually!
8. Undo and Redo: Click these buttons to undo something you did not mean to do, and click the redo button to redo something you undid.
9. Darken/ Lighten Color: Click these buttons to make the color you are using darker or lighter.
10. Zoom in/ Zoom out: Click these buttons to zoom in to your model or zoom out.
11. Mirror Tool: Turning this tool on will make it so that anything you do to the left side will happen to the right side as well. This is great for making skins with good symmetry!
12. Reset skin: Feel like starting all the way over? Click here and then click "Okay" to start all the way over.

Some important notes about creating your skin!

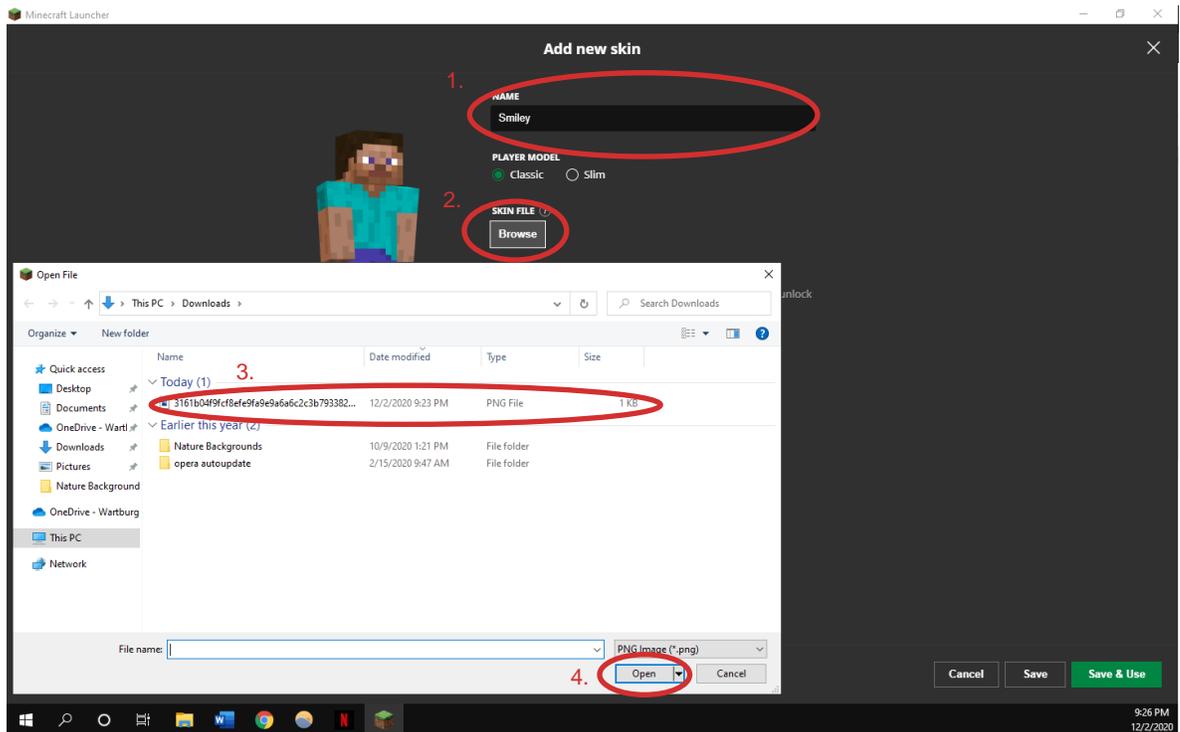
- Minecraft is a 3-D game, so we will have to rotate our model around to get every side and angle. Do this by clicking and holding in a space around your model and dragging the mouse. Below is an image of the rotated model from the bottom. Be sure to fill in every square! (Hint: make sure you get the top, bottom, front, back, and both sides!)



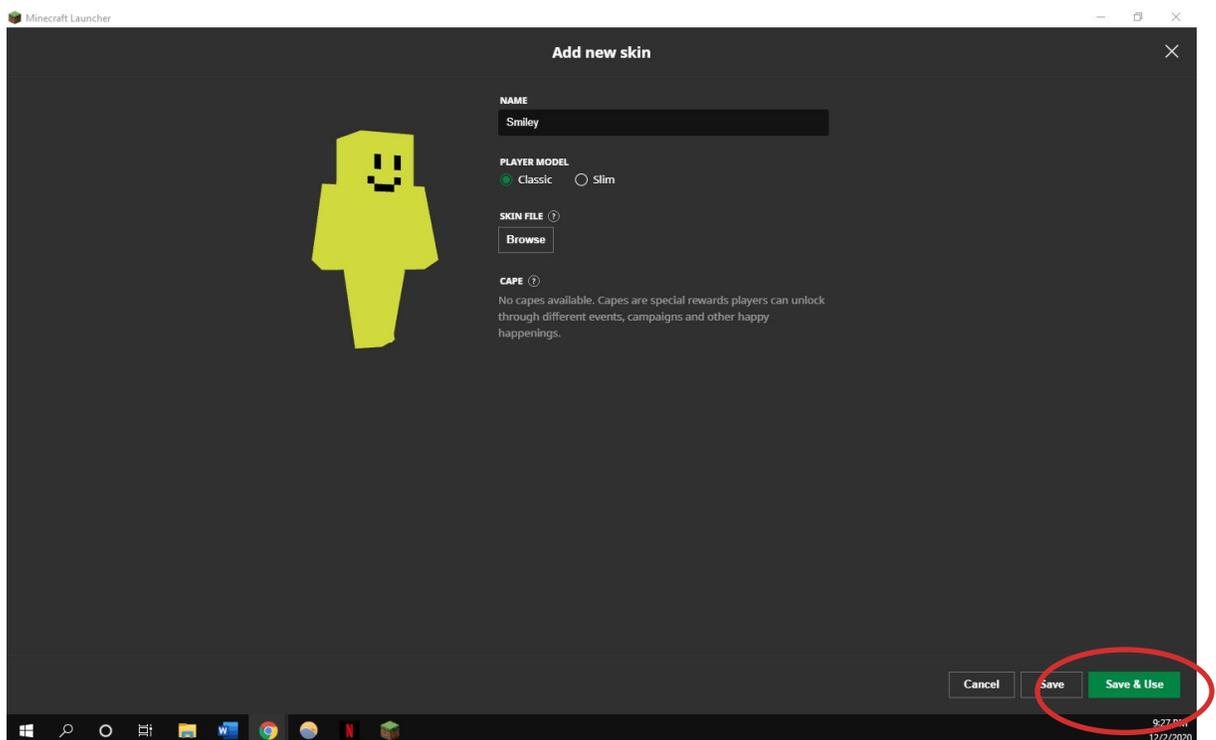
- When your Minecraft character walks in the game, the legs and arms move. When that happens, there are blocks on the model that appear that we cannot currently see. To make sure you fill in those blocks, toggle the arms, legs, torso, and head under the color wheel to show the blocks you cannot currently see. In this picture, the arms are turned off and some blocks you couldn't see before are highlighted in blue.



5. Give your skin a name and click “Browse.” From there, find the skin you just downloaded and double-click on it (or click it once and then click “Open”).



6. From there, all that is left to do is click “Save and Use,” and your custom skin is ready to use!



If you have any questions about the process of creating or using a custom Minecraft skin, you can watch this video: <https://youtu.be/sOhUOXuNCYE>. You can also email me at tkrug@cedarfallslibrary.org or give the library a call at 319-273-8643. Have fun with your new Minecraft skins!