
RooiKat Apex The Total Beginner's Guide

Zero trading or tech background required. If you've never opened a broker account or touched MetaTrader 5 before, this guide explains every word along the way.

What You'll Do In This Guide:

0. Understand what an EA actually is, in plain English
 1. Open a broker account built for automated trading
 2. Install and log in to MetaTrader 5
 3. Buy RooiKat Apex on the official MT5 Marketplace
 4. Attach the EA to your chart correctly
 5. Know exactly what to do before risking real money
- + A plain-English glossary for every term used in this guide

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CHAPTER 0

What Is an EA, Really?

A plain-English explanation before we touch any software

If you've never traded before, some of the words in this guide will be unfamiliar. That's fine — here's the short version before we start clicking anything.

The Basics, In Order

Trading

Buying something (like gold, or a currency pair) hoping its price goes up, or selling it hoping the price goes down, to make a profit on the difference.

MetaTrader 5 (MT5)

The free software your trades actually run through. Think of it as the cockpit — it connects to your broker and shows you charts, prices, and your account balance.

Expert Advisor (EA)

A program that runs inside MT5 and trades automatically, following a fixed set of rules, instead of you clicking buy and sell by hand. RooiKat Apex is an EA.

Broker

The company that gives you access to the market. You open an account with them, deposit money, and your EA trades through that account.

Why People Use an EA Instead of Trading by Hand

A human trader gets tired, gets emotional, and can't watch the market 24 hours a day. An EA follows its rules exactly, every time, without hesitation, fear, or fatigue — whether that's at 3pm or 3am. It doesn't make it right every time. It makes it consistent, which is a different and often more valuable thing.

✓ What Can RooiKat Apex Actually Trade?

RooiKat Apex is built to work on any liquid symbol — gold (XAUUSD), forex pairs like EURUSD, indices, and more — on any timeframe. This guide uses gold as the example throughout because it's the most popular starting point for our traders, but every step works exactly the same way whichever symbol you choose.

That's genuinely all the theory you need before starting. Everything below is just clicking the right buttons in the right order.

CHAPTER 1

Get a Broker

The foundation everything else is built on

Before you can run RooiKat Apex, you need a MetaTrader 5 trading account. This is not optional and it's not a formality — your broker determines whether the EA can even function correctly.

Why Your Broker Choice Matters

RooiKat Apex uses DCA (Dollar Cost Averaging — see the Glossary if that's new to you) basket position management, which requires a **hedging-mode** MetaTrader 5 account. Netting-mode accounts, which some brokers default to, will not work correctly with the EA's basket logic. You also want tight spreads on whichever symbol you plan to trade, since spread cost eats into every trade's edge.

✓ Recommended: HF Markets (HFM)

HF Markets offers hedging-enabled live accounts, competitive spreads across gold and forex pairs, and reliable MT5 execution — everything RooiKat Apex needs to run as intended, whichever symbol you choose to trade.

Step by Step

1. Click the button below to open the HF Markets live account registration page.
2. Complete the sign-up form with your personal details.
3. When choosing your account type, make sure **hedging** is enabled — this is usually the default for standard live accounts, but confirm it during setup or by asking HFM support if you're unsure.
4. Complete identity verification (KYC) — typically a proof of ID and a proof of address.
5. Fund your account using your preferred deposit method.

Open a Live Account with HF Markets →

<https://register.hfm.com/za/en/new-live-account/?refid=30555656>

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Already have a hedging-enabled MT5 account with a broker you trust, with good spreads on your chosen symbol? That works too — feel free to skip ahead to Chapter 2.

CHAPTER 2

Install MetaTrader 5

Getting the platform installed and logged in

MetaTrader 5 (MT5) is the trading platform RooiKat Apex runs on. It's free to download and takes about five minutes to set up.

Step by Step

1. After registering with your broker, check your welcome email — most brokers, including HFM, provide a direct MT5 download link along with your account number, password, and server name.
2. Download and install MetaTrader 5 for your device (Windows, macOS, iOS, or Android all work — Windows is recommended for running EAs long-term, ideally on a VPS — see Glossary).
3. Open MetaTrader 5 once installed.
4. Go to **File** → **Login to Trade Account** and enter the account number, password, and server name from your broker's welcome email.
5. Once logged in, you'll see your balance in the bottom-left Terminal panel — that confirms you're connected.

✓ Can't find your login details?

Check your broker's client portal (the website where you registered) — account credentials are usually available there even if the email is missing.

CHAPTER 3

Buy RooiKat Apex

Completing your purchase on the official MT5 Marketplace

RooiKat Apex is sold exclusively through the official MetaTrader 5 Marketplace. It is never sold directly, through third-party resellers, or as a standalone download — if you see it offered anywhere else, it is not a legitimate copy.

Step by Step

1. Visit the Gryphon Industries website to confirm current pricing and get the direct product link.
2. Click through to the RooiKat Apex listing on the MT5 Marketplace.
3. Complete your purchase using your MQL5 account — if you don't have one yet, MT5 will prompt you to create one (this is free and separate from your broker account).
4. Your license is tied to your MQL5 account, not a file you download and copy — this protects you and keeps the product working across any device where you're logged into that MQL5 account.

Get RooiKat Apex at gryphon-industries.com →

<https://gryphon-industries.com>

CHAPTER 4

Add the EA to Your Chart

Attaching RooiKat Apex correctly, step by step

The steps below use gold (XAUUSD) as the example symbol since it's the most common starting point, but they work identically for any symbol you've chosen to trade — just substitute your symbol wherever you see XAUUSD.

Step by Step

1. In MetaTrader 5, open a chart for your chosen symbol (File → New Chart → XAUUSD, or find it in the Market Watch panel).
2. Open the **Navigator** panel (Ctrl+N if it's hidden) and expand **Expert Advisors**.
3. Find **RooiKat Apex** in the list and drag it directly onto your chart.
4. A settings window will open. Go to the **Common** tab and make sure **Allow Algo Trading** is checked.
5. Click **OK**.
6. Confirm the EA is active — you should see a small smiley-face icon in the top-right corner of the chart.
7. Make sure the **AutoTrading** button in the main MT5 toolbar is toggled on (it turns green when active).

■ Do not trade live with default settings

Attaching RooiKat Apex to a chart makes it **capable** of trading — it does not mean you're ready to trade real money with it. Default parameters are a starting point, not a finished setup. **Run a full optimization pass before you risk a single dollar live.** The complete Optimization Guide included in this package walks you through exactly how, chapter by chapter, in plain language.

CHAPTER 5

Before You Go Live

The one thing you must not skip

You now have a broker, a platform, a purchased license, and an EA attached to a chart. It is tempting to stop here and just let it run. Please don't — this next part is what separates traders who last from traders who don't.

Your checklist before risking real money:

- **Read the full Optimization Guide** included in this package. It covers MT5 Strategy Tester setup, the custom fitness function, recommended parameter ranges, and how to read your results without fooling yourself — written for beginners, not just experienced traders.
- **Run an optimization pass** on at least 2–3 years of history for your chosen symbol before touching a live account.
- **Load the included .set file** as your starting point once you've reviewed the guide — it gives you a tested baseline rather than starting from scratch.
- **Forward-test on a demo account** for at least a few weeks. Watching it work on data it hasn't seen yet is the closest thing to a real preview you'll get.
- **Start with small risk** when you do go live — you can always scale up once you've confirmed live results are behaving the way your testing suggested they would.

✓ Also in this package

The full Optimization Guide (9 chapters), the tested .set file, and a short read on trading with patience and consistency — worth five minutes before your first live trade.

Welcome to automated trading. Take it slow, trust the process, and let the numbers do the work.

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CHAPTER 6

Glossary

Every term in this guide, explained simply

EA (Expert Advisor)	A program that trades automatically inside MetaTrader 5, following fixed rules instead of a human clicking buy/sell.
MT5 (MetaTrader 5)	The free trading platform your broker connects to. This is where you install and run RooiKat Apex.
Broker	The company that gives you access to the market and holds your trading account.
Hedging vs. Netting account	Hedging accounts allow multiple open positions on the same symbol in different directions at once, which RooiKat Apex's basket logic requires. Netting accounts merge them into one — incompatible with the EA.
Demo account	A practice account using fake money on real market prices. Free to open, ideal for testing before going live.
Live account	A real-money trading account. Only trade live once you've tested thoroughly on demo.
Lot / Lot size	The unit that measures how big a trade is. A bigger lot size means more profit or loss per price movement.
Spread	The small gap between the buy price and sell price of a symbol — effectively the cost of entering a trade. Tighter spread is better for you.
Symbol	The specific thing being traded — for example XAUUSD (Gold), EURUSD, or a stock index.
Backtest	Running an EA against past price data to see how it would have performed, without risking real money.
Optimization	Testing many different parameter combinations against historical data to find settings that perform well and consistently — covered in full in the separate Optimization Guide.
Strategy Tester	The built-in MT5 tool used to run backtests and optimizations.
Parameter	A setting inside the EA you (or the optimizer) can adjust — for example, how wide a stop-loss should be.
.set file	A saved collection of parameter values for an EA, so you don't have to re-enter every setting by hand.

Drawdown	How far your account balance has dropped from its peak, usually shown as a percentage. A key risk measure.
DCA (Dollar Cost Averaging)	Building a position in stages over time or price movement, rather than committing all at once.
Confidence score	RooiKat Apex's 0-100% reading of how strongly its indicators agree on market direction — the higher the score, the stronger the signal.
VPS (Virtual Private Server)	An always-on remote computer that runs MT5 and your EA 24/7, even when your own PC is off.
Kill switch	A built-in safety rule that stops the EA from trading if a risk limit (like daily loss) is breached.