

CODENAME

OPERATION AAYLA

♦ Build Manual ♦

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| ▶ EDITION | PUBLIC RELEASE · FREE TO SHARE |
| ▶ SUBJECT | Cloth + makeup + lekku |
| ▶ BUDGET | €70-220 |
| ▶ BUILD TIME | 15-30 hrs |
| ▶ TIMELINE | 5 weeks |

**A LONG TIME AGO, IN A WORKSHOP FAR, FAR
AWAY....**

FROM ZERO TO AAYLA

Aayla Secura – the Twi'lek Jedi Master, two looks: AOTC and Clone Wars. Muted medium-blue (teal-leaning) skin, leather halter outfit, and the two long head-tails (lekku). The Clone Wars look adds a single long sleeve and glove on the left arm.

May the Force be with all who walk this path.



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READING ORDER · IF YOU READ NOTHING ELSE

Start here: [Mission Brief](#) — it tells you what you are signing up for.

Before the event: [Game Day Lines](#) — the chapter that matters at hour two.

Everything in between is your build, in order. Take it one section at a time.



READ ME FIRST

This is a field manual, not a novel — you are not meant to read it front to back. Jump to the station you need:

RIGHT NOW Mission Brief + Pick Your Look.

BEFORE BUYING The Complete Parts List — order everything in one batch; shipping is the bottleneck.

WHILE BUILDING Work the build chapters in order; each one is a station, not a lecture.

BEFORE THE EVENT Game Day Lines — the only chapter that matters at hour two.

RUNNING LATE? Open the companion WEEK-BY-WEEK calendar and jump to your current week.

■ ONE SITTING RULE

Read Mission Brief + Pick Your Look today. Everything else waits until its week.



PICK YOUR BAR

*Same Twi'lek Jedi, three ways — this one lives or dies on the lekku and the blue. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €70-110

Casual

Reads as Aayla at 5m on a crowded floor — a soft pair of fabric lekku, cheap water-activated blue face paint, and a brown halter-and-wrap outfit pieced from thrift. Skip the sculpted weighted head-tails and the Clone Wars arm sleeve; the silhouette and the blue carry it from across the room.

EFFORT · ~12 hrs

MID · €120-180

Convention

Reads as Aayla at conversation distance — where most builders land. Foam-cored lekku that hang naturally, a sealed teal-leaning blue with proper neck and chest blending, a real leather halter, wide saber belt, and tidy hip wraps. Add the single Clone Wars sleeve and glove if you want that look.

EFFORT · ~22 hrs

REBEL LEGION · €220+

Approved

Reads as Aayla under inspection — Rebel Legion accuracy means latex-skinned lekku with painted veining and correct length, airbrushed blue gradients with no edge lines at the collarbone, accurate leather tooling, and a hilt matched to reference. Every seam, strap, and skin transition holds up to a judge's close-up photos.

EFFORT · ~30 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **15–30 hrs** of hands-on work across **5 weeks**. Life happens — so decide right now what gets cut when the clock wins. Finished beats perfect.*

BEHIND EARLY Drop first: No Armour, Robe (Clone Wars only). Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Hip Wraps, Reference & Fit — buy instead of make, or borrow.

EMERGENCY Every printed part has a buy option. Switching one part to bought can save a whole week.

ALWAYS The final week is for wearing it, not building it — dress rehearsal beats one more coat of paint.

🕒 THE HONEST RULE

If a piece is not started two weeks before the event, it is not in this year's costume. Build it for the next one.



THE COUNTDOWN

The whole plan on one page — tick the boxes as the weeks fall. The full week-by-week calendar is a separate companion PDF.

Week 1 ☐ Plan + order skin paint, lekku materials, halter top, boots, saber

Week 2 ☐ Build the lekku headpiece (foam + fabric, painted blue)

Week 3 ☐ Practice the skin paint; refine the halter fit

Week 4 ☐ Assemble outfit + add the belt + saber clip

Week 5 ☐ Dress rehearsal + game day



MISSION BRIEF

*This builds **Aayla Secura** two ways — AOTC and Clone Wars.*

Medium-blue skin, leather halter, two long head-tails. Mostly cloth + makeup + a crafted headpiece.

THE TWO THINGS THAT MAKE HER

Blue skin and the wrapped head-tails. Get those right and even her fairly simple outfit reads instantly as Aayla — skip them and you're a Jedi with blue face paint. Most of your effort goes into the head-tails and the skin; the clothes are the easy part. Blue skin, two wrapped lekku, blue blade.



PICK YOUR LOOK

- ▶ **AOTC** — brighter blue, no robe.
- ▶ **Clone Wars** — deeper blue + brown Jedi cloak.



THE LEKKU (HEAD-TAILS)

The defining feature.

KEEP IT LIGHT

Foam-stuffed fabric tubes on a snug skullcap. The leather wrap bands at the base hide where they attach.

THE WRAP BANDS

The brown leather bands wrapped along the lekku at intervals are an Aayla signature — don't leave the tails bare. Strips of brown faux-leather or ribbon do the job. Match the lekku to your skin colour exactly, and anchor the skullcap firmly so they don't shift.



THE BLUE SKIN

Skin-safe medium-blue paint only.

Face, neck, arms, hands, midriff. Patch-test a day before. Set with translucent powder so it doesn't rub off on the costume.



THE OUTFIT

Brown leather halter + leggings + tall boots.

The bare midriff is part of the look — different from a typical Jedi tunic.

THE PIECES

- ▶ Wide brown leather belt with a saber clip on the left hip.
- ▶ Hip wraps — the hanging cloth panels at the waist.



THE LIGHTSABER

Blue blade, clean cylindrical hilt.

Clipped on the left hip.



BUILDER TIPS

- ▶ Lekku light + anchored well = the look holds all day.
- ▶ Skin paint set with powder.
- ▶ Blue blade.



SABER CRAFT

The blade is half the costume — fight like the character. *Ataru*, wielded single.

FORM IV · ATARU — “The Way of the Hawk-Bat”

Acrobatic offense — flips, spins, and constant momentum, using the whole room as part of the weapon. A single blue blade covers everything because it never stops moving. Ataru suits a Twi'lek athlete who fights the way she moves — fluid, fast, and everywhere at once.

BLADE	● Blue — single standard hilt, clipped left hip
WIELD	single

Drill it

Set three soft targets (cushions) around the room and touch all three in one continuous run — pivot through each strike without stopping. Ataru scores on the move, so a pause is a miss.

△ DUEL SAFELY

Duel-grade polycarbonate blades only, never thin display tubes. Agree intensity before you start, no strikes to head or hands, and staff or dual spins need a full 3m of clear space.



GAME DAY LINES

The costume gets you noticed — the **lines** make it unforgettable. Say them in character, time the pauses, and let the laughs land.

● ● MORE GAME DAY LINES

- ▶ “A great leap forward often requires first taking two steps back.” — *calm teacher-voice, soft accent* — from *The Clone Wars*, “Jedi Crash”
- ▶ “Sometimes it takes courage to stick to one's beliefs.” — *gentle but firm* — from *The Clone Wars*, “Defenders of Peace”

😄 FOR LAUGHS — KID EDITION

- ▶ A great leap forward often begins with two steps back — especially in the lunch line.
- ▶ A Jedi stays calm at all times. Even when the recess bell is late.
- ▶ These headtails? Standard Jedi issue. Yours are still growing in.

COMPLETE PARTS LIST

Every piece referenced in this manual, grouped by where you get it. Shop in batches — fewer trips, fewer forgotten items.

PRINT THESE PARTS

Your 3D-printing queue. Test-print one piece before committing the whole suit.

- **Saber hilt (optional)** — Or buy a blue neopixel saber.

BUY THESE

Order all at once — shipping is the bottleneck.

- **Lekku materials** — Foam tubes + blue fabric + skullcap.
- **Skin-safe medium-blue paint** — Set with translucent powder.
- **Brown leather halter top** — Crosses across the chest.
- **Brown leggings + tall boots** — Match colour family.
- **Wide leather belt + saber clip** — Left hip.
- **Hip wrap panels** — Cloth, hanging.
- **Brown Jedi robe** — Clone Wars look only.
- **Blue lightsaber** — Set to blue.

3D FILES & SOURCES

Where to find the printable files and reference standards. Nothing copyrighted is hosted here — these point to community designers and costume-club resources. Always check a model's licence before printing.

Aayla saber STL

Thingiverse

[► thingiverse.com](https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:1000000)

Twii'lek lekku tutorial

search YouTube

[► youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1000000)

Full Aayla costume

AliExpress / eBay

[► ebay.com](https://www.ebay.com/itm/1000000)

Rebel Legion standards

Rebel Legion

[► rebellegion.com](https://rebellegion.com)



THE REPAIR KIT

Everything breaks at hour two. A sandwich bag with these seven things turns a costume emergency into a two-minute pit stop.

SUPER GLUE GELReattaches snapped prints and popped seams in 60 seconds. Gel doesn't run.

BLACK GAFFER TAPEInvisible on dark builds — holds a cracked plate through a whole event.

SAFETY PINS + VELCROInstant strap repair, hem fix, cape re-hang.

ZIP TIES (BLACK)Broken buckle, loose greeble, sagging belt box — tie it and move on.

PAINT PEN (BLACK + SILVER)Covers scratches and scuffed edges between photos.

SPARE BATTERIESFor LEDs and soundboards. The saber always dies at the door.

MICROFIBRE CLOTHHelmet fingerprints, lens fog, dusty boots.

■ PACK IT THE NIGHT BEFORE

One bag, one pocket (or a helper's backpack). If you have to go looking for glue, it is already too late.



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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"Don't lose a thousand lives just to save one."

— ALWAYS —

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