

CODENAME

OPERATION BASTILA

♦ Build Manual ♦

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| ▶ EDITION | PUBLIC RELEASE · FREE TO SHARE |
| ▶ SUBJECT | Rust robe-dress + double saber + ringed ponytails |
| ▶ BUDGET | €100-300 |
| ▶ BUILD TIME | 20-40 hrs |
| ▶ TIMELINE | 6 weeks |

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

FROM ZERO TO BASTILA

Bastila Shan – the Jedi of the Old Republic, master of Battle Meditation, ally of Revan. Her signature look is the high-collared RUST / burnt-orange-red robe-dress, gold-ringed ponytails, and a YELLOW double-bladed lightsaber.

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 + The Gold-Ringed Ponytails.

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 + The Gold-Ringed Ponytails today. Everything else waits until its week.



PICK YOUR BAR

*Three takes on the Old Republic's Jedi prodigy — from a thrift-store robe to a screen-accurate burnt-orange masterpiece. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €80-140

Casual

Reads as Bastila Shan at 5m and across a crowded con floor. Lean on a rust/burnt-orange dress with a tall collar and two gold-ringed ponytails — skip the layered outer robe and lower panels, fake the hair cones with cheap gold cord, and a single yellow blade reads fine.

EFFORT · ~14 hrs

MID · €150-230

Convention

Reads as Bastila Shan at conversation distance. Most builders land here: a proper rust robe-dress with structured high collar, real shoulder shaping, a belt with clip, and sculpted gold ponytail rings — plus a dual-bladed saber hilt so the signature yellow double-blade actually holds up.

EFFORT · ~28 hrs

SCREEN-ACCURATE · €280+

Approved

Reads as Bastila Shan under inspection. Screen-accuracy demands the exact KOTOR burnt-orange-red dye, the full layered outer robe over lower panels, a boned high collar that stands on its own, machined gold hair cones, and a balanced double-bladed hilt with twin lit yellow blades.

EFFORT · ~40 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **20–40 hrs** of hands-on work across **6 weeks**. Life happens — so decide right now what gets cut when the clock wins. Finished beats perfect.*

BEHIND EARLY Drop first: No Armour, Gloves. Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Lower Robe Panels, Outer Robe, Reference & Fit, Trousers — 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.

Weeks 6–5 ☐ Plan + order tunic fabric, double saber, wig if needed

Weeks 4–3 ☐ Sew/fit the Old Republic robes

Week 2 ☐ Build the gold-ringed ponytails

Week 1.5 ☐ Set saber to yellow + fit the double clip

Week 1 ☐ Dress rehearsal + game day



MISSION BRIEF

*This builds **Bastila Shan** — the Old Republic Jedi from KOTOR.*

Rust robe-dress + the gold-ringed ponytails + a yellow double-bladed saber.

| **A Beloved Jedi**

Bastila Shan is one of the most beloved Jedi of the Knights of the Old Republic era — a gifted young Jedi, master of Battle Meditation, and a key ally of Revan.



THE GOLD-RINGED PONYTAILS

Her signature silhouette.

■ GOLD-RINGED PONYTAILS

One top ponytail pulling back the bangs plus two behind, threaded through stacked gold rings.
Segment long ponytails (or a wig) with gold ring bands.



THE ROBES

Old Republic Jedi — chunkier than prequel-era.

Rust / burnt-orange robe-dress with a high collar, layered panels, squarer shoulders.



PAIR WITH REVAN

If a friend builds Revan, you have a KOTOR duo.

Revan + Bastila + Malak + Nihilus = a full Old Republic line.



THE DOUBLE SABER

YELLOW, double-bladed.

The saberstaff with yellow blades is unmistakably Bastila.

YELLOW, BOTH ENDS

It's one of the rare yellow blades in all of Star Wars — the colour and the double-blade together are essential. Because it's a long staff, plan a bigger belt clip and mind its length around crowds and doorways.



BUILDER TIPS

- ▶ Gold-ringed ponytails.
- ▶ Rust Old Republic robe-dress.
- ▶ Yellow double-blade.



SABER CRAFT

*The blade is half the costume — fight like the character. **Old Republic style**, wielded double-bladed staff.*

STYLE • OLD REPUBLIC STYLE

No numbered form survives from her era — she fights the Old Republic way, the saberstaff whirling to buy time while Battle Meditation does the real damage, tilting a whole battlefield's will to fight. The staff work reads closest to Form VI Niman, the balanced form later staff-fighters favoured. Her true weapon is Battle Meditation, not the blade — the yellow saberstaff exists to keep enemies off her while she wins the wider battle inside their heads.

BLADE

● Yellow — double-bladed staff — yellow from both emitters

WIELD

double-bladed staff

MORE THAN ONE BLADE — THE CRAFT

- ▶ A staff needs full 360-degree clearance — arm-span plus blade in every direction before a single swing.
- ▶ Hands stay near the middle of the hilt, about shoulder-width apart; steer with the wrists, not the arms.
- ▶ One end strikes while the other guards — think seesaw, never windmill.
- ▶ Never spin near people: step out of the group, spin, step back.

Drill it

Slow figure-eights at half speed, ten passes each side, finishing every pass in a two-handed guard held across the body. Control first — speed never.

⚠ 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

- ▶ “What greater weapon is there than to turn an enemy to your cause? To use their own knowledge against them?” — *cool and confident* — *very 'I planned this all along'*
- ▶ “I am simply trying to help you and complete this mission, and yet you battle me at every turn!” — *exasperated* — *hands on hips*

😄 FOR LAUGHS — KID EDITION

- ▶ My battle meditation works on spelling tests, too.
- ▶ I had everything under control. Mostly under control. Fine — who knows long division?
- ▶ A Jedi does not lose at board games. A Jedi strategically retreats.

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.

- **Double saber hilt (optional)** — Yellow blades, both ends.

BUY THESE

Order all at once — shipping is the bottleneck.

- **Rust robe-dress (high collar)** — Layered, chunky cut.
- **Wide belt + double clip** — Bigger clip for saberstaff.
- **Gold ring/cuff hair bands or styled wig** — Ringed ponytails.
- **Tan trousers + boots** — Match.
- **Optional outer robe** — Often down.
- **Yellow double-bladed saber** — The signature.

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.

Double-bladed saber STL

Thingiverse

► [thingiverse.com](https://www.thingiverse.com/thing/1044444)

Old Republic robe reference

RPF forums

► [therpf.com](https://www.thepf.com/)

Full Bastila costume

Etsy

► [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/)

Rebel Legion

Rebel Legion

► 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.



Mid-build with painty fingers? This is the inside back cover index — every station and its page.

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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"The Force fights with me!"

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