

CODENAME

OPERATION FINN

♦ Week by Week ♦

- ▶ EDITION FREE TO SHARE · WEEK BY WEEK
- ▶ SUBJECT Leather jacket + henley + saber
- ▶ SCHEDULE 4 weeks plan
- ▶ BUILD TIME 8-18 hrs
- ▶ FORMAT Do this, then that

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

4 WEEKS WEEK BY WEEK

FN-2187 – the stormtrooper who put the blaster down and ran the other way. Two looks: the hero closet-cosplay in Poe's tan leather jacket over a grey-blue henley, or the full First Order trooper armour with the bloody handprint on the helmet. This guide defaults to the jacket – one of the most beginner-friendly, thriftable builds on the whole roster. Almost nothing to print, everything to feel.

Steady wins. May the Force be with you.



4 WEEKS TO FINN

Week 4	Choose your look (jacket or trooper armour – this guide is jacket). Thrift or order the tan/brown leather jacket, grey-blue henley, trousers, boots and saber	·
Week 3	First full fit. Check jacket colour and collar against Rebel Legion refs. Push sleeves up, layer the henley, dial in the trouser break at the boot	·
Week 2	Weather the jacket and boots – sand the collar and elbows, work in a little polish, scuff the toes. Fit the saber hilt and belt clip	·
Week 1	Trim the hair short and matte, do a dress rehearsal, walk the house for an hour, pack a stain pen and safety pins – then game day	·
APPENDIX	Quick reference & game day	·

🕒 YOUR FIRST WEEKS — WHERE MOST BUILDS DIE

Nearly every abandoned build dies in the first quarter: parts not ordered, printer not tested, nothing started. Win the first weeks — order everything, print one test piece — and the rest is downhill.



PICK YOUR BAR

*Same defector, three rungs up — from a thrifted jacket and a blue saber to a Rebel Legion-approved Finn with screen-matched leather and a lit blade. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €80-120

Scraper

Reads as Finn at 5m on a thrifted tan leather jacket, a grey-blue henley, dark trousers and worn boots you already own — skip the saber and lean entirely on the jacket silhouette and short natural hair. A trick-or-treat Finn for almost nothing.

EFFORT · ~8 hrs

MID · €130-190

Convention

Reads as Finn at conversation distance with a properly weathered leather jacket, a faded slate henley with the sleeves pushed up, tapered trousers, scuffed boots and a blue Skywalker saber clipped at the hip. Most builders land here.

EFFORT · ~14 hrs

REBEL LEGION · €240+

Approved

Reads as Finn under inspection — a screen-matched tan-to-brown leather jacket in the right weight and colour, correct henley tone, hand-distressed weathering, and a lit-blade Skywalker saber. Screen-accuracy and Rebel Legion (Resistance) approval come down to the jacket and the colour match. Trooper-armour builders swap this tier for a full FN-2187 shell with the handprint and 501st-level armour standards.

EFFORT · ~18 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **8–18 hrs** of hands-on work across **4 weeks**. Life happens — so decide right now what gets cut when the clock wins. Finished beats perfect.*

BEHIND EARLY Drop first: Undershirt / Layer Peek, Bare / Optional Fingerless Gloves, Bloody Handprint (Trooper Option), Resistance Nod (Optional). Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Short Natural Hair, Dark Utility Trousers Fit, Rebel Legion Fit Check — 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.



CHOOSE YOUR LOOK (JACKET OR TROOPER ARMOUR — THIS GUIDE IS JACKET). THRIFT OR ORDER THE TAN/BROWN LEATHER JACKET, GREY-BLUE HENLEY, TROUSERS, BOOTS AND SABER

WEEK 4

Choose your look (jacket or trooper armour — this guide is jacket). Thrift or order the tan/brown leather jacket, grey-blue henley, trousers, boots and saber.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL Grey-Blue Henley — ⌚ 1h · €20

Grey-blue, not navy and not pure grey — think faded slate. A waffle/thermal texture sells it up close. Push the sleeves up so they bunch under the jacket cuffs.

CRITICAL Tan/Brown Leather Jacket (Poe's) — ⌚ 3h · €55

Thrift a real leather jacket if you can — faux works but pick a soft, matte one that already looks worn. Distress the collar and elbows with fine sandpaper and a little brown shoe polish. Brand-new shine is the #1 tell.

HIGH Dark Trousers + Belt — ⌚ 1h · €25

Skip anything with logos, rips or modern athletic stitching. Thrift-store work or chino trousers are perfect and cheap. Slightly worn beats crisp and new.

PROGRESS · PHASE 1 OF 4 · 25% THROUGH THE PLAN



FIRST FULL FIT. CHECK JACKET COLOUR AND COLLAR AGAINST REBEL LEGION REFS. PUSH SLEEVES UP, LAYER THE HENLEY, DIAL IN THE TROUSER BREAK AT THE BOOT

WEEK 3

First full fit. Check jacket colour and collar against Rebel Legion refs. Push sleeves up, layer the henley, dial in the trouser break at the boot.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

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LOW Undershirt / Layer Peek — ⌚ 1h · €10

Keep it a shade lighter or darker than the main henley so the layers read separately. One shade off, never the same fabric.

PROGRESS · PHASE 2 OF 4 · 50% THROUGH THE PLAN



WEATHER THE JACKET AND BOOTS — SAND THE COLLAR AND ELBOWS, WORK IN A LITTLE POLISH, SCUFF THE TOES. FIT THE SABER HILT AND BELT CLIP

WEEK 2

Weather the jacket and boots — sand the collar and elbows, work in a little polish, scuff the toes. Fit the saber hilt and belt clip.

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HIGH Dark Trousers + Belt — ⌚ 1h · €25

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HIGH Worn Brown/Black Boots — ⌚ 1h · €40

Comfort first — you'll be on your feet for hours. Rub in a little polish plus a scuff cloth to age them. Waterproof if your con floor is outdoors.

PROGRESS · PHASE 3 OF 4 · 75% THROUGH THE PLAN



TRIM THE HAIR SHORT AND MATTE, DO A DRESS REHEARSAL, WALK THE HOUSE FOR AN HOUR, PACK A STAIN PEN AND SAFETY PINS — THEN GAME DAY

WEEK 1

Trim the hair short and matte, do a dress rehearsal, walk the house for an hour, pack a stain pen and safety pins — then game day.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

MEDIUM Short Natural Hair — ⌚ 1h · €8

Keep it matte and tidy. If you're going the trooper route instead, the FN-2187 helmet replaces this slot entirely — see the reader callout in Chapter 2.

PROGRESS · PHASE 4 OF 4 · 100% THROUGH THE PLAN



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"That's not what I'm about."

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