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OPERATION FINN

♦ Build Manual ♦

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| ▶ EDITION | PUBLIC RELEASE · FREE TO SHARE |
| ▶ SUBJECT | Leather jacket + henley + saber |
| ▶ BUDGET | €80-240 |
| ▶ BUILD TIME | 8-18 hrs |
| ▶ TIMELINE | 4 weeks |

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

FROM ZERO TO FINN

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.

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: **Saber Craft** — 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 — 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 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.



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 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



MISSION BRIEF

*This builds **Finn** — FN-2187, the First Order stormtrooper who refused to fire, defected, and threw in with the Resistance across the sequel trilogy.*

Finn is one of the friendliest builds on the whole roster, because his hero look is a **closet cosplay**: a tan leather jacket, a grey-blue henley, dark trousers, boots. No armour to print, no helmet to vacuum-form, no wig. If you've never made a costume before — or you want a great-looking build in a weekend — start here.

■ WHY FINN IS A GREAT FIRST BUILD

Nearly everything can be thrifted or bought off the rack. The only optional print is the saber hilt, and even that has a buy option. You can land a convincing Finn for the price of a charity-shop jacket, a henley and a blue saber.



PICK YOUR LOOK

One character, two completely different builds. Choose before you spend a cent.

- ▶ **The jacket (recommended)** — Finn in Poe's tan/brown leather jacket over a grey-blue henley. Beginner-friendly, instantly recognisable, comfortable to wear all day. This guide is built around this look.
- ▶ **FN-2187 stormtrooper armour** — the full white First Order shell with the **bloody handprint** smeared on the helmet. Screen-accurate and dramatic, but it's a major armour build (weeks of printing, sanding and assembly) closer to the Trooper guide in scope.

FIRST-TIMER PICK

Build the jacket. It's the look most people recognise as Finn, it costs a fraction of the armour, and you can add the trooper build later once you've got a con or two under your belt.



THE JACKET IS EVERYTHING

Get one thing right and you've got Finn: the jacket. Get it wrong and no amount of accessories saves it.

Finn borrows Poe's **tan-to-brown leather flight jacket** — quilted shoulders, a worn collar, soft and lived-in. The colour sits between tan and warm brown, never black. Thrift a real leather jacket if you can; a good matte faux works, but avoid anything stiff or shiny.

Weather it before you wear it

- ▶ Sand the collar, cuffs and elbows lightly with fine sandpaper.
- ▶ Rub a little brown shoe polish into the seams and high-wear spots, then buff it back.
- ▶ Push the sleeves up so they bunch — Finn is never buttoned-up and tidy.

THE #1 TELL

A brand-new, glossy jacket. Finn just fought his way off a Star Destroyer and crash-landed on Jakku — the leather should look like it. Five minutes of weathering beats any amount of extra gear.



THE LAYERS UNDERNEATH

The jacket names the look, but the layers underneath are what people read once you're up close.

- ▶ **Henley:** a grey / blue-grey long-sleeve, faded slate, waffle texture. Sleeves pushed up under the jacket cuffs.
- ▶ **Trousers:** dark and tapered — charcoal, brown or faded black — tucked lightly at the boot.
- ▶ **Boots:** scuffed brown or black lace-ups, comfortable enough for a full con day.

Keep the palette **earthy and muted**. Nothing here should shout — Finn dresses like someone who grabbed what fit and kept moving.

ONE SHADE OFF

If you add a peeking undershirt collar, make it a shade lighter or darker than the henley so the layers read as separate pieces, not one flat block of fabric.



THE BLUE SABER

Finn grabs the Skywalker lightsaber and swings it at Kylo Ren — no training, no finesse, all heart. That prop is the detail that sells the fight.

The **silver Skywalker/Anakin hilt with a blue blade** is the read. Buy a hilt or print one, and add a lit or removable blade for hero shots. He's no Jedi, and that's the charm — hold it two-handed and a little unsure.

- ▶ Blue blade, classic ridged silver hilt — not a fancy custom saber.
- ▶ A belt clip or D-ring frees your hands between photos.
- ▶ Optional entirely — Finn without a saber still reads as Finn from the jacket alone.

PLAY THE MOMENT

For photos, plant your feet and raise the saber like you're bracing for a fight you might lose. That nervous-but-committed stance is pure Finn: 'We'll figure it out, we'll use the Force!'



TROOPER OPTION: THE HANDPRINT

*Going the harder route? The FN-2187 stormtrooper armour is a full white First Order build — and one detail makes it unmistakably **Finn**, not a generic trooper.*

When a dying comrade grabs him on the battlefield, he's left with a **red handprint smeared across the right side of his helmet**. That mark is the whole story of his defection in one image.

- ▶ Build the standard First Order stormtrooper armour (a major print-and-sand project — see the Trooper guide for scope).
- ▶ Add the handprint with a dull red weathering wash or acrylic — a dragged, fingers-splayed smear, never glossy 'blood'.
- ▶ Practise the drag on scrap first; you get one clean shot on the helmet.

SCOPE WARNING

Trooper-armour Finn is weeks of work and a much bigger budget than the jacket. If it's your first build, do the jacket first — the handprint waits.



GAME DAY

Jacket weathered, henley layered, saber clipped — go be the trooper who chose better.

The Final pass

- ▶ Trim the hair short and matte — no product shine.
- ▶ Check jacket colour and collar against **Rebel Legion** Finn reference photos; they're the good-guy costuming club and their standards are your free accuracy checklist.
- ▶ Pack a stain pen and safety pins — leather scuffs, seams snag.
- ▶ Walk the house for an hour first; comfortable boots make or break a con day.

STAY IN CHARACTER

Finn is brave, loyal, a little in over his head, and completely genuine. When someone asks who you are, grin and give them the line: 'That's not what I'm about.' The jacket does the rest.

● ● MORE GAME DAY LINES

- ▶ “I'm not Resistance. I'm not a hero. I'm a stormtrooper.” — *quiet, honest — the confession moment*
- ▶ “We'll figure it out. We'll use the Force!” — *big confident grin, absolutely winging it*
- ▶ “Stay calm. Stay calm.” — *then answer yourself: 'I am calm.' — 'I was talking to myself.'*

😄 FOR LAUGHS — KID EDITION

- ▶ I used to work for the First Order. Now I work for recess.
- ▶ FN-2187 reporting for snack duty!
- ▶ Stay calm, stay calm. ...I was talking to my homework.



SABER CRAFT

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

STYLE · UNTRAINED

No form — a First Order soldier's melee-baton training poured into a weapon he'd never held before. Big committed two-handed swings, guts over technique; reads closest to raw Form I Shii-Cho fundamentals, the wide sweeping basics every duelist starts from. No form at all is the point — a stormtrooper's courage swinging a hero's borrowed weapon and refusing to run.

BLADE

● Blue — borrowed Skywalker saber

WIELD

single borrowed

Drill it

Baton basics: one big two-handed block held high, one step back, reset to guard — ten slow reps. Keep the blade between you and the target instead of winding up wide.

△ 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.

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.

- **Skywalker saber hilt** — Optional if buying a hilt instead of printing.
- **Saber belt clip / D-ring** — Hangs the hilt at the hip, hands free.
- **FN-2187 helmet (trooper option only)** — Skip entirely for the jacket build.

BUY THESE

Order all at once — shipping is the bottleneck.

- **Tan/brown leather jacket** — Poe's jacket — the whole build. Buy worn, or distress it.
- **Grey-blue henley** — Faded slate, waffle texture, sleeves pushed up.
- **Dark trousers + belt** — Charcoal/brown, tapered, simple leather belt.
- **Worn brown/black boots** — Scuffed, laced, comfortable for all-day.
- **Blue lightsaber** — Skywalker hilt, blue blade — grabbed, not owned.
- **Shoe polish + fine sandpaper** — For weathering the jacket and boots.
- **Fingerless gloves (optional)** — Scuffed brown — only if your reference has them.
- **Red weathering paint (trooper option)** — For the bloody handprint on the helmet.

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.

Finn / FN-2187 costume reference

Etsy / eBay

► [etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com)

Skywalker blue lightsaber hilt STL

Thingiverse

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

FN-2187 stormtrooper helmet 3D model (trooper option)

Cults3D

► [cults3d.com](https://www.cults3d.com)

Rebel Legion Resistance standards

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.



QUICK JUMP

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MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

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