

CODENAME

OPERATION GRIEVOUS

◆ Week by Week ◆

- ▶ EDITION FREE TO SHARE · WEEK BY WEEK
- ▶ SUBJECT Print + robes + 2-4 sabers
- ▶ SCHEDULE 6 weeks plan
- ▶ BUILD TIME 30-60 hrs
- ▶ FORMAT Do this, then that

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

6 WEEKS WEEK BY WEEK

The Separatist general, the lightsaber collector, the cyborg warrior.
A challenging build with a printed head and a hint of extra arms.

Steady wins. May the Force be with you.



6 WEEKS TO GRIEVOUS

Weeks 6-5	Plan + order filament, cloak, two sabers, LED eyes	.
Weeks 4-3	Print head + ribcage + paint bone-grey	.
Week 2	Build the extra-arms rig + foam shoulders + hip plates	.
Week 1.5	Talon toe caps + LED eyes + weather everything	.
Week 1	Dress rehearsal + 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

*Three ways to field the Separatist general — from a wheezing hallway costume to a four-armed, saber-collecting cyborg. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €100-160

Casual

Reads as Grievous at 5m under low light — a foam-and-fabric skull mask over a tattered cloak with two sabers on the belt. Skip the printed head, the ribcage cavity, and the extra arms; lean on the cape and bone-white face to sell the silhouette.

EFFORT · ~25 hrs

MID · €180-260

Convention

Reads as Grievous at conversation distance — most builders land here with a printed and painted skull, a shoulder frame, and a visible ribcage plate over the heart sac. Run a real belt with saber clips and 2 sabers; the cloak hides the absence of working lower arms.

EFFORT · ~45 hrs

501ST · €300+

Approved

Reads as Grievous under inspection — 501st-approval demands the full four-arm rig with articulated or split lower limbs, a screen-correct skull with weathered eye detail, hip plates, and a pulsing heart sac behind the ribcage. Carry all 4 collected sabers on the belt; gait and hunch sell the cyborg.

EFFORT · ~60 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **30–60 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 LATE Simplify next: Heart Sac, Hip Plates, Reference & Fit, Foot Talons — 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.



PLAN + ORDER FILAMENT, CLOAK, TWO SABERS, LED EYES

WEEKS 6-5

Plan + order filament, cloak, two sabers, LED eyes.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

HIGHBelt + Saber Clips — ⌚ 2h · €18

Print clips that mount real-size hilts.

CRITICALTattered Cloak — ⌚ 3h · €40

Hood up for the entrance is iconic.

CRITICALStolen Sabers — ⌚ 4h · €90

Two real sabers + two glued-in dummies on the extra arms is perfect.

PROGRESS · PHASE 1 OF 5 · 20% THROUGH THE PLAN



PRINT HEAD + RIBCAGE + PAINT BONE-GREY

WEEKS 4 - 3

Print head + ribcage + paint bone-grey.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL Ribcage Plate — ⌚ 8h · €30

Vacuum-formed plastic or layered foam, weathered dark grey + gold.

PROGRESS · PHASE 2 OF 5 · 40% THROUGH THE PLAN



BUILD THE EXTRA-ARMS RIG + FOAM SHOULDERS + HIP PLATES

WEEK 2

Build the extra-arms rig + foam shoulders + hip plates.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

HIGHShoulder Frame — ⌚ 4h · €18

Foam-core + paint reads great in photos.

CRITICALRibcage Plate — ⌚ 8h · €30

Vacuum-formed plastic or layered foam, weathered dark grey + gold.

MEDIUMHip Plates — ⌚ 4h · €15

Mirror one STL.

PROGRESS · PHASE 3 OF 5 · 60% THROUGH THE PLAN



TALON TOE CAPS + LED EYES + WEATHER EVERYTHING

WEEK 1.5

Talon toe caps + LED eyes + weather everything.

PROGRESS · PHASE 4 OF 5 · 80% THROUGH THE PLAN



DRESS REHEARSAL + GAME DAY

WEEK 1

Dress rehearsal + game day.



PROGRESS · PHASE 5 OF 5 · 100% THROUGH THE PLAN



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"General Kenobi. You are a bold one."

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