

CODENAME

OPERATION HERA

♦ Build Manual ♦

▶ EDITION	PUBLIC RELEASE · FREE TO SHARE
▶ SUBJECT	Cloth + makeup + lekku
▶ BUDGET	€70-220
▶ BUILD TIME	10-20 hrs
▶ TIMELINE	4 weeks

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

FROM ZERO TO HERA

Hera Syndulla – the Twi'lek rebel pilot, Captain of the Ghost. Light green skin, gold/tan flight suit, twin head-tails (lekku) with the iconic off-white pilot cap and goggles.

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 Headpiece.

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 Headpiece today. Everything else waits until its week.



PICK YOUR BAR

*Three ways to fly the Ghost — from a green-painted first try to a Rebel Legion flight deck piece. 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 Hera at 5m: a tan jumpsuit, a soft pilot cap, and green face paint sell the silhouette. Skip the sculpted lekku for a simple stuffed-fabric pair, use a generic utility belt, and let drugstore green makeup carry the rest.

EFFORT · ~10 hrs

MID · €120-180

Convention

Reads as Hera at conversation distance, where most builders land: a fitted gold/tan flight suit, foam-cored lekku with proper striping, and blended alcohol-based green makeup that won't rub off. Add the goggles, a real holster, and a couple of pouches.

EFFORT · ~16 hrs

REBEL LEGION · €220+

Approved

Reads as Hera under inspection: silicone or weighted latex lekku with screen-matched lekku-pattern, a tailored suit in the correct weave, and airbrushed multi-tone Twi'lek skin from face to collar. Rebel Legion approval demands accurate belt hardware, cap shape, and goggle lensing.

EFFORT · ~26 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **10–20 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: No Armour, Pouches, No Cape. Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: 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 4 ☐ Plan + order flight suit, green skin paint, lekku materials

Week 3 ☐ Build the lekku + flight-cap headpiece

Week 2 ☐ Practice the green skin + makeup

Week 1 ☐ Dress rehearsal + game day



MISSION BRIEF

*This builds **Hera Syndulla** — the Twi'lek rebel pilot, captain of the Ghost.*

Green skin + gold/tan flight suit + the flight-cap + lekku rig.



THE HEADPIECE

Flight cap on top, lekku coming out the back.

The cap is a beanie-shape; the lekku attach inside the back hem and drape forward over the shoulders.

The Goggles

The single most recognisable Hera detail: aviator-style flight goggles with orange/amber lenses, worn pushed up on the forehead between the lekku, over the fitted flight cap. This is the detail that says 'Hera' before anything else — don't skip or hide them.



THE GREEN SKIN

Sage / olive green.

Hera's green is darker than typical alien-green — closer to olive. Patch test.

Match the Lekku

Paint the face, neck, and hands, and match the lekku colour exactly — then add her subtle darker markings with a fine brush. Build the lekku light and anchored, or your neck will tire by mid-event.



THE FLIGHT SUIT

Gold/tan, Rebel-pilot style.

Standard rebel pilot suits work; Hera's is gold/tan, not the bright orange of Luke's X-wing suit.



THE GEAR

Belt + holster + pilot boots.

Practical pilot kit — not flashy.



BUILDER TIPS

- ▶ Cap + lekku as one unit.
- ▶ Olive-green skin.
- ▶ Gold/tan jumpsuit.
- ▶ We have hope.

Play the Captain

Calm, capable, in command — Hera keeps her head when everyone else loses theirs. Warm but firm: she's the crew's anchor. Goggles up, confident pilot's stance. She belongs in the Rebel Legion (the heroes' club) and pairs beautifully with a whole Ghost crew.



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

- ▶ “If all you do is fight for your own life, then your life is worth nothing.” — *calm captain voice*
— *steady, no shouting*
- ▶ “Once a rebel, always a rebel.” — *quick and proud, with a small grin*
- ▶ “It doesn't matter where we come from, Admiral. Our will to be free is what's going to beat you.” — *her big line to Thrawn* — *level stare, zero fear*

😊 FOR LAUGHS — KID EDITION

- ▶ I've flown through asteroid fields calmer than this cafeteria.
- ▶ This is your captain speaking: recess is now extended. Spectres, move out!
- ▶ Chopper tidied his room faster than this — and Chopper never listens.

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.

- **Blaster (optional)** — Or buy a Rebel-pilot style.

BUY THESE

Order all at once — shipping is the bottleneck.

- **Gold/tan Rebel-pilot flight suit** — One-piece, bright.
- **Olive-green skin paint** — Set with powder.
- **Flight cap (off-white)** — Beanie base.
- **Lekku materials** — Foam tubes + green fabric, inside cap.
- **Tall brown pilot boots** — Knee-high.
- **Brown pilot gloves** — Both hands.
- **Tactical belt + holster** — Left hip.

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.

Rebel pilot blaster STL

Thingiverse

[► thingiverse.com](https://www.thingiverse.com/thing/3114444)

Twii'lek lekku tutorial

YouTube

[► youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1333333333)

Full Hera costume

Etsy

[► etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/listing/123456789)

Rebel Legion

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.



QUICK JUMP

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

"We have hope; hope that things can get better. And they will."

— ALWAYS —

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