

CODENAME

OPERATION LEIA

◆ Week by Week ◆

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| ▶ EDITION | FREE TO SHARE · WEEK BY WEEK |
| ▶ SUBJECT | Cloth + buns |
| ▶ SCHEDULE | 4 weeks plan |
| ▶ BUILD TIME | 10-20 hrs |
| ▶ FORMAT | Do this, then that |

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

4 WEEKS WEEK BY WEEK

The Princess, three looks: the classic A New Hope white gown, the Hoth snowsuit, and the Endor camo poncho. The two side buns are the icon.

Steady wins. May the Force be with you.



4 WEEKS TO LEIA

Week 4	Plan + order gown/vest, belt, boots, wig (if needed)	.
Week 3	Fit + hem; sew the disc belt; practice the bun style	.
Week 2	Add the era extras (Hoth vest or Endor poncho)	.
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

*Same Princess, three passes — from a thrown-together gown to a screen-matched icon. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €55-90

Casual

Reads as Leia at 5m on the dance floor — a simple white maxi dress or robe, hair in two store-bought bun clips, skip the belt detail entirely. Good enough for a party photo; nobody clocks the seams.

EFFORT · ~8 hrs

MID · €110-150

Convention

Reads as Leia at conversation distance — a properly cut hooded white gown, your own hair braided over a bun form, and a chained silver disc belt that catches the light. Where most builders land for a con floor.

EFFORT · ~14 hrs

REBEL LEGION · €170-200+

Approved

Reads as Leia under inspection — correct collarless cowl-neck cut, hidden side closure, the exact cast metal disc belt, and buns sized and pinned to reference. Screen-accuracy means the gown drapes right and the hair is all yours, no shortcuts.

EFFORT · ~20 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, No Codpiece, No Gloves. Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Hoth Vest / Endor Poncho, Reference & Fit, Trousers / Skirt — 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 GOWN/VEST, BELT, BOOTS, WIG (IF NEEDED)

WEEK 4

Plan + order gown/vest, belt, boots, wig (if needed).

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL White Gown / Vest — ⌚ 3h · €55

Match the era. ANH white is the iconic one.

HIGH Silver Disc Belt — ⌚ 1h · €25

A printable replica buckle is the screen-accurate detail.

MEDIUM Hoth Vest / Endor Poncho — ⌚ 2h · €35

Swap by era.

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



FIT + HEM; SEW THE DISC BELT; PRACTICE THE BUN STYLE

WEEK 3

Fit + hem; sew the disc belt; practice the bun style.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

HIGHSilver Disc Belt — ⌚ 1h · €25

A printable replica buckle is the screen-accurate detail.

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



ADD THE ERA EXTRAS (HOTH VEST OR ENDOR PONCHO)

WEEK 2

Add the era extras (Hoth vest or Endor poncho).

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL White Gown / Vest — ⌚ 3h · €55

Match the era. ANH white is the iconic one.

MEDIUM Hoth Vest / Endor Poncho — ⌚ 2h · €35

Swap by era.

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



DRESS REHEARSAL + GAME DAY

WEEK 1

Dress rehearsal + game day.

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



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"Help me, Obi-Wan Kenobi. You're my only hope."

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