

CODENAME

OPERATION LUKE

♦ Build Manual ♦

- ▶ EDITION PUBLIC RELEASE · FREE TO SHARE
- ▶ SUBJECT Cloth + saber
- ▶ BUDGET €60-150
- ▶ BUILD TIME 10-20 hrs
- ▶ TIMELINE 4 weeks

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

FROM ZERO TO LUKE

The black Jedi, two looks: Return of the Jedi & the Book of Boba Fett. The easiest build in the series – mostly cloth and a green blade.

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 + 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 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 + Pick Your Look today. Everything else waits until its week.



PICK YOUR BAR

*Same black Jedi, three finish levels — from a thrown-together Halloween fit to a Rebel Legion-approved lifetime 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 · €60-90

Casual

Reads as Luke at 5m and across a crowded party. Plain black trousers and a black long-sleeve top, a cheap belt, and any green-blade toy saber — skip the tabards, the separate inner tunic, and the robe entirely.

EFFORT · ~8 hrs

MID · €90-130

Convention

Reads as Luke at conversation distance, where most builders land. Proper layered black tunic with the front-closing outer wrap, a real leather belt, styled feathered hair, and an in-hilt LED saber — the robe stays optional.

EFFORT · ~14 hrs

REBEL LEGION · €130-200+

Approved

Reads as Luke under inspection and passes Rebel Legion costume judging. Correctly cut and weighted tunic layers in matte (not shiny) black, accurate belt hardware, screen-matched hair, and a metal-hilt saber with the right green blade tone.

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: Hair, No Armour, Robe (optional). Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Obi / Sash, Reference & Fit, Trousers, Black Glove — 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.

Weeks 4–3 ☐ Plan + order tunic, robe, saber

Week 2 ☐ Fit & hem; black-outside/white-inside check

Week 1.5 ☐ Set saber to green; glove on right hand

Week 1 ☐ Dress rehearsal + game day



MISSION BRIEF

*This builds **Luke Skywalker** two ways — ROTJ black Jedi and the Book of Boba Fett look.
The easiest build in the series.*

All cloth, a green blade, one glove. No printing needed.



PICK YOUR LOOK

- ▶ **Return of the Jedi** — black tunic with a pale lining, green saber.
- ▶ **Book of Boba Fett** — looser dark Jedi robes.

Same green blade for both.



THE TUNIC

Black outside, white inside.

The ROTJ tunic crosses over and opens to show a cream layer — that's the detail fans look for.

The Secret Detail

The film used the white lining on purpose — to make you wonder if Luke would turn to the dark side. For the reveal, wear a thin white shirt or collar under the black tunic, or line the robe's edge with white fabric. Cheap to do, and it's the detail that makes people say "you really know Luke."



THE LIGHTSABER

Luke's blade is **green**.

EASY ANSWER

Buy a green saber, or set one you own to green and lock it.

Approval Note · Rebel Legion

Luke is a hero, so he belongs in the **Rebel Legion** (the good-guys' costuming club), not the 501st. For approval: green blade, mostly-black ridged hilt with silver ends. A hilt-only static prop is fine. Green = Jedi Knight Luke; don't use red — that's the dark side.



BUILD SEQUENCE

- ▶ Order tunic, robe, saber, boots.
- ▶ Fit & hem; layer it.
- ▶ Glove on the right hand; saber green.



BUILDER TIPS

- ▶ Black-outside/white-inside is the key detail.
- ▶ Green, not blue.
- ▶ One glove, right hand.

May the Force be with you.

Two More Tips

- ▶ **Matte, not shiny.** Shiny black reads as "cheap costume" — a light dusting of fabric-safe matte spray (or just washing it) knocks the shine down so it looks like real cloth.
- ▶ **Why the glove?** Like his father, Luke has a mechanical right hand — Vader cut his off. Going all-out? Paint a cheap glove silver underneath for the ROTJ torn-glove robot-fingers reveal.



SABER CRAFT

The blade is half the costume — fight like the character. **Shien / Djem So**, wielded single.

FORM V · SHIEN / DJEM SO — “The Way of the Krayt Dragon”

Power counters — take the strike on your blade, then send it back harder. Luke fights his father's form with a farm boy's patience: solid blocks, sudden strong answers, and the discipline to stop before the killing blow. He inherited Form V from the Skywalker line and proved in the Emperor's throne room that its power doesn't have to become anger.

BLADE



Green — self-built RotJ hilt — his first blue blade was lost at Bespin

WIELD

single

Drill it

Block-and-answer: practise a two-count rhythm — catch an imaginary overhead cut on your blade, then step in with one strong diagonal counter; ten slow reps each side.

△ 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.



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

- ▶ “I’m Luke Skywalker. I’m here to rescue you.” — *burst through a door for full effect*
- ▶ “But I was going into Tosche Station to pick up some power converters!” — *maximum whine — it's the law*
- ▶ “That's not true! That's impossible!” — *stagger back like the floor just dropped*
- ▶ “The Force is strong in my family.” — *quiet and serious, gaze into the distance*

😄 FOR LAUGHS — KID EDITION

- ▶ But I was going into Tosche Station to pick up some snacks!
- ▶ I used to bullseye womp rats back home. Dodgeball doesn't scare me.
- ▶ The Force is strong in my family. The Wi-Fi is not.

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.

- **Saber hilt (optional)** — Or buy a green neopixel saber.

BUY THESE

Order all at once — shipping is the bottleneck.

- **Black outer tunic** — Crosses over, pale lining.
- **Cream inner tunic** — Shows at the opening.
- **Obi / sash + belt** — Holds it closed.
- **Black trousers + tall boots** — Plain black.
- **Black glove (1)** — Right hand only.
- **Green lightsaber** — Set to green.
- **Dark robe (optional)** — For the Book of Boba Fett look.

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.

Luke ROTJ saber STL

Thingiverse

[► thingiverse.com](https://www.thingiverse.com/thing/2345678)

Full Luke ROTJ costume

AliExpress / eBay

[► ebay.com](https://www.ebay.com/itm/1234567890)

Rebel Legion standards

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.



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

"I am a Jedi, like my father before me."

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