

CODENAME

OPERATION MACE

♦ Build Manual ♦

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| ▶ EDITION | PUBLIC RELEASE · FREE TO SHARE |
| ▶ SUBJECT | Dark robes + purple saber |
| ▶ BUDGET | €70-260+ |
| ▶ BUILD TIME | 10-25 hrs |
| ▶ TIMELINE | 4 weeks |

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

FROM ZERO TO MACE

The senior Jedi on the High Council, built the way it should be: layered charcoal and dark-brown robes, a heavy hooded outer robe, a calm bald head – and the one purple blade in the whole galaxy. Beginner-friendly soft goods, but the colour of that saber is everything.

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 + Read the Character.

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 + Read the Character today. Everything else waits until its week.



PICK YOUR BAR

*One purple blade, one bald head — here's how far you take the Jedi who sat at the head of the Council. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €70-120

Casual

Reads as Mace Windu at 5m: dark layered tunics, a leather belt, a bald head and a purple blade sell it from across the hall. Run a cheap purple-capable saber, use a powdered bald cap, and keep every fabric matte and dark.

EFFORT · ~10 hrs

MID · €120-200

Convention

Reads as Mace Windu at conversation distance: this is where most builders land — properly cut wool-blend tunic, tabards and obi in the right charcoal/brown, a real tooled-leather belt, and a heavy hooded robe with weight. A mid-tier hilt set to a true violet on a quick-draw clip seals the Jedi Master silhouette.

EFFORT · ~17 hrs

REBEL LEGION · €260+

Approved

Reads as Mace Windu under inspection: screen-accuracy means correct fabric weights and dark colours, hand-finished tabards and hooded robe, and an accurate machined hilt with a screen-matched purple blade. This is the lifetime piece a costuming club will stamp.

EFFORT · ~25 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **10–25 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: Hands (Bare). Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Trousers, Brown Leather Boots — 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 ☐ Lock the purple saber first — buy or start the hilt. Order/gather dark robes, tabards, belt, boots

Week 3 ☐ First fit: layer inner tunic, outer tunic and tabards. Confirm everything reads DARK, not tan

Week 2 ☐ Hem the hooded robe off the floor. Fit the obi + leather belt and mount the saber clip

Week 1 ☐ Bald head/cap test, dial the saber to the right purple, full dress rehearsal, then game day



MISSION BRIEF

*This builds **Mace Windu** — Jedi Master, senior member of the High Council, and the calmest, most dangerous man in the room.*

It's a soft-goods (cloth) build, friendly for a first-timer but with room to go deep. Two jobs stand above everything else: run your robes **darker** than a normal Jedi, and carry the one **purple** blade in the galaxy.

■ WHY THIS ONE IS EASIER THAN IT LOOKS

No armour, no makeup, no mask — it's layers of dark cloth plus a saber. If you can dress in order and hem a robe, you can build Mace.



READ THE CHARACTER

Mace isn't loud. He's still, upright, and completely in control.

Everyone else in Jedi robes is playing a warrior. Mace plays the person the warriors listen to. That comes through in three things:

- ▶ **Posture** — stand straight, shoulders level, chin steady. No slouching.
- ▶ **Stillness** — small, deliberate movements. He doesn't fidget.
- ▶ **The stare** — a calm, level look, not a scowl.

Get the bearing right and people will call you Mace before they even clock the saber.



DARK ROBES & TABARDS

Same Jedi silhouette as everyone else — but Mace runs dark.

Build it in layers: dark inner tunic, a crossed-over outer tunic, two long tabards down the chest, an obi sash, then a wide leather belt over the top. Finish with the heavy hooded robe.

■ DARK, NOT TAN

This is the mistake that makes a Mace look like a generic Jedi: going too light. Use charcoal, near-black, and dark chocolate brown. If it looks like sand or cream, it's wrong.

Keep every fabric **matte** — linen-look or wool-blend. Shine is the enemy.



THE PURPLE LIGHTSABER

This is the whole costume in one prop.

Mace's is the only purple blade in the films — a silver, ridged-grip hilt with a deep violet blade. You have three routes:

- ▶ **Easiest** — buy an RGB or neopixel saber and set it to purple.
- ▶ **Middle** — buy a fixed purple-blade saber.
- ▶ **Builder** — print or assemble a hilt and fit a purple blade.

TEST THE PURPLE ON CAMERA

Some 'purple' LEDs photograph pink or bordering-blue under hall lighting. Take a phone photo in a dim room before the con and confirm it still reads as a rich violet.



HEAD & BEARING

Bald head, clean face, calm eyes.

Shave your head if you can, or use a bald cap blended at the edges and powdered matte so it never shines. No beard, no wig, no gloves — Mace is deliberately plain so the robes and the blade carry the look.

LESS IS MORE

Every extra accessory you add pulls you away from accurate. Bare hands, still face, one purple saber. That restraint IS the character.



FIT, LAYER & HEM

A Jedi build lives or dies on the drape.

Layer in the right order every time: trousers and boots, inner tunic, outer tunic, tabards, obi, leather belt, then the hooded robe last. Pin the tabards to the obi so they stay straight when you move.

- ▶ Hem the outer robe to just **above the floor** — a dragging robe gets stepped on and looks messy.
- ▶ Clip the saber to the belt so it detaches fast for photos.
- ▶ Iron out every fold before you leave the house.



GAME DAY

You're the Jedi the Council sends when it's serious.

Dress in order, check the robe hangs even, and let the saber hang at your hip until it's needed. Then stand tall, keep the face calm, and own the room.

SIGNATURE MOVE

Ignite the purple blade, hold a steady level stare, and deliver the line. That's the whole character in three seconds.

This party's over.

● ● MORE GAME DAY LINES

- ▶ “I sense a plot to destroy the Jedi.” — *grave and low — this is Council-chamber serious*
- ▶ “He's too dangerous to be left alive!” — *sharp and urgent, saber-point energy*
- ▶ “Take a seat, young Skywalker.” — *calm, final — no room for argument*

😄 FOR LAUGHS — KID EDITION

- ▶ This recess... is over.
- ▶ I sense a plot to destroy my snack. It was you.
- ▶ You have been granted a seat at this lunch table, but we do not grant you the rank of sandwich-sharer.



SABER CRAFT

The blade is half the costume — fight like the character. *Juyo/Vaapad*, wielded single.

FORM VII · JUYO/VAAPAD — “The Way of the Vornskr”

The most dangerous form in the catalogue — a controlled storm that accepts the opponent's fury and feeds it straight back. Blindingly fast, tight arcs, total inner calm; the moment the calm slips, the form owns you instead. Vaapad exists because Mace built it — the only master disciplined enough to channel dark-side momentum without falling in.

BLADE	● Purple — the only purple blade in the films
WIELD	single

Drill it

Shadow-drill accelerating figure-eights that never leave a hoop-sized guard in front of your chest: start slow, build speed each pass, and stop the instant your control (or your temper) wobbles.

▲ 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.

- **Saber hilt (optional)** — Or buy a purple-capable saber instead.
- **Saber clip / D-ring** — Prints or buys; mounts on the belt.

BUY THESE

Order all at once — shipping is the bottleneck.

- **Inner + outer tunic** — Dark charcoal / dark brown, matte.
- **Tabards** — Two long front-and-back straps.
- **Obi sash + wide leather belt** — Cloth wrap under a brown belt.
- **Dark trousers** — Brown, tuck into boots.
- **Heavy hooded robe** — Dark brown, hemmed off the floor.
- **Brown leather boots** — Plain, no logos.
- **Bald cap (if needed)** — Blend + powder matte.
- **Purple lightsaber** — Set / build the blade PURPLE.

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.

Mace Windu saber hilt STL

Cults3D

► cults3d.com

Jedi robes & tabards (full costume)

Etsy

► etsy.com

Rebel Legion Jedi 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

"This party's over."

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