

CODENAME

OPERATION MANDO

◆ Week by Week ◆

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| ▶ EDITION | FREE TO SHARE · WEEK BY WEEK |
| ▶ SUBJECT | Armour + helmet |
| ▶ SCHEDULE | 8 weeks plan |
| ▶ BUILD TIME | 50-100 hrs |
| ▶ FORMAT | Do this, then that |

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

8 WEEKS WEEK BY WEEK

Din Djarin, two looks: early mixed-metal armour & full shiny beskar.
The T-visor helmet is the heart of the build.

Steady wins. May the Force be with you.



8 WEEKS TO MANDO

Weeks 8-7	Plan + order filament & flak vest	.
Weeks 6-5	Print + finish the helmet	.
Weeks 4-3	Chest, pauldrons, vambraces	.
Week 2	Legs, belt, cape	.
Week 1	Weather, 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 walk the Way — from a flat-grey first helmet to mirror-polished beskar. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €120-220

Casual

Reads as the Mandalorian at 5m: nail the T-visor silhouette and the flak vest, run EVA-foam armour rattle-canned silver, and skip the cape, pouches, and the early mixed-metal weathering. A smooth dome and the visor shape sell it across a crowded room.

EFFORT · ~30 hrs

MID · €280-500

Convention

Reads as the Mandalorian at conversation distance: most builders land here with a vac-formed or printed helmet, proper plate count, leather-look belt with sculpted pouches, and a half-cape. Commit to ONE era — clean shiny beskar is more forgiving than chasing the early mismatched panels.

EFFORT · ~65 hrs

MANDO MERCS · €600+

Approved

Reads as Din Djarin under inspection: Mandalorian Mercs Costume Club spec means a metal or flawless-finish helmet with correct visor curvature, every plate to-scale and gap-perfect, and era-accurate hardware down to the cod and thigh fasteners. Mirror-polish the beskar or hand-weather the mixed-metal panels — no shortcuts on the helmet.

EFFORT · ~100 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **50–100 hrs** of hands-on work across **8 weeks**. Life happens — so decide right now what gets cut when the clock wins. Finished beats perfect.*

BEHIND LATESimplify next: Cape / Half-Cape, Reference & Fit, Boots, Blaster / Rifle — buy instead of make, or borrow.

EMERGENCYEvery printed part has a buy option. Switching one part to bought can save a whole week.

ALWAYSThe 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 & FLAK VEST

WEEKS 8-7

Plan + order filament & flak vest.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

HIGHFlak Vest — ⌚ 2h · €30

Brown/tan vest under the plates.

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



PRINT + FINISH THE HELMET

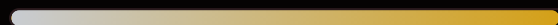
WEEKS 6-5

Print + finish the helmet.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL-T-Visor Helmet — ⌚ 10h · €30

Start here — the helmet IS Mando.



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



CHEST, PAULDRONS, VAMBRACES

WEEKS 4-3

Chest, pauldrons, vambraces.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

HIGHPauldrons — ⌚ 5h · €15

Paint the mudhorn signet on one.

CRITICALChest Plates — ⌚ 8h · €30

Early look = mismatched metals; beskar = all shiny silver.

HIGHGloves + Vambraces — ⌚ 5h · €18

Left vambrace = whistling-birds launcher; both vambraces carry the flamethrower/whipcord — add a flamethrower nozzle detail.

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



LEGS, BELT, CAPE

WEEK 2

Legs, belt, cape.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

HIGHBelt + Pouches — ⌚ 3h · €22

Leather belt + printed buckle.

MEDIUMCape / Half-Cape — ⌚ 2h · €25

Weather it to match the armour.

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



WEATHER, DRESS REHEARSAL, GAME DAY

WEEK 1

Weather, dress rehearsal, game day.



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



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"This is the Way."

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