

CODENAME

OPERATION NIHILUS

♦ Week by Week ♦

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| ▶ EDITION | FREE TO SHARE · WEEK BY WEEK |
| ▶ SUBJECT | Death mask + tattered robes |
| ▶ SCHEDULE | 5 weeks plan |
| ▶ BUILD TIME | 20-40 hrs |
| ▶ FORMAT | Do this, then that |

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

5 WEEKS WEEK BY WEEK

Darth Nihilus – the Lord of Hunger from Knights of the Old Republic II. The white death mask, the tattered black robes, the red lightsaber. One of the most distinctive Sith looks in any era.

Steady wins. May the Force be with you.



5 WEEKS TO NIHILUS

Week 1	Plan + order fabric (tatter quality), mask filament, red saber	.
Week 2	Print + finish the mask – bone-white, runes, brown wash	.
Week 3	Sew the tattered cloak + layered tunic	.
Week 4	Test wear; tatter where it falls; refine hood placement	.
Week 5	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

*One mask, three deaths — pick how loud the Lord of Hunger screams. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €80-130

Casual

Reads as Nihilus at 5m: a craft-foam or resin-cast white mask, hood up, and any pile of layered black thrift robes does the silhouette. Skip custom dye, the inner tunic detail, and edge-distressing — the void-face mask under shadow carries the whole read.

EFFORT · ~20 hrs

MID · €130-200

Convention

Reads as Nihilus at conversation distance: most builders land here with a clean cast mask, painted bone-cracks and red striations, and properly layered tattered robes — frayed hems, a real sash, and torn shoulder wraps that move. A flicker-LED red saber seals it on the hall floor.

EFFORT · ~30 hrs

SCREEN-ACCURATE · €200+

Approved

Reads as Nihilus under inspection: a screen-faithful mask with crisp incised glyphs, subtle gloss-and-matte paint, and a hollow void behind the eyes. Robes are custom-cut in graded blacks with hand-shredded, individually-sealed tatters, weighted hems for drift, and a hidden harness — the lifetime KOTOR II piece (no costuming club governs Old Republic, so accuracy is your only judge).

EFFORT · ~40 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **20–40 hrs** of hands-on work across **5 weeks**. Life happens — so decide right now what gets cut when the clock wins. Finished beats perfect.*

BEHIND EARLY Drop first: No Armour. Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Belt / Sash, Lower Robes, Reference & Fit, Trousers — 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 FABRIC (TATTER QUALITY), MASK FILAMENT, RED SABER

WEEK 1

Plan + order fabric (tatter quality), mask filament, red saber.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICALDeath Mask — ⌚ 10h · €35

Print, sand glass-smooth, prime, paint bone-white, then a light brown wash to age it. Mask the silver forehead bar, then add the two red eye-stripes last in thin red, tapering upward.

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



PRINT + FINISH THE MASK — BONE-WHITE, RUNES, BROWN WASH

WEEK 2

Print + finish the mask — bone-white, runes, brown wash.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICALDeath Mask — ⌚ 10h · €35

Print, sand glass-smooth, prime, paint bone-white, then a light brown wash to age it. Mask the silver forehead bar, then add the two red eye-stripes last in thin red, tapering upward.

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



SEW THE TATTERED CLOAK + LAYERED TUNIC

WEEK 3

Sew the tattered cloak + layered tunic.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL Inner Layered Tunic — ⌚ 3h · €40

Tatter the over-layer with scissors after wearing it; uneven cuts read as 'ancient'.

CRITICAL Tattered Hooded Cloak — ⌚ 3h · €45

Hood up is the iconic image; eyes hidden, only the mask shows.

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



TEST WEAR; TATTER WHERE IT FALLS; REFINE HOOD PLACEMENT

WEEK 4

Test wear; tatter where it falls; refine hood placement.

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



DRESS REHEARSAL + GAME DAY

WEEK 5

Dress rehearsal + game day.

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



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"(speaks no words – only hunger)"

— ALWAYS —

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