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OPERATION PADMÉ

♦ Build Manual ♦

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| ▶ EDITION | PUBLIC RELEASE · FREE TO SHARE |
| ▶ SUBJECT | Cloth + headdress + makeup |
| ▶ BUDGET | €120-400 |
| ▶ BUILD TIME | 30-60 hrs |
| ▶ TIMELINE | 6 weeks |

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

FROM ZERO TO PADMÉ

Padmé Amidala – Queen of Naboo, Senator, the woman behind the masks.
Three looks: the red Queen throne gown, the white Geonosis battle
outfit, and the senate robes.

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 royal silhouette, three budgets — from a costume-rental gown to a hand-sewn throne 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 · €120-180

Casual

Reads as Padmé at 5m if you pick the simplest look — go senate robes or the white Geonosis outfit, not the Queen throne gown. Skip the sculpted headdress and hair ornaments; a clean updo and the right silhouette carry it across a room.

EFFORT · ~14 hrs

MID · €200-300

Convention

Reads as Padmé at conversation distance — most builders land here with a properly tailored gown, a foam-and-fabric headdress, and the pale Naboo court makeup with the lower-lip stripe. The structure and the right fabric weight sell it; perfect detailing isn't needed.

EFFORT · ~38 hrs

REBEL LEGION · €400+

Approved

Reads as Padmé under inspection — the red Queen throne gown built to screen reference: layered silks, the gold hairpiece medallions, the orbital-light headdress, and exact face paint with the beauty marks. This is the lifetime piece judged seam by seam.

EFFORT · ~60 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **30–60 hrs** of hands-on work across **6 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: Belt / Sash, Sleeves / Sash, 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.



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 6–5 ☐ Pick a look + order fabric / pre-made base; gather makeup if Queen

Weeks 4–3 ☐ Sew or fit the gown / battle outfit

Week 2 ☐ Build the headdress (Queen) or do the braided hair (Senator/Geonosis)

Week 1.5 ☐ Practice the Queen white face paint + red lip + cheek dots

Week 1 ☐ Dress rehearsal + game day



MISSION BRIEF

*This builds **Padmé Amidala** three ways — Queen of Naboo, Geonosis arena, Senate.*

Three very different looks; pick one to start.

A Leader and a Fighter

Padmé is a queen who rules, a senator who argues, and a fighter who grabs a blaster in the Geonosis arena. Build her with that backbone — she's never just standing there looking pretty. Whatever the era, stand tall and composed: Padmé commands a room by stillness and presence, not fuss. And commit fully — a fully-realised Senator beats a half-finished Queen every time.



PICK YOUR LOOK

- ▶ **Queen (Episode I)** — red throne gown + white face paint + ornate headdress. HARD.
- ▶ **Geonosis (Episode II)** — white halter top + trousers + the torn-midriff battle look. MEDIUM.
- ▶ **Senator** — layered cream/gold robes + braided hair. EASIEST.



THE QUEEN HEADDRESS

The most distinctive prequel costume detail.

CRAFT IT

Wire frame + papier-mâché or foam + gold paint + faux gems. Tutorials exist on YouTube.

What You're Building

The wide black hairpiece with the gold side medallions and the hanging centre pendant — the most distinctive single piece in the entire prequel wardrobe. Shape the frame wide on both sides and cover it in black fabric or a styled wig. It's fiddly but hugely rewarding.



THE QUEEN MAKEUP

White base + red lower lip stripe + red cheek dots (the royal beauty marks).

Skin-safe theatrical white. Set with powder. Take your time — sharp lines matter.



THE GEONOSIS BATTLE OUTFIT

White halter top + cream trousers + tall boots + ELG-3A blaster.

The torn-midriff is intentional — cut it after wearing and moving in it.

Carry the Blaster

Padmé carries her small silver blaster into the arena — she's a fighter, not a damsel, and the prop completes the look. Check your event's prop rules before carrying any blaster.



THE SENATOR ROBES

Layered cream/gold with braided hair.

The easiest of the three. Beautiful but less effort than the Queen.



BUILDER TIPS

- ▶ Pick ONE look and commit — don't mix.
- ▶ Queen needs MOST effort; Senator needs LEAST.
- ▶ Queen face paint patch-tested.



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

- ▶ “Anakin, you're breaking my heart! You're going down a path I can't follow.” — *big and tearful — hand over heart*
- ▶ “I was not elected to watch my people suffer and die while you discuss this invasion in a committee!” — *queen voice — stand tall, no pauses, let it build*
- ▶ “I will not condone a course of action that will lead us to war.” — *calm and regal — chin up, every word even*

😊 FOR LAUGHS — KID EDITION

- ▶ So this is how recess dies... with thunderous applause.
- ▶ I was not elected to watch soggy fries be discussed in a committee.
- ▶ Relax — that's not me, that's my decoy. I'm already in line for snacks.

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.

- **ELG-3A blaster (Geonosis only)** — Silver Naboo pistol.

BUY THESE

Order all at once — shipping is the bottleneck.

- **Red velvet (Queen) OR white halter (Geo) OR cream robes (Senate)** — Pick one era.
- **Headdress materials (Queen)** — Wire + foam + gold paint + gems.
- **White theatrical face paint + red** — Queen only.
- **Tall white/cream boots (Geo)** — Or hidden under gown.
- **Layered base + sash** — Era-dependent.
- **Braided wig OR hair clips** — Senator/Geo.
- **Gold accent fabric** — For the senate robes.

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.

Queen Amidala headdress tutorial

YouTube search

[▶ youtube.com](#)

Padmé ELG-3A blaster STL

Thingiverse

[▶ thingiverse.com](#)

Full Padmé costume (any look)

Etsy / eBay

[▶ etsy.com](#)

Rebel Legion 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

"So this is how liberty dies... with thunderous applause."

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