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IMPERIAL ARCHIVE

BUILD CALENDAR

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CODENAME

OPERATION PALPATINE

♦ Week by Week ♦

- ▶ EDITION FREE TO SHARE · WEEK BY WEEK
- ▶ SUBJECT Cloth (the easiest build)
- ▶ SCHEDULE 3 weeks plan
- ▶ BUILD TIME 6-12 hrs
- ▶ FORMAT Do this, then that

THE CALENDAR COMPANION TO THE FIELD MANUAL

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

3 WEEKS WEEK BY WEEK

The Emperor himself – the Sith Master pulling every string. The easiest build in the line: a deep black hooded robe + makeup + Sith lightning hands.

Steady wins. May the Force be with you.



3 WEEKS TO PALPATINE

Week 3	Plan + order robe, makeup, optional saber	.
Week 2	Fit + hem; practice the hood depth in a mirror	.
Week 1.5	Practice the makeup (pale + golden Sith eyes if desired)	.
Week 1	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 robe, three Emperors — from a thrift-shop cloak to a Senate-floor tyrant. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €40-70

Casual

Reads as Palpatine at 5m under low light — a single deep-black hooded robe, gaunt eyeshadow, hands curled like he's mid-lightning. Skip the screen-accurate inner layers and weathering; the hood does ninety percent of the work.

EFFORT · ~5 hrs

MID · €80-130

Convention

Reads as Palpatine at conversation distance — most builders land here with a heavyweight layered robe in true matte black, full aged-face makeup with sunken sockets and yellowed Sith eyes, and a belt with saber clip. The wrinkle prosthetics and rotten teeth are what sell the cackle.

EFFORT · ~9 hrs

501ST · €150+

Approved

Reads as Palpatine under inspection — 501st-grade accuracy demands the correct multi-piece robe with the textured outer cloak and visible inner garment, sculpted age prosthetics blended seamlessly, and contact lenses for the milky Sith stare. Every fold and the exact off-black dye are scrutinized at handler check-in.

EFFORT · ~14 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **6–12 hrs** of hands-on work across **3 weeks**. Life happens — so decide right now what gets cut when the clock wins. Finished beats perfect.*

BEHIND EARLY Drop first: No Shoulders, No Armour, No Panel, Belt + Saber Clip. Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Reference & Fit — 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 ROBE, MAKEUP, OPTIONAL SABER

WEEK 3

Plan + order robe, makeup, optional saber.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

LOWBelt + Saber Clip — ⌚ 1h · €12

Invisible from outside.

CRITICALDeep Hooded Robe — ⌚ 4h · €45

DEEP hood that hides the face is the whole costume.

LOWRed Saber (hidden) — ⌚ 2h · €60

Force lightning effect FX is achievable with bare-wire LEDs in the sleeves.

PROGRESS · PHASE 1 OF 4 · 25% THROUGH THE PLAN



FIT + HEM; PRACTICE THE HOOD DEPTH IN A MIRROR

WEEK 2

Fit + hem; practice the hood depth in a mirror.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICALAged Face / Hood — ⌚ 2h · €15

Hood deep + face in shadow is the easiest path.

PROGRESS · PHASE 2 OF 4 · 50% THROUGH THE PLAN



PRACTICE THE MAKEUP (PALE + GOLDEN SITH EYES IF DESIRED)

WEEK 1.5

Practice the makeup (pale + golden Sith eyes if desired).

PROGRESS · PHASE 3 OF 4 · 75% THROUGH THE PLAN



DRESS REHEARSAL + GAME DAY

WEEK 1

Dress rehearsal + game day.

PROGRESS · PHASE 4 OF 4 · 100% THROUGH THE PLAN



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"Unlimited POWER!"

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