

CODENAME

OPERATION REY

♦ Build Manual ♦

▶ EDITION	PUBLIC RELEASE · FREE TO SHARE
▶ SUBJECT	Cloth + wraps
▶ BUDGET	€55-200
▶ BUILD TIME	8-18 hrs
▶ TIMELINE	4 weeks

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

FROM ZERO TO REY

Scavenger to Jedi, three looks: Force Awakens, Last Jedi & the white
Rise of Skywalker. Wraps, three buns, a staff or saber.

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 scavenger, three rungs up — from desert hand-me-downs to club-stamped Jedi. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €55-90

Scavenger

Reads as Rey at 5m on a thrifted cream tunic, leggings and a strip of jersey for arm wraps — skip the layered base, the pouches and the staff, lean on the three-bun silhouette to sell it. A trick-or-treat Jakku that costs almost nothing.

EFFORT · ~8 hrs

MID · €110-170

Convention

Reads as Rey at conversation distance with a properly wrapped multi-piece top, a real fabric belt and pouch, full arm-and-hand wraps and clean three buns. Most builders land here and add a quarterstaff or a Skywalker saber hilt.

EFFORT · ~13 hrs

REBEL LEGION · €200+

Approved

Reads as Rey under inspection — correct dyed-linen weave, hand-distressed weathering, accurate wrap layering and stitching, plus the TROS white robe and hood if you go that route. Screen-accuracy and Rebel Legion approval demand the right fabric weights and a screen-matched staff or saber.

EFFORT · ~18 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **8–18 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: No Armour, Hood / Cowl (TROS). Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Reference & Fit, Trousers + Leg Wraps, Hand Wraps — 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 4–3 ☐ Plan + order wrap top, wraps, weapon

Week 2 ☐ First fit; practice winding the wraps

Week 1.5 ☐ Three-bun hair + weapon (staff or saber)

Week 1 ☐ Dress rehearsal + game day



MISSION BRIEF

*This builds **Rey** three ways: Force Awakens scavenger, Last Jedi training, and the white Rise of Skywalker.*

A cloth-and-wraps build with the three-bun hair.



PICK YOUR LOOK

- ▶ **Scavenger (TFA)** — taupe + quarterstaff.
- ▶ **Training (TLJ)** — darker + blue saber.
- ▶ **White Jedi (TROS)** — all white + yellow saber.



THE OUTFIT & WRAPS

Layered, matte, lived-in.

WIND FIRMLY

Pin the wrap ends so they don't unravel all day.

LAYER ORDER (SKIN → OUT)

- ▶ Fitted base layer (tank / long-sleeve)
- ▶ The wrap top — crosses over and ties (taupe / dark / white)
- ▶ Arm wraps from wrist toward elbow; hand wraps
- ▶ Fabric belt with a pouch at the waist
- ▶ Baggy trousers, leg wraps near the boots
- ▶ Hood / cowl on top (TROS)



THE THREE-BUN HAIR

The one detail everyone knows.

Three stacked buns down the back; a wig if your hair's short.

| How To Do It

Part the hair into three sections down the back of the head, twist each into a small bun stacked top to bottom, and pin each with bobby pins — let a little hair fall loose for the lived-in look. In the story, she wore three buns so her long-lost parents could spot her.



STAFF & SABERS

Weapon tells the era.

Quarterstaff (TFA), blue (TLJ), or the rare yellow saber (TROS).

THE STAFF FROM A DOWEL

Rey's quarterstaff is basically a long wooden pole (about your height) wrapped with leather/cloth strips and a few "scavenged" metal bits. A hardwood dowel + wraps + small bolted greebles makes a cheap, sturdy one. Mind its length in crowds.



BUILDER TIPS

- ▶ Nail the hair.
- ▶ Wind the wraps firmly.
- ▶ White (TROS) shows dirt — pack a stain pen.

Rey. Just Rey.



SABER CRAFT

The blade is half the costume — fight like the character. **Self-taught**, wielded single.

STYLE · SELF-TAUGHT

Staff-fighter instincts with a saber in hand — she jabs, sweeps and spins like the quarterstaff never left her grip. Reads closest to Form V Djem So: hard counters and forward pressure, learned by surviving Jakku rather than studying in a temple. Years defending herself with a staff shaped every swing before she ever ignited a blade — her saber work is scavenger grit polished into Jedi discipline.

BLADE	● Blue — Anakin's blue lineage saber (TFA/TLJ) — carried, not built
BLADE	● Yellow — her own blade (TROS) — hilt built from a section of her quarterstaff
WIELD	single

Drill it

Staff-to-saber switch: run one slow quarterstaff sweep, then repeat the exact same motion one-handed with the saber — feel where the shorter weapon changes the arc, and keep 360-degree clearance for the staff half.

▲ 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.



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

- ▶ “Rey. Rey Skywalker.” — *the ending line — say it with a wink; half the fandom will cheer and the other half will gasp*
- ▶ “You will remove these restraints and leave this cell with the door open.” — *calm mind-trick voice — third try's the charm*
- ▶ “I'm no one.” — *small voice, big moment*
- ▶ “I didn't know there was this much green in the whole galaxy.” — *wide-eyed wonder, look around slowly*

😊 FOR LAUGHS — KID EDITION

- ▶ You will share those crayons. You WILL share those crayons.
- ▶ I fixed the Millennium Falcon. Your jammed pencil sharpener doesn't scare me.
- ▶ I lifted rocks with my mind. Your backpack is nothing.

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)** — Rey TROS staff-built hilt.
- **Staff greebles (optional)** — Scavenged metal bits.

BUY THESE

Order all at once — shipping is the bottleneck.

- **Wrap top** — Taupe / dark / white.
- **Arm + hand wraps** — Wound firmly, pinned.
- **Fabric belt + pouch** — Scavenger style.
- **Trousers + lace-up boots** — Baggy, brown boots.
- **Three-bun wig (optional)** — If hair is short.
- **Quarterstaff or saber** — Tells the era.

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.

Rey saber STL

Thingiverse

[► thingiverse.com](https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:3544444)

Rey staff parts STL

Printables

[► printables.com](https://www.printables.com/object/3544444)

Full Rey costume

AliExpress / eBay

[► ebay.com](https://www.ebay.com/itm/1234567890)

Rebel Legion standards

Rebel Legion

[► rebellegion.com](https://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

"The garbage will do."

— ALWAYS —

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