

CODENAME

OPERATION ROYAL GUARD

♦ Week by Week ♦

- ▶ EDITION FREE TO SHARE · WEEK BY WEEK
- ▶ SUBJECT Red robes + helmet + force pike
- ▶ SCHEDULE 6 weeks plan
- ▶ BUILD TIME 25-50 hrs
- ▶ FORMAT Do this, then that

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

6 WEEKS WEEK BY WEEK

The Emperor's Royal Guards – the silent crimson sentinels. A striking head-to-toe red build: long robes, the tinted-visor helmet, and the force pike.

Steady wins. May the Force be with you.



6 WEEKS TO ROYAL GUARD

Weeks 6-5	Plan + order red fabric, helmet filament, pole for the pike	.
Weeks 4-3	Print + finish the helmet - match the fabric red	.
Week 2	Sew the long cape robe + shoulder folds	.
Week 1.5	Build the force pike + match all reds	.
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

*All crimson, three depths — from a flat-red robe to a screen-matched Imperial sentinel. The same build can be finished to three different bars — pick yours **now**, because builders who polish for the wrong one burn weeks.*

LEAN · €100-150

Casual

Reads as a Royal Guard at 5m: a deep-red robe, hood, and a craft-foam helmet shell with a dark visor sell the silhouette in a crowd. Skip the layered shoulder folds and the force pike — a single flowing red drape carries the look.

EFFORT · ~14 hrs

MID · €170-240

Convention

Reads as a Royal Guard at conversation distance: most builders pleat the separate shoulder mantle, chest robe, and full cape robe in matching crimson and add a tinted-visor helmet that fully hides the face. A capped force pike with a metallic head completes the sentinel stance.

EFFORT · ~28 hrs

501ST · €280+

Approved

Reads as a Royal Guard under inspection: 501st-grade demands the exact correct crimson tone across every layer, crisp structured shoulder folds, a smooth helmet with the proper visor rake and no skin showing, and a full-length force pike with the right two-tone blade. Nothing breaks the silent, monolithic red.

EFFORT · ~46 hrs



THE FALLBACK PLAN

*A first-time build of this suit is **25–50 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 Panel, Hidden Belt, No Codpiece. Nobody will notice at 5m.

BEHIND LATE Simplify next: Reference & Fit, Red Trousers, Red Boots — 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 RED FABRIC, HELMET FILAMENT, POLE FOR THE PIKE

WEEKS 6-5

Plan + order red fabric, helmet filament, pole for the pike.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL Tinted-Visor Helmet — ⌚ 10h · €35

Use transparent red or smoke acrylic for the visor so the face reads as hidden but stays see-through — never a mirrored or opaque visor.

CRITICAL Force Pike — ⌚ 5h · €40

Lightweight pole + one foam or 3D-printed emitter tip; mind its length in crowds.

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



PRINT + FINISH THE HELMET — MATCH THE FABRIC RED

WEEKS 4 - 3

Print + finish the helmet — match the fabric red.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL Tinted-Visor Helmet — ⌚ 10h · €35

Use transparent red or smoke acrylic for the visor so the face reads as hidden but stays see-through — never a mirrored or opaque visor.

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



SEW THE LONG CAPE ROBE + SHOULDER FOLDS

WEEK 2

Sew the long cape robe + shoulder folds.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

HIGHShoulder Folds — ⌚ 2h · €12

Part of the robe construction; fall naturally from the collar.

CRITICALChest Robe — ⌚ 4h · €30

Heavy fabric drapes correctly; thin fabric looks like a sheet.

CRITICALLong Cape Robe — ⌚ 6h · €55

Hem ~2cm off the floor — they walked very slowly so it grazed.

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



BUILD THE FORCE PIKE + MATCH ALL REDS

WEEK 1.5

Build the force pike + match all reds.

PARTS IN PLAY THIS WEEK

CRITICAL Force Pike — ⌚ 5h · €40

Lightweight pole + one foam or 3D-printed emitter tip; mind its length in crowds.

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



DRESS REHEARSAL + GAME DAY

WEEK 1

Dress rehearsal + game day.



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



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU

"(silent – duty above all)"

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