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Awakens, which opens in December. For fans of costume design, it helps that Michael Kaplan, who began his career with Bob Mackie and Blade Runner (1982), is designing the costumes for the new film. (Read Vanity Fair's post here.) Here's a look at Star Wars costume patterns. "Star Wars Couture," Vogue, April 1999. Model: Audrey Marnay. Photo: Irving Penn. Fashion editor: Phyllis Foscovitch. Image: TFS. Star Wars' costumes must be among the most discussed in cinema. In 2005, LA's Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) organized the exhibit Dressing a Galaxy: The Costumes of Star Wars, accompanied by a book by Trisha Biggar, the costume designer for the prequel trilogy (Abrams, 2005; still in print). Last year saw the publication of Brandon Allinger's Star Wars Costumes: The Original Trilogy (Chronicle Books, 2014). And a new travelling exhibit, Rebel, Jedi, Princess, Queen: Star Wars and the Power of Costume, will open in New York next month. John Mollo's final sketch for the costume of Obi-Wan Kenobi, 1976. Image: Alinger/Chronicle Books. John Mollo's design for the samurai warrior concept of Darth Vader, 1976. Image: Alinger/Chronicle Books. John Mollo's costumes for Star Wars, which won an Academy Award in 1978, have immortalized a certain strand of '70s style. Compare Princess Leia's iconic hooded dress with a 1976 Dior evening gown available as a Vogue pattern; both were made in white silk crepe de chine. Left: Karen Bjornson in Vogue 1553 by Dior, Vogue Patterns, November/December 1976. Photo: Chris von Wangenheim. Right: Carrie Fisher as Princess Leia. Image: PatternVault on Twitter. (I've made the Dior in red; photos coming soon.) The year after The Empire Strikes Back (1980), McCollig designed children's costume patterns licensed with Lucasfilm. McCall's 7772 includes costumes for five characters from the next two films: Chewbacca, Princess Leia, Yoda, Jawas, Lord Dart Vader. Update: the young Jedi in the Commode (Princess Leia for McCollig.) The Vader view calls for one single sewing core! box. I have even more sizes available in the shoe McCall's 7772 (1981) Image: PatternVault sho Update: a customer used McCall's 772 to make these Jawa costumes. Image: E. Caffriss via Etsy. Return of the Jedi (1983). McCall's released a children's pattern for Ewok costumes. And not just any Ewok: the envelope back names "Wicket the Ewok"; McCall's 8731 (1983) Wicket the Ewok costume. Image: Etsy. Update: A 1984 McCall's Crafts catalog catalogue presents both patterns with Return of the Jedi backdrops. The Wicket costume is shown with the Ewok village celebration scene, and instead of a wampa cape, the earlier costumes have Jabba the Hutt: "May the force be with you!"™ McCall's 7772 in the McCall's Crafts catalogue, 1984. In the 1990s, Butterick took over the Lucasfilm licensing. Butterick 5174 and 5175, official Princess Leia and Luke Skywalker costumes for adults and children, included an order form for the wig and light sash; Butterick 5174 (1997) Leia and Luke. Image: Etsy. Butterick 5175 (1997) Children's Luke and Leia. Image: Etsy. Butterick also released two official Darth Vader costume patterns for children and adults. Butterick 5176 and 5186 included instructions for breastplate appliques made from coloured, foam sheet remnants, and an order form for the helmet and light sash; Butterick 5176 (1997) Children's Darth Vader. Image: Etsy. Butterick 5186 (1997) Darth Vader. Image: Etsy. There were only unofficial costume patterns based on the prequel trilogy. The year of Episode I: The Phantom Menace (1999), McCall's released McCall's 2433, a "Space Nomads" pattern for adults and children with a version of Sith warrior Darth Maul. McCall's 2433 (1999) Space nomads. Image: Etsy. Based on costumes from Episode II: Attack of the Clones (2002), Simplicity 4433 includes Padmé Amidala's combat suit, which doubles as an Aayla Secura costume (but two-sleeved and without the headpiece); Simplicity 4433 by Andrea Schewe (2005) Padmé and Aayla Secura. Image: Etsy. Although Padmé's Peacocks dress was cut from Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (2005), it was widely seen in promotional materials for the film: Senator Padmé Amidala (Natalie Portman) in the Peacocks dress. Image: Pinterest. Andrea Schewe produced two versions of the Peacocks dress and headpiece for children and adults. Simplicity 4426 and Simplicity 4443. The adults' pattern includes both Padmé and Princess Leia, while the children's has Leia, Padmé, and young Anakin and Obi-Wan: Simplicity 4426 by Andrea Schewe (2005) Children's Leia, Padmé, Obi-Wan, and Anakin. Image: Etsy. Simplicity 4443 by Andrea Schewe (2005) Padmé & Leia. Image: Etsy. Men's costume pattern Simplicity 4450/059 includes Anakin and Obi-Wan Jedi costumes, together with an unidentifiable warlock Tion Medon: Simplicity 4450/0579 by Andrea Schewe (2005) Anakin Skywalker, Tion Medon, and Obi-Wan Kenobi. Image: Etsy. Based on Padmé Amidala's nightgown in Revenge of the Sith, McCall's 4995 is a dress with boned bodice, separate drape, chain or bead trim, and tassels made with three sizes of beads: McCall's 4995 (2005) Bedtime Padmé. Image: eBay. Now that Disney owns Lucasfilm, perhaps there will be more licensed Star Wars patterns... Update: Irving Penn's 1999 edition was not the first Star Wars-themed suit in Vogue magazine; see Ishimuro's "The 'Force' of Fur" in Vogue, November 1977. (Thanks to Deborah Macdonald for the reference.) Vogue recently posted some outings and reminiscences. Simplicity 8074 by Andrea Schewe (2016) Rey + Sand Snakes. Update 2: Simplicity 8074, a Game of Thrones / Star Wars costume pattern (Sand Snakes / Rey) adapted by Andrea Schewe, suggests that Disney hasn't licensed costumes from The Force Awakens (yet). McCall's 7421 and 7422 (2016) Rey + Kylo Ren. Images: McCall's. May 2016; McCall's has released two patterns based on costumes from The Force Awakens: Rey (M7421) and Kylo Ren (M7422). December 2016: in memory of Carrie Fisher, the New York Times published a gallery of readers' Princess Leia costumes: see Amanda Hess, "Your Photos as Princess Leia, a Rebel and Role Model," August 17 (update Oct. 2020): S8480 pairs Jyn Erso from Rogue One (2016) with Zoë Washburne from Firefly – pictured in the catalogue with The Matrix / Kingdom Hearts pattern. Find the Adventure: Simplicity Autumn 2017 catalogue. Image: Simplicity. June 2018: Simplicity's Fall release includes a pattern for Arya Stark and Rey from Star Wars: The Last Jedi (S8718). There's also Rey's cape (S8721) and children's version (S8724). Simplicity 8718 (2018) Rey + Arya Stark. Image: Simplicity. Simplicity 8721 and 8724 (2018) Adult and children's Rey costumes. Images: Simplicity. Unisex flight suit pattern S8722 doubles as a Ghostbusters roller suit. Works for resistance mechanic Rose Tico or X-wing pilots like Poe Dameron: Simplicity 8722 (2018) Unisex flight suits: Rose Tico, Poe Dameron + Ghostbuster. Image: Simplicity. Gwendoline Christie as Captain Phasma in Vanity Fair, June 2015. Photo: Annie Leibovitz. Image: Vanity Fair. In times of lockdown and social distancing, May the 4th social events turn into stay-at-home parties with Star Wars costumes and themed activities. Whether you choose to do a Star Wars movie marathon or join a Star Wars Zoom party, you can always bring the force with you a Star Wars costume. See our list below of these for our list of 17 Easy DIY Star Wars Costumes you can sew for your May the 4th at home party. RELATED: 55 DIY Clothing Ideas You Can Sew All Year Round Impressive Star Wars Sewing Patterns From a Galaxy Far Far Away 1. Rey Skywalker Star Wars Outfit This easy homemade Star Wars costume is all about the wow effect! Details from the top and the pants to the cuff and the detached sleeves are simply spot on. The Ray costume tutorial video is a perfect example of how to sew an identical ensemble of your favorite character. 2. Girl Droid Star Wars Costumes! Including your kids and young siblings in the dress-up fun for May the 4th is always a great idea. This adorable droid-inspired take on Star Wars costumes for girls got you covered. Are you ready to recreate the BB8 and R2D2 dresses? 3. Darth Sidious Sith Robe | Channel the villainous energy and embrace the Dark side with a robe, inspired by Emperor Palpatine (Dart Sidious). The force is strong with this homemade Star Wars costume design. Check out the Sith robe sewing pattern with instructions. 4. Ewok Hood DIY Project Kid Costume Ewok Hood Photo by Swoodson Says The Ewok hood is one of the most simple Star Wars costumes to make for your kid or toddler. Even though this is not a full-on outfit, it will do the trick and capture the hearts of your social media followers. This cute and adorable clothing piece comes with an easy to follow video tutorial. 5. Easy Luke Skywalker Costume for Kids This simple pair of leggings are used for the bottoms.Fabric: Light to medium weight woven fabrics for the tunic, such as cotton blends, linen, cotton gauze. Medium weight knit fabric for the leggings.Format: There isn't a physical pattern for the robe. The costume is made using instructions for the central decorative belt plateand the decorative side belt plate.Fabric: Light to medium weight woven fabrics with drape such as cotton blends, linen, cotton gauze, opaque rayon or viscose.Format: PDF digital download in A4 / US letter sizes and A0 copyshop size. 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I think this pattern would best suit an intermediate level sewist and above. There's a lot of fabric involved in the costume which could be difficult for a beginner to handle. Most reviews of the pattern suggest that it is well written, but some suggest that it could be difficult or confusing to follow. Some previous sewing knowledge would be an advantage in figuring out the construction and sewing process. "S5840" Star Wars Inspired Fantasy Costumes Buy now from Simplicity - \$11.17 Sizes: XS - XL. Chest: 30.5" - 44" (78 - 112 cm).Design: Kimono style tunic with wide sleeves. Hooded cloak with capelet.Fabric: Medium weight woven fabrics with good drape and structure for the tunic, like linen or cotton. Heavy weight woven fabrics like wool coating or other wool blends for the coat.Format: Paper pattern with a printed instruction booklet.Suitable for beginners? No. I think this pattern would better suit an intermediate level sewist since the garments are large and a beginner could struggle with handling the amount of fabric involved. Some previous sewing experience would be an advantage for attaching bindings and straps too. Kids Jedi robe Make now from Live Free Creative - FREE Sizes: The fabric is cut based on the child's measurements.Design: Simple Jedi robe for kids. Floor length. Long sleeves. Large hood. No fastenings or belt.Fabric: Medium weight woven fabrics like linen, linen blends, cotton, or cotton gauze.Format: There isn't a physical pattern for this robe. The fabric is cut to size based on your child's measurements.Suitable for beginners? I think an adventurous beginner with some sewing experience could sew this pattern. The style of the robe is very simple and uses less fabric as it's a child's costume. 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Chest: 20" - 32" (50 - 81 cm). The instructions suggest sizing up two sizes for tunic length.Design: The blog post includes instructions for altering this T-shirt pattern to turn it into a V-neck tunic with overlapping neckbands and wide sleeves. This simple pair of leggings are used for the bottoms.Fabric: Light to medium weight woven fabrics for the tunic, such as cotton blends, linen, cotton gauze. Medium weight knit fabric for the leggings.Format: There isn't a physical pattern for the robe. The costume is made using instructions for the central decorative belt plateand the decorative side belt plate.Fabric: Light to medium weight woven fabrics with drape such as cotton blends, linen, cotton gauze, opaque rayon or viscose.Format: PDF digital download in A4 / US letter sizes and A0 copyshop size. Instructions are included.Suitable for beginners? I think this pattern would best suit an intermediate sewist with some sewing experience. 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Minky fleece can be stretchy and slippery to sew too so a beginner could struggle with these fabrics. Small Baby Yoda / Grogu Plush Toy Download now from Teacup Lion - FREE Sizes: 12" (30 cm) tall.Design: Baby Yoda / Grogu plush soft toy. Small body with small arms and legs. Large head with appliqué and embroidered facial features. Separate robe.Fabric: Fleece is suggested.Format: PDF digital download in A4 / US letter size. Instructions are included.Suitable for beginners? Yes. I think an advanced or adventurous beginner with some previous experience could sew this pattern. The design is simple, and the robe is sewn in one part. Fleece can be stretchy to sew with so some previous experience would be an advantage. The appliqué facial features could be glued on if sewing is too difficult. Hand Sewn Flat C-3PO Toy Download now from Wild Olive - FREE Sizes: Finished measurements aren't provided.Design: Lightly stuffed, flat C-3PO toy made out of metallic felt. Hand sewn and hand embroidered.Fabric: Golden felt with gold metallic iron-on. Black or dark gray felt for the details.Format: PDF digital download in A4 / US letter sizes. Instructions are included in the blog post.Suitable for beginners? Yes. I think an advanced or adventurous beginner wanting to improve their hand sewing and embroidery skills could sew this pattern. The stitches used to sew the doll are simple. The parts of the toy are rather small so some previous hand sewing experience would be an advantage but not essential. Hand Sewn Stormtrooper Toy Download now from Wild Olive - FREE Sizes: Finished measurements aren't provided.Design: Lightly stuffed, flat Stormtrooper toy made out of felt. Hand sewn with hand embroidered details.Fabric: Black and white felt.Format: PDF digital download in A4 / US letter sizes. Instructions are included in the blog post.Suitable for beginners? Yes. 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Accessories: R2-D2 Inspired Apron Download now from So Sew Easy - FREE (with the option to make a donation) Sizes: One size / adult.Design: Full coverage apron with neck fastening and ties at the back. R2-D2 style applique design on the front. Fabric: Medium weight woven fabric. For example, cotton, twill, canvas or linen. Scraps of coloured fabric for the appliqué design.Format: PDF digital download in A4 / US letter sizes. Instructions are included in the blog post.Suitable for beginners? I think this pattern would better suit an intermediate sewist. The design of the apron is simple but the instructions are minimal with a lack of photos or illustrations so some interpretation might be required to get the design right. However, the designer does say that the appliques don't have to be sewn on, they can just be heat bonded so this might better suit a beginner sewist better. "S9619" Star Wars Inspired Backpacks and Accessories Buy now from Simplicity - \$16.07 Sizes: Backpack: 16" (41 cm) high. Pencil case: 4" x 7" (10 x 18 cm).Design: Roomy backpacks with elasticated side pockets and double zippers. Three Star Wars / The Mandalorian character designs including Yoda, Boba Fett, and the Mandalorian. Accessories include pencil case and key ringed hand sanitiser or lip balm case.Fabric: Medium weight woven fabric. For example, canvas, denim, twill, Nylon and sports fabrics. Faux leather and faux suede for the details.Format: Paper pattern with a printed instruction booklet.Suitable for beginners? No. I think a beginner would struggle with some of the techniques involved in the patterns for the backpacks such as sewing a zipper on a curve and creating the compartments. An adventurous beginner might want to start with one of the smaller items such as the pencil pouch. "S9369" Star Wars Inspired Messenger Bags and Laptop Sleeves Buy now from Simplicity - \$13.97 Sizes: Messenger bag: 14" x 12.5" (35.5 x 32 cm) high. Laptop sleeve: 14" x 11" (35.5 x 28 cm) Design: Lined messenger bags with crossbody strap and gusset. Front and back pocket. Flaps that close with magnetic straps. Lightly padded laptop sleeves with sturdy zip fastening. Star Wars: The Mandalorian motif and emblem appliqués.Fabric: Medium weight woven fabrics like canvas, denim, twill, gabardine and wool types.Format: Paper pattern with a printed instruction booklet.Suitable for beginners? I think an advanced beginner with some sewing knowledge could make the laptop sleeve. A complete beginner would likely struggle with some of the bag-making techniques involved such as sewing in a zipper, lining, and attaching pockets and appliqués. 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