

CHEWBACCA FURSUIT

EVERYONE'S FAVORITE FURRY GIANT is well worth building a costume for. This guide covers making a fursuit for Chewbacca from the sequel trilogy of Star Wars. The process for the other trilogies should be similar but with different hair colors. I didn't need stilts for mine, so if you do, you will need to adjust your suit to accomodate. You may want to have separate suit pieces for the stilts and pants.



CARGO NETTING FABRIC
This is the fabric used to make the underlying garment of the fur suit. While all Joann stores may be closed, this type of fabric can still be found at other retailers online.

MESH SUIT

The hair is attached to a mesh suit. Mine was patterned off of the McCalls M5992 pajama pattern. The sleeves and arms should be lengthened a few inches. All seams are double stitched with a zigzag stitch for strength. The pants are held up with a pair of suspenders.



MCCALLS PAJAMMA PATTERN

Longer sleeves
Longer pant legs



Mix of one part #51 and one part #4

HACKLE
Commonly used for processing fiber. For this build, it is used for mixing hair. I built mine with a piece of smooth wood and long nails. To mix, two hair colors are held in one hand and whipped through the hackle, switching the end of the lock of hair every few strokes.



Mix of one part #613 and four parts #27

DATA FILE

- > The hair is tied on the mesh suit with thousands of lark's head knots using a latch-hook.
- > It took between 300 and 400 hours to latch-hook the entire suit.



HAIR MIXING

Perfectly matching colors weren't being sold, so they had to be mixed. The hair I chose were the Q-Kanekalon Jumbo Braids. They come in four feet long packs. If they come crimped, you should straighten them using a hair straightener on its lowest heat setting before mixing.



Hair Straightener

Thinning shears



Razor comb

It is very hard to get the density of hair right on your first try. Thinning shears and a razor comb can help you remove density. Make sure to not cut perpendicular to the hair. Always cut at an angle.

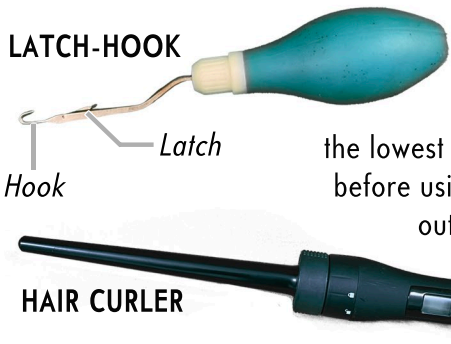


WIG COMB

LATCH-HOOK

Hook
Latch

HAIR CURLER

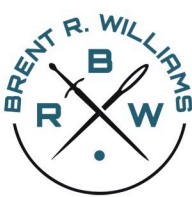


CURLING
Curling the suit adds that much more realism to your Wookiee. Make sure to use the lowest heat setting on the hair curler and test it out before using it on the suit. After curling, comb the hair out with a wig comb for a more lived in look. It took 9-10 hours to curl my suit but because we are using fake hair, it will keep its curl for a long time.

HAIR CLIP



UNDER SUIT
To help regulate heat, protect the suit from your sweat, and to make it so you can't see your skin under the suit, wear long moisture wicking under layers in black.



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LENGTH, COLOR AND DENSITY

Eight inch locks were used throughout most of the suit. The only exception is in the red striped areas where they were twelve inches. This was done to keep the hair density low where the shirt overlapped the pants. As shown in the diagram to the left, color changes had to happen eight inches above where they would be seen because the color higher on the suit would cover the lower one. There should be a higher density of knots on the tops of the arms and shoulders to prevent the net from showing, and a lower density under the arms for comfort.

Front of suit

Back of suit

