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Darth Nihilus (Champions of the Force)



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Description: Darth Nihilus (Champions of the Force)

Prefix: SL

Detachment: [Flagship Eclipse Detachment](#)

Context: Star Wars: Champions Of The Force

Darth Nihilus literally fed off the living force. No longer a being of flesh and blood, The Lord of Hunger had found a way to bind his dark consciousness to his armour. As a Force Wraith, the only physical signs of his age were seen in the tattered appearance of his robes.

This Visual Guide has been reviewed by the detachment staff and the LMO team and is certified for use as a minimum approval guideline for GMLs. GMLs are free to approve this costume type.

- Any uncertainties or questionable aspects of the submitted costume should be brought to the appropriate DL/GML peer review section of the legion forum.

Required Costume Components

The following costume components are present and appear as described below.



Hood and Cape
For 501st approval:

- The hood and cape are made from a single piece of black fabric.
- The hood gathers to points on both sides of the head, forming a triangular shape at each temple. This effect is best produced by attaching a triangular support structure on the top of the head over which the hood can then be draped over.
- The hood must be attached to the upper edge of the mask just above the silver decoration on the forehead so that it will block the top of the head from view.
- The hood drapes downward and rests on the costumer's chest, creating a frame around the face.
- The cape and hood gather at the upper chest and the two sides of the fabric are tied together at the upper sternum with a single knot.
- The bottom edge of the cape nearly reaches the floor and is heavily tattered.



Mask
For 501st approval:

- The stylized, skull-like mask is white or off-white in color.
- It extends from the lips to at least the top of the forehead, and may continue further beneath the cowl.
- The mask has two red stripes; Located over the eye holes, each stripe extends upward with a slight taper.
- The silver forehead design consists of a two-layer bar which starts at the top edge of nose. The bar connects to an oval design in the center of the forehead, and then narrows again until it reaches the edge of cowl/hood. At that point it expands outward into a second oval with two smaller ovals going out to either side getting gradually smaller.



Blackout Mask
For 501st approval:

- Darth Nihilus's face is a living shadow. As a costume, this effect may be accomplished by using black makeup, a sculpted black mask, or a tight-fitting fabric blackout mask.
- The costumer's eyes may not be visible, and must be hidden with black sclera lenses* or the fabric of a blackout hood.
- All persons wishing to utilize contact lenses are encouraged to first see their optometrist for a fitting.



Quilted Sleeves

For 501st approval:

- The sleeves are made from a smoother fabric than the rest of the costume.
- These sleeves are quilted to create a vertical ribbed pattern.
- The sleeves may be attached to a black undershirt, or they may be attached to the arm holes of the inner tunic, giving the illusion that there is another shirt worn under the inner tunic.



Gloves

For 501st approval:

- The black leather gloves are gauntleted with a shaft reaching halfway up the forearm.
- There is no flare on the gauntlet.
- The gloves must be free of straps, buckles, snaps, or extra decorations.



Inner Tunic

For 501st approval:

- The inner tunic is made from the same black material as the hood and cape.
- The left side of the tunic crosses over the right side in the front.

(Note: For dressing convenience, the inner skirt may be attached to the inner tunic at the waist. The seam will be hidden by the outer tunic.)



Outer Tunic

For 501st approval:

- The outer tunic is made from the same black material as the hood and cape.
- It is a sleeveless tunic that reaches to mid thigh.
- The left side of the tunic crosses over the right side in the front.
- The outer tunic is heavily tattered at the lower edge.

Obi

For 501st approval:



- The obi is made from the same black material as the hood and cape.
- It is approximately 10 cm in width, and closes in the back.



Belt

For 501st approval:

- The belt is made from two layers of black leather.
- The base layer is approximately 5 cm wide, while the narrow strap on top is approximately 1.2 cm wide.
- Pairs of black rivets are used to hold the smaller belt in place, and the belt must close in the back.



Inner Skirt

For 501st approval:

- The inner skirt is made from the same black material as the hood and cape.
- The inner skirt should be made of enough material to provide gathers for a voluminous appearance, and splits in the front center.
- The inner skirt hangs nearly to the floor with the lower edge heavily tattered.

(Note: For dressing convenience, the inner skirt may be attached to the inner tunic at the waist. The seam will be hidden by the outer tunic.)



Outer Skirt

For 501st approval:

- The outer skirt is made from the same black material as the hood and cape.
- Like the inner skirt, the outer skirt is made of enough material to provide gathers for a voluminous appearance, and split at the front center.
- The outer skirt hangs nearly to the floor with the lower edge heavily tattered.



Boots

For 501st approval:

- Plain black boots are worn.
- They have no visible straps, buckles, or laces.

Optional Accessories

Items below are optional costume accessories. These items are not required for approval, but if present appear as described below.



Lightsaber
For 501st approval:

- The hilt should resemble one of the Knights of the Old Republic II or COTF single bladed lightsaber hilts.
- If the lightsaber has a blade, the blade must be red in color.

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