Beginning armor making

Posted by Mark Harpold - 08 Oct 2010 15:44

Greetings all,

I am relatively new to the SCA and was interested in making some basic chain mail and potentially becoming a heavy armor combatant unfortunately I have a college student's income to work with. Is there any way I can cut cost and still be able to get at least a basic kit made or work on it myself? I was also wondering what diameter wire is best for beginning chainmailers.

Thanks,

Mark

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Re: Beginning armor making

Posted by Sieghart von Ingolstadt - 10 Oct 2010 06:39

If you are planning on making chainmail you should check out The Ring Lord . The wire's diameters are posted there too.

For your begginers set check out The Armour Archive's Classifieds forum . If youre really into it this site also has patterns and guides on making armor.

A lot of people here just use hockey/lacrosse gear, or make armor out of plastic 55 gallon drums.

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Re: Beginning armor making

Posted by Cristoval Ramirez de la Fuente - 10 Oct 2010 08:53

If you're interested in chainmail then a good place to start looking is the Atlantia A&S links for chainmail.

moas.atlantia.sca.org/wsnlinks/index.php...laycat&catid=155

As far as the rest of your armour I would recommend buying a sheet of 14 guage steel and checking out

the pattern section of Armour Archive. One of the greathelm patterns is particularly easy requiring no welding, only rivets.

www.armourarchive.org/patterns/

If you need access to knowledge or tools try asking around in your local area. The people you want to fight ust have gotten their armour from somewhere. If you are unsure where to go for help getting armour together try talking to the local Marshal or Arts and Sciences officers to see who does armouring in your area. Who knows, you may find a new love in armouring.

If you do find a little bit of money down the back of the couch Bokalo's Armoury specialise in getting people onto the field as quickly and as cheaply as possible. I've bought a set of aluminium **shudder** armour from him myself for when I have to travel by plane (limited weight). It's well worth the price.

www.bokalosarmoury.com/

Have a little think before you start making your armour about the period you want to portray. If you can make your starter kit along the same vein as your ultimate kit you will avoid a mismatched mess when you're trying to go from old kit to new.

As a personal recommendation; Make sure you get a good helm. If your head is worth $100 to you then feel free to buy a $100 dollar helm. If you're at college you may want to protect the thing that keeps you there. I would try to borrow a helm and save up for that extra month or two to buy a more solid one. Also try to get or make wrap-around cuisses(upper leg armour). Leg wraps hurt.

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Re: Beginning armor making

Posted by Sieghart von Ingolstadt - 10 Oct 2010 11:59

Alright I found the site on plastic armor I was using! A lot of people fron on this stuff, but its the cheapest way to go about making body armor, just make sure to cover thyself so the armor doesn't show..

http://www.angelfire.com/oh4/Boris/armor/plasticarmor.htm

If you do try your hand at it, I would recommend not using the articulated arm pattern he has posted there, and try something a little bit more simple.

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Interesting graphics :P
Posted by ostylia - 15 Sep 2012 08:53

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Nice graphics i think

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Re: Beginning armor making
Posted by Mike Cartwright - 17 Sep 2012 05:51

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If this is a heavy kit you're going to need protection on your knees, elbows and kidneys too!

I suggest starting here-

forums.armourarchive.org/phpBB3/viewforum.php?f=3

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