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The new partnership between the New Republic and the planet of Endor has commenced, opening up new trading ports for galactic citizens on Endor. Tourism has significantly increased on the planet as well, nearly tripling in the last year. With a new influx of visitors to the planet, the local Ewoks have become fashion staples in the galaxy. Visitors are beginning to appreciate the Ewok culture, and Ewok fashion is a particular area of interest amongst tourists.

Ewoks fashion is quite simple, however it is not suitable for a majority of galactic citizens. Ewoks commonly wear a darkly colored shawl, which covers their head and extends down to their midriff. The shawls include three cutouts; two for ears and one for the face. The cut of the shawls can be simple or intricate and is dependent on the customer. The shawl material is made of a very rare linen that can only be found on the planet of Endor. With this, galactic

citizens who wish to purchase shawls can expect to spend quite a fortune.

Adding to their uniqueness, shawls are made by Ewoks who devote their entire lives to crafting these intricate pieces of clothing. Ewok seamstresses begin learning how to sew these shawls at very young ages, and usually spend ten years perfecting their skills under mentors. Mentors normally will select two apprentice Ewoks to train, but in more recent years mentors have started selecting only one Ewok at a time so as to limit their attention to one apprentice. Regardless, many Ewoks who wish to become seamstresses find themselves unsuccessful as they face a great deal of competition. As Ewoks can only sell their shawls if they have had the proper ten years of training under a mentor, many talented Ewoks never get the chance to produce and sell their products.

In addition, each shawl is carefully dyed from natural coloring that comes from the Jubba Plant, which is native only to Endor. Each fall the plant is cultivated to produce the dye for the shawls. While each Jubba Plant produces the same color, different mixtures create colors. For example, mixing the Jubba Plant with water creates a light brown dye, whereas mixing the plant with wine creates a mahogany dye, as shown below.



Despite the limitations of customers who can wear the shawls, Ewok fashion is becoming increasingly popular, and an appreciation for the craft behind it is consequently growing.