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BDU Uniform

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**ITEM:** **BDU (Shirt, Trouser and Cap) Type C uniform.**

**DESCRIPTION:** Black two-piece shirt and trouser outfit, military-style shirt with pointed sport collar. Two chest pockets with flaps and hidden buttons. Left flap pocket has pencil opening. Hemmed square tail. Hemmed cuffs with adjustment tabs. Shoulder epaulets and elbow patches. One marine-style fatigue cap .

**FABRIC:** 65% polyester /35% combed cotton Ripstop 6.3 oz. - 8.7 oz.  
All threads used will be of heavy duty polyester or equal cord.

**COLOR:** Black

**BDU SHIRT:** Long sleeve 2-pocket tactical shirt.

**FRONT:** Hemmed left front panel with (4) button holes on fly, (1) button hole at top on lapel. Right front hemmed, with (4) 30 ligne buttons (black) hidden by front facing. (1) 30 ligne button at top of lapel. Right front facings folded 2 ½ inches and stitched 1/4 inch from serged edge. Left front facing folded 2 1/4 inches and stitched 1/4 inch from the serged edge.

**COLLAR:** Sport collar with 2 ½ inch points. Interfaced with black interfacing. Topstitched 1/4 inch. With undercollar made of base fabric.

**POCKETS:** Two bellowed pockets 6 ½ x 5 1/4 inches, gusset outside edges with grommets placed at bottom of pocket. Two pocket flaps 5 ½ x 2 ½ inches, with hidden button flap attached under pocket with button holes to accommodate (2) 30 ligne buttons 3 inches apart at top of pocket. The pocket will be topstitched 1/16 inch through all fabric on inside edge closest to shirt center. Left pocket will have a 2 inch x 5 ½ inch inside pen pocket and a 1 3/4 inch opening atop of the left flap. Each pocket will have a weep-hole eyelet at the outside lower edge of pocket. All pocket flaps will be topstitched 1/4 inch .

**EPAULETS:** The epaulet will have a buttonhole starting ½ inch from centered point. The buttonhole will be large enough to accept a 30 ligne button. The epaulet will be two-ply of base fabric with woven interfacing.

**SLEEVE/  
ELBOW PATCH:**

Sleeves will have a hemmed cuff, a full size arm with an elbow patch that measures a minimum of 8 inch x 10 ½ inches and a maximum of 9 inch x 11 ½ inches . The length and width will depend on the size of the garment. The bottom of the sleeve will have a button tab, with (3) 30 ligne buttons attached to allow size adjustments.

**SEAMS:**

All stress seams will be felled and double stitched without any visible raw edges.

**LABELS:**

Size, fabric content, and care labels will be securely attached inside garment.

**BDU TROUSER**

**DESIGN:**

The trouser will be a military standard style, with a (4) button fly. Six belt loops with two side adjuster straps. Two side pockets and two hip pockets with flaps. Two flap pocket cargo pockets on each outside pant leg. The trousers will have a seat and crotch patch, knee patches, and drawstring straps at the bottom of the pant leg for cinching.

**POCKETS:**

There will be (6) pockets on each pair of trousers.

**FRONT POCKETS:**

Front pockets will have the side slash design, with quarter top opening of approximately 6 ½ inches. The front edge will be topstitched 3/8 inch. The pockets will have a facing of base fabric. The pockets shall be 12 inch or 13 inches deep depending on the size of the trouser. The bottom edges of the pocket bag will have a professionally serged edge.

**HIP POCKETS:**

The hip pockets will measure 5 ½ inches wide with a single welt cut. The hip pocket will have a flap attached by insertion. The pocket bag pieces will be serged together. The finished corner of the welt will be bar-tacked. The top of the pocket bag will extend into the inside waistband. There will be (2) buttons attached below the welt of each pocket. The flap will be of rectangular shape 5 5/8 inches wide and 2 3/8 inches deep. The flap will be topstitched 1/4 inch. There will be a separate buttonhole strip of base fabric on the underside of the flap. The buttonhole strip will measure 5 5/8 inches wide and 2 inches deep. The strip will have (2) buttonholes to fit the buttons attached below the welt.

**CARGO POCKETS:**

The cargo pockets will have bellowed pockets that measure 8 3/4 inches wide and 9 ½ inches long with square bottoms. Form the bellows by folding. The three folds will measure approximately 2 3/4 inches wide when laying flat and expanding approximately 1 ½ inches. The exposed edge of each fold will be top stitched with a seam margin of 1/16 inch . The pocket top will have a hem of 1 inch wide on the inside extending from top side to side. One 30 ligne

button shall be placed on the pocket approximately 2 inches from the front edge. Another button will be placed approximately 3 3/4 inches from the back edge when bellows are expanded. The pockets will be bar-tacked. The flaps shall be rectangular measuring approximately 9 inches wide and 2 3/8 inches deep. The flaps shall be set with double needle machine with a seam gauge of 1/4 inch.

**CARGO POCKETS  
HIDDEN FLAP:**

A separate button hole strip of base material measuring 9 inches long and 1 5/8 inches deep will be attached to the underside of the flap. The strip will have (2) buttonholes to correspond with the buttons on the pockets. Bar-tacks are placed at lower inside edge flap to prevent flap from folding upwards.

**WAISTBAND:**

The waistband will be "grown on" style, not a separate piece. The waistband inside curtain will be a jean-style band measuring approximately 1 1/2 inches wide when folded and stitched through to the outside. The inside band will be continuous around the entire trouser. The band will fasten with (1) four-hole button.

**BELT LOOPS:**

There will be (7) jean-style belt loops measuring approximately 1/2 inch wide. They will be top stitched with a double needle machine and folded at top and bottom then bar-tacked to the trouser. The loop shall have an opening of approximately 2 3/8 inches.

**WAIST ADJUSTERS:**

There will be a waist adjustment strap on each side with a black metal tongueless 2-bar buckle. The strap will be made from 100% cotton woven or polyester material measuring 5/8" width. The strap ends will be folded and bar-tacked to the trouser. The strap placement will allow for waist take-up to 1 1/2 inches on each side.

**FLY:**

The fly will have a right-side of base fabric. There will be (4) or (5) 30 ligne buttons sewn onto the right-side fly depending on the preferred crotch length. The left-side fly will have a hidden button hole panel lining of base fabric folded into a 2 inch width and the length will correspond with the length of the right-side fly. The top waistband button hole will be visible. The remaining button holes will be hidden by the outer fly.

**KNEE PATCHES:**

Each leg will have a front knee patch. The patch will be approximately 10 to 10 1/4 inches long and the width of the front of knee portion of trousers from seam to seam. Top stitch set the knee patch to the leg panel at the top and bottom, then insert them into the inseam and outseams for closure. The front portion of the knee shall be designed to accommodate fullness of the knee.

**SEAT PATCH:**

The seat patch will be moon shaped of base fabric. It shall be sewn to each back panel before assembly with a seam margin of 1/16 inch. The patch will start at the seat seam approximately 5 inches down from the trouser and end at the crotch seam. The patch will extend approximately 5 3/4 inches down each inseam.

**LEG HEMS:**

The finished bottoms hem will be approximately 1 inch. Attached are (2) 3/8 inch wide nylon draw strings fused and knotted ends, with sewn eyelet exit holes. Draw strings are tacked inside hem to prevent pull through.

**SEAMS:**

Inseam, outseam, seat seam, and front crotch seam will have two needle felled construction.

**BAR TACKS:**

All bar tacks will be 1/2 inch. Bar tacks will be placed at all stress points.

**LABELS:**

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**BDU CAP :** Marine type

Two-ply construction with (8 point) crown 2 1/2 inch at front and 1 1/2 inch at the back of cap. 1 inch two-ply band of base fabric topstitched through the folded darts of each crown point. The top crown border of cap will be topstitchd 1/16 inch . Two sets of eyelets set 1 1/2 inches apart on both sides of cap for ventilation. A baseball cap brim of buckroll covered with base fabric topstitched 1/2 inch apart. A miniature Chicago Police Department Patch in muted black/grey will be centered in front of cap. Patch size is 2 1/2 x 2 1/2 inches. Cap sizes are XS-XL.

**AUTHORIZATIONS & RESTRICTIONS:**

BDU items can only be worn in the field by those sworn members authorized by an exempt member of the Patrol Division.

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