

Cosplay

cos·play

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noun

- 1. the practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game.



COSPLAY 101



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Learn All the Basics of Cosplay!

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A Letter From The Writer

Dear readers,

Cosplay has been a big part in who i am today. it has helped me cope with everything in life and it has become my little escape pod from reality.

cosplaying has no bounds so you can cosplay who you want no matter your gender, skin color or body type. going to cons and, cosplaying is one of the best feelings , so being able to share that feeling with the readers is one of the best things.

it doesn't matter how you look, what matters is that your having fun

Keep on Creating! ,

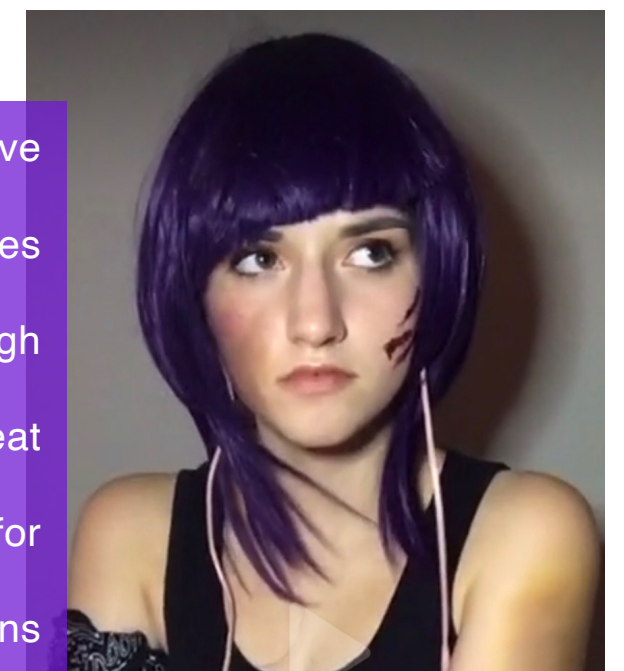
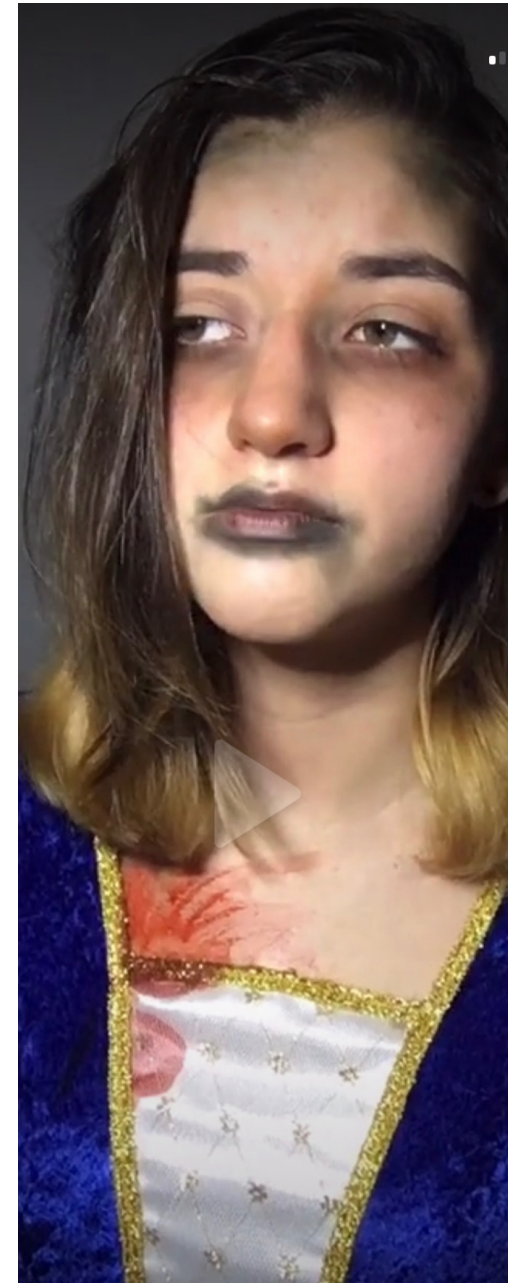
Annika Klee / Cinnamon Cosplay

Special Effects



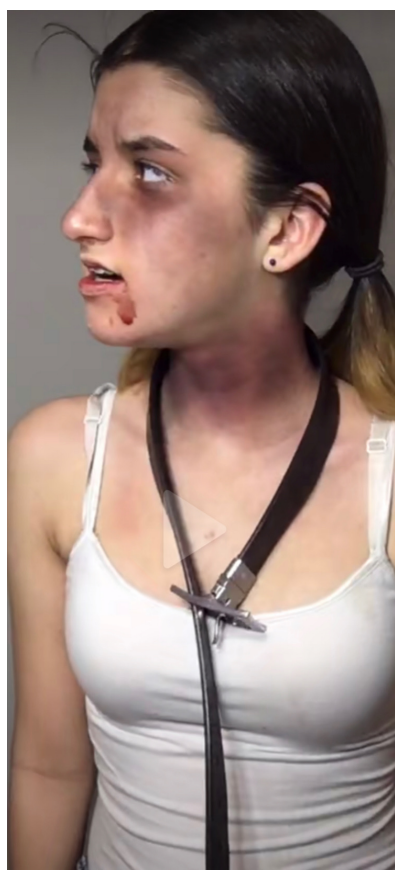
Diy's

To make this look, blend a light brown on your eyelids and under your eyes to make them look Sunken. Brush a little bit of the brown on your nose. Then add a dark green to imitate “poisoned” on the ends of your lips. Then take that same green and add it on your hairline coming into your face. Then i added blood around the heart area to add to the “ Zombie Juliet” look



first blend some purple eyeshadow on your neck as a base. then add some blacks and blend in some red. then add some yellow around the outer edges. i then did the sunken eye look to add to everything. i also added some blood on the mouth.

You Can always count on expensive name brand to work, but sometimes you don't have a large enough budget for that. Amazon is a great place to find cheaper options for better products. Homemade versions of products are a great substitute





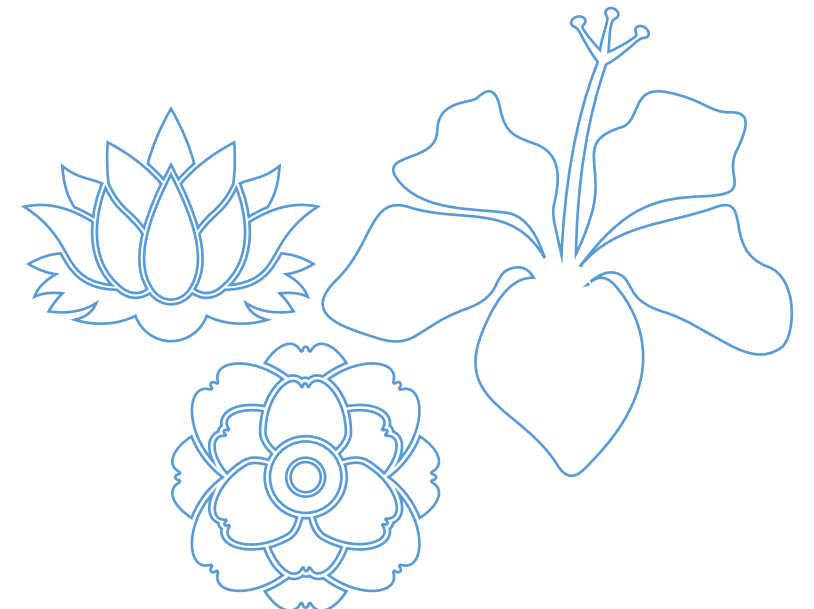
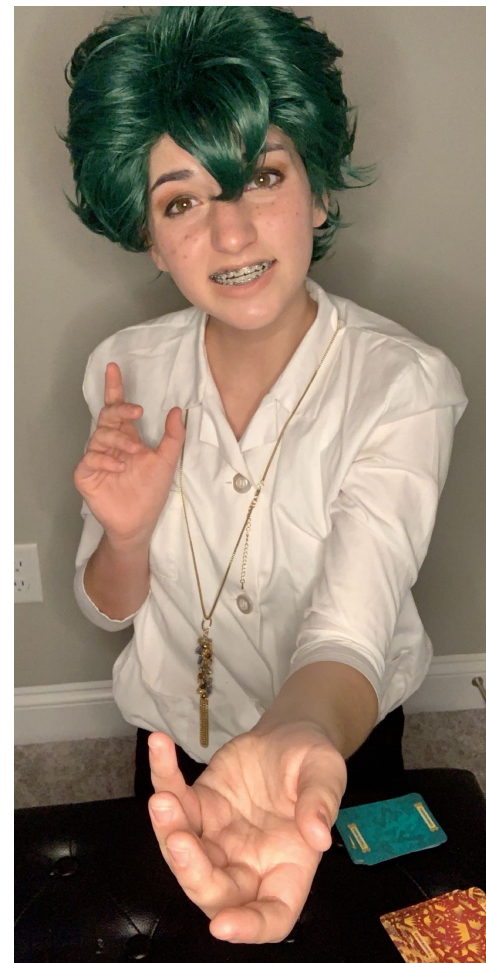
Wigs

Styling the wigs

If You're like me and want your wigs to be fluffy and soft, yet still looking natural, keep reading! First clasp the clasps in the wig cap to the chin of a mannequin head and place it somewhere stable. then take a fine toothed comb, or a teasing brush and brush upwards. Do this is strips. Doing it all at once will make it less fluffy and uneven. Then spray a bit of hairspray on that strip. next dry the strip on low with a hairdryer. Then repeat that throughout the whole wig. Then take a round brush and brush out all the tangles. This should make your once flat wig fluffy and soft. you can then mold spikes. the spikes will look fuller looking and more natural. using this method will also get rid of a lot the synthetic shine to give the wig a more natural look.

Washing Wigs

To wash a wig you fill a sink or a large bowl with lukewarm water. Then add fabric softener. Add the softener till it's a little oily to the touch **DO NOT USE SHAMPOO OR CONDITIONER!!!** this will damage the wig and ruin the fibers. After you add the fabric softener, Add the wig. if you have multiple pieces, do one piece at a time. massage the wig when it is in the water. make sure you massage the cap of the wig too. then when its done washing, place it on a towel with the front facing down. pat dry and let it air dry. then brush it out before styling. (you can use hair detangler on wigs)



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cheap quality costumes, props, wigs and more!!



What/where Can you show off your cosplays?

here are some ways/places/apps where you can show off your hard work!

01

Tik Tok

tik tok is an app where you can make 60 second videos in cosplay as the character your cosplaying. you can also share tutorials and more!

02

Instagram

Instagram is an app where you can post photos of your cosplays! you can edit them with multiple different apps (a fan favorite is pics art) and post the finished product on Instagram

03

Conventions

At a cosplay convention you can go to meetups for different shows, panels and many more things. cons are all over! all you have to do is search “ cosplay conventions in” and your state in google and you can find plenty!!

04

Youtube

On youtube you can make videos that are as long as you want! in character, out of character, tutorials, cosplay music videos, whatever you want! you can even make videos with fellow cosplayers!!



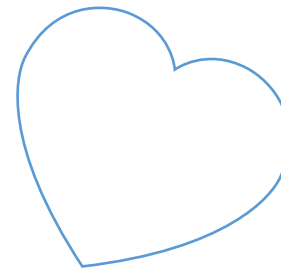


The Cosplay Truth

though loving and friendly, cosplayers can get hate for being who they are. and sometimes it leads cosplayers to stop cosplaying certain characters because of the fandom or because of bullies on the outside looking in. just remember to be respectful of cosplayers and be kind to others.



Positivity



cosplay is for all ethnicities, genders, and even sexuality's. it doesn't matter who you are or who you were. you can cosplay and rock it every single time. every cosplayer is amazing in their own ways. no matter what, just remember you are valid and your cosplays are amazing!!



Stay Strong



All Con Long

Do's and Dont's Of Cosplay



Do: Ask before taking photos of cosplayers

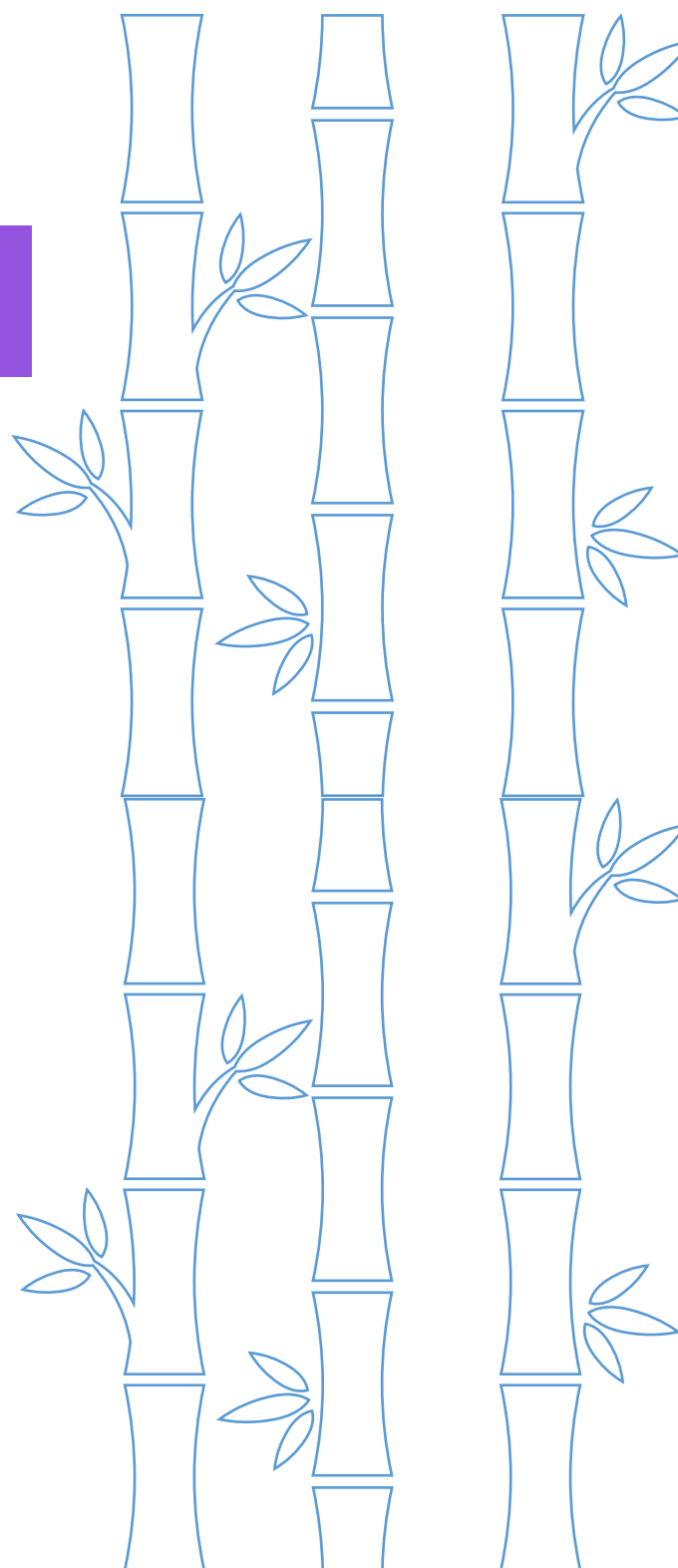
Do: respect personal space, and ask before touching any props, costume or the person

Do: give compliments! support other cosplayers!!

do: credit artists or peoples props you copied

do: help other cosplayers if they need help! help them fix a prop at a con, after asking permission of course

do: help new cosplayers who want help. help them with wig styling and anything else they WANT help on.



Dont's

Dont: treat cosplayers like the characters their cosplaying. they aren't actually your favorite character! they have feelings!!

don't: purposefully break, ruin, or mess with cosplayers props, costumes, or wigs.

don't: hate on someone for liking a character, or disliking a character. its their opinion!!

Dont: be mean to someone for portraying a character differently! everyone sees characters different!

Dont: force your ships on people! if they don't like the same ship as you its ok!

Dont: bully someone! in and out of cosplay its awful!!

Prop Building

Prop building is super hard but once you get the hang of it, it can become the easiest part of making a cosplay. a few things that can help are; youtube, if you want to know how to make certain props, you can look up tutorials on YouTube!. another thing you can do is looking at other peoples props and noticing the little things, maybe even asking the creator what they did to make it. But don't ever copy someones design without permission, and if you do use it, credit the original creator. a few good base items to make props are; foam rolls, you can get them on amazon! foam clay is another good supply! its strong and moldable! a few core items for building props i recommend are; an exato knife, a large cutting board, a heat gun (a hair dryer works great too), hot glue and some super glue. all of these things are basic, but help a lot with prop building

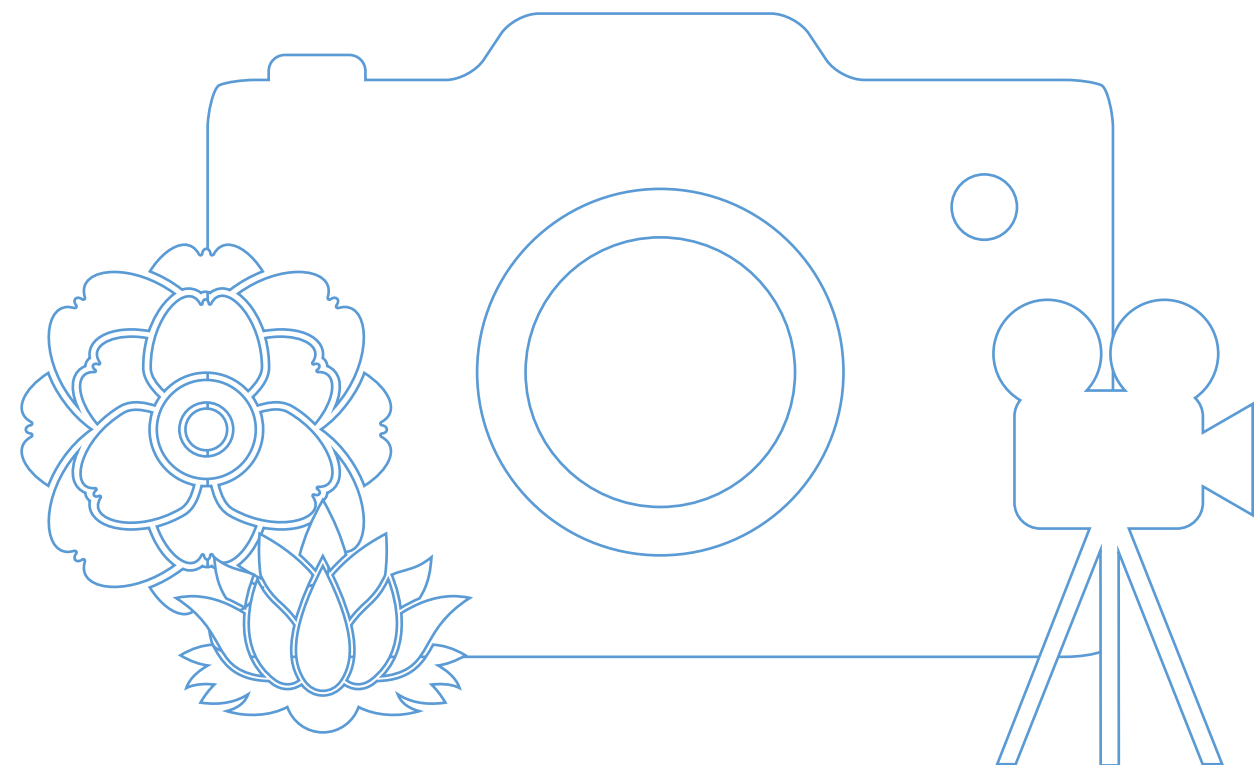




PicMonkey 

Photo Editing

Photo Editing is something loved and hated by cosplayers. two of the best, and easiest apps, I've used are PicsArt and PicMonkey. with these apps they have their own tutorials, and most of the buttons are self explanatory, but for something else, YouTube can help you figure things out!!



Ramen



Easy to make,Cheap,And loved by most

