



# HOW IT'S MADE TIP SHEET

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CALGARY TELUS CONVENTION CENTRE

## PAST TOPICS

### General:

1. How to Start Cosplaying and Costuming
2. Buying Cosplay
3. Running and Gunning: Introductory Convention Photography
4. Makeup For Cosplay

### Sewing:

1. Pattern Drafting: Finally a Practical Use for Geometry!
2. Leatherworking: Beginners Guide
3. Fabric Painting and Dyeing
4. Choosing and Working with Fabrics
5. Ruffles, Frills and Fabulous Folds!
6. Hand stitches for Function and Design

### Wigs:

1. Wigs: Spiking and Fake Hairlines
2. Wigs: Adding Wefts and Ponytails
3. Buying, Styling and Wearing Lace Front Wigs

### Armor, Props and Accessories:

1. EVA Foam Armor Basics
2. 3D Printing Basics
3. Resin Casting & Mold Making
4. Armor Making with Worbla
5. Painting Armor
6. Cosplay Shoes
7. Wings and Feathers

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL STATION

- **Make it attractive.** The tables provided are brown and plain. Bring a tablecloth or some fabric to cover the table. Things that stand up and add height to your display will draw people in! You may also opt out of using a table, and use only items that stand up on the ground.
- **This is an interactive event:** the audience should have something to touch when they come by your station, such as completed pieces, works-in-progress, or even the tools you used. We recommend transporting these things in a suitcase with wheels.
- **Practice your presentation technique!** Explain your topic to a few (or many) people before Otafest. The more you practice, the smoother your presentation will be!
- **Use a variety of language/terminology that can appeal to a wide audience.** For example: be prepared to explain what bias tape is, what it does/doesn't do, different types of bias tape, how to use it, etc., because your audience can range from experienced cosplayers to people who have never cosplayed.
- **Visitors won't retain all the information you gave them.** A page or brochure with links to tutorials can go a long way in helping your audience follow up on your topic.
- **Get creative!** These tips are meant to help get your creative juices flowing, not dictate what you do. Let's see what you can come up with!
- **Otafest is committed to providing a family-friendly environment for its volunteers and patrons.** If you experience issues with harassment, contact an Otafest staff member immediately.