

# How It's Made: Cosplay Edition 2020 Tip Sheet

## HOW IT'S MADE TOPICS FROM THE PAST

### General:

1. How to Start Cosplaying and Costuming
2. Buying Cosplay
3. Running and Gunning: Introductory Convention Photography
4. Makeup For Cosplay
5. Beginners in Bodypaint
6. Cosplay in Film

### 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
8. Cosplay Jewelry

### 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
7. Sewing Machine: Specialty Feet & Accessories

## TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL STATION

- **Make it attractive.** The tables provided are brown and plain. I highly recommend bringing a table cloth or fabric to cover the table. Also, 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 to Otafest 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!
- **Visitors won't retain all the information you gave them.** A page or brochure with links to some tutorials can go a long way to helping your audience follow up on your topic of choice.
- Practice your presentation techniques and use a variety of language/terminology that can appeal to a wide audience.
  - For example: if your topic is using bias tape, be prepared to explain what bias tape is, what it does/ doesn't do, different types of bias tape, how to use it, etc. Your audience can range from experienced cosplayers to newbies to people who have never cosplayed.
- **Get creative!** These tips are meant to help get those 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 unsolicited harassment, contact an Otafest staff member immediately to resolve the situation.