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### Friday 11:00 AM

#### How do I Cosplay America?

First time at Cosplay America? Don't worry, we'll walk through some of the most exciting things to do at Cosplay America 2023 and address any questions you have about the event.

Programming 1

### Friday 12:00 PM

#### Finding the Right Photographer for your Cosplay Photoshoot

Honey and Heather Photography Main

You've made the cosplay and worn it to a con but how do you find the right photographer to fit your vision and document it forever? Join Heather, a cosplay photographer and long-time cosplayer, for a discussion and Q&A on how to find a photographer, book a session, and what to expect.

### Friday 12:00 PM

#### You made that out of WHAT?!

EV Cosplay, Redfield Design, Programming 1  
DIIZINEbyDelvecchio, Lindsay Aries

Come learn from your fellow cosplayers about how to use unusual, thrifted, and recycled materials to make amazing cosplays!

#### Inclusive Makeup for Non-Gurus

Keiraide Programming 2

Are you a complete beginner with makeup? Does copying tutorials never get you the results you expect? We will cover how to start your makeup journey, build your kit, basic techniques, and tool maintenance.

#### Faux Bone Painting

\$30

Hoku Props

Workshop 3

Sure, using real bones would be pretty metal, but they're heavy and invite too many questions. Hoku Props helps you paint your own faux bones to add primal elements to your costumes without adding a weakness to enterprising necromancers.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

### Friday 01:00 PM

#### Cosplay Photography: The Good, the Bad, and the How-to

Katsumi Cosplay Main

Cosplay is amazing, but how do you get those amazing shots... and what about coordinating large gatherings? Come join one cosplayer and photographer for a fun and interesting look into the world of photoshoots!

### Friday 01:00 PM

#### Bevels with Beverly

\$10

Beverly Downen

Programming 1

Adding bevels to your EVA foam projects is a quick and easy way to clean up seams, add detail and complexity, and beveled cuts can also add dimension! Join Beverly of Downen Creative Studios as she shows you how to create your own bevels using high quality EVA foam, metal rulers and a variety of specialized cutting tools! Students keep bevels they cut!

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 30) Requires a separate purchase.

#### The Maven behind the Monster; The story of Milicent Patrick

FanDames Initiative

Programming 3

An overview of the life of Milicent Patrick, a creature designer and make up artist during the golden age of Universal's Monsters who was rarely recognized during her lifetime.

#### Leather Pt. 1

\$40

December Cosplay

Workshop 1

Leather can add a lot to your costume, but it's not the most intuitive material to work with. December introduces you to working with leather in this two-part workshop.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase. *You must attend both sessions and may pick up your leather work on Sunday.*

Part 2: Saturday 04:00 PM

## Friday 01:00 PM

### Casting a Tiara Pt. 1

\$50

Jenny Barclay Workshop 2

Sailor Moon's tiara is a fashionable, and powerful, weapon, but if you're not among the sailor senshi then you'll need to make your own. In this two-part workshop, Jenny Barclay guides you through creating a mold and then casting your own tiara.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase. *You must attend both sessions and may pick up your tiara on Sunday.*

Part 2: Sunday 12:00 PM

## Friday 01:30 PM

### Positioning for Competition

Hoku Props Programming 2

If you want to compete, you need to do more than make a nice costume. Hoku Props discusses documenting your costume's materials and construction for presentation to the judges and how to successfully walk the stage and showcase your hard work.

### Intro to Spinning

\$10

Ivorivet, Stella Sews Workshop 3

Do you want to try making your own yarn and look totally cool while doing it? In this workshop we'll cover the basics of using a drop spindle, explore how twist affects yarn properties, and have several other spinning methods to try.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

## Friday 02:00 PM

### Designing Gijinkas

Utopian Pigeon Cosplay Main

Whether you're a new artist or a long-time sketcher, Utopian Pigeon Cosplay shares ways to design outfits for creatures and items in this interactive design panel.

### EVA Foam Chainmail

\$5

UbersCosplay Programming 1

Chainmail is cool, but it's also heavy and may not be the best tool for the job even when you're making a costume with chainmail elements. Ubers Cosplay guides you through creating the chainmail appearance with EVA foam.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 30) Requires a separate purchase.

### Aging and Distressing: How to mess up your cosplay on purpose!

Pearly Bae Cosplay Programming 3

An overview on different techniques and tools to help make your costume look old, dirty, stained, bloody, or torn in the nicest way possible!

## Friday 02:30 PM

### Kumihimo

\$25

Wingedlight Cosplay Workshop 1

Kumihimo is a Japanese braiding technique used to create intricately colored chords, which are found in many historical and traditional Japanese armor, kimono, and items. Wingedlight Cosplay guides you through the process of braiding silks to create these beautiful chords.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

## Friday 03:00 PM

### Celshading and Painting

Ginoza Costuming Main

Ginoza Costuming discusses the processes and challenges of painting perspective into your costume.

### Cosplay Contest Support Series: Cosplay Contest Essentials

Pros and Cons Cosplay Programming 2

Cosplay Contest Essentials is a deep-dive into all things competition, from discussion on what cosplay contests even are, how to prepare yourself for being judged, to how to embody good sportsmanship and receive feedback. This session will also cover international and circuit-style competitions and the pathway to judging as well!

### Creature Gloves Pt. 1

\$20

Jenny Barclay Workshop 2

Jenny helps you craft a creepy glove! Webbed fingers, pointy claws, and other monstrous features at your literal finger tips.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase. *You must attend both sessions and will be able to pick up your gloves on Sunday.*

Part 2: Saturday 10:00 AM

### Creating Your Own Sloper for Custom Costume Construction

Infernal Machine Cosplay, Redfield Workshop 3

Design

Slopers or pattern blocks are the backbone to drafting your own patterns, but they can be tricky to understand. After completing this workshop, you will be able to go home with an upper body sloper custom fitted to you, from which you can build any number of costume patterns.

## Friday 04:00 PM

### Making the Leap from Cosplay to Pro Costumer

ZippyElly Main

Take the skills you've acquired as a cosplayer and start a career in professional costuming! Zip explains what you'll need to get started while discussing her experiences working in theatre, film, theme park entertainment, and touring shows.

### Weaving and Cosplay

Ivorivet, Stella Sews Programming 1

Are you a textile nerd? Do you want to fall into a hobby black hole, never to escape until your place is full of fiber tools you don't remember buying? We'll cover introductory forms of weaving that maybe won't take over your life. Maybe.

### Up, up, and AWepa!

FanDames Initiative Programming 3

A look at Latinx people in fandoms. Looks at characters, actors, and representations.

## Friday 05:00 PM

### Opening Ceremonies

Main

Join us for the formal opening of our convention! We'll welcome everyone back to the event, introduce our guests, and invite everyone in the room (yes, even you!) to walk across the stage for our Cosplay Catwalk Contest. Once we've picked a winner, stick around and network with other attendees before easing into dinner and our evening programming.

## Friday 07:00 PM

### That Doesn't Work How You Think It Does: Cosplay supply (Mis)use

Pros and Cons Cosplay Main

Cosplay is all fun and games until you accidentally burn your house down. Join Pros and Cons cosplay for a hilarious game show of dangerous and/or terrifying things people have tried in the name of cosplay, and learn the proper way to treat your materials that won't result in serious injury and property damage.

### Let's Assemble Gunpla!

model  
UbersCosplay Programming 1

Take a break and enjoy the zen of building a Gundam model kit. Bring your own or buy one of the ones we have available, then pull up a seat and join UbersCosplay for a chill build session.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 30) Requires a model which may be purchased separately.

### 3D Modeling on your Smartphone

Hoku Props Programming 2

Hoku Props demonstrates the Nomad Sculpt 3D modeling application, which you can purchase (iPhone) or download a free trial (Android) and follow along.

## Friday 08:00 PM

### True Cosplay Crimes

Beverly Downen Main

Are you guilty of committing cosplay crimes? Of course you are! Whether you're guilty of using hot glue to hem a garment, spray painted in your bathroom, dyed a sink bright pink, or "forgot to wear gloves", this is the panel for you! Join us as we reveal some of our own (relatable) worst moments! Come bond with us as we assure you that we are only human and even the most experienced makers are more than capable of making mistakes! Audience participation is highly encouraged.

## Friday 08:30 PM

### 5-Minute Presentation Party

FanDames Initiative Programming 1

The popular party format is back, but this time, there's a twist. Watch and learn as our panelists present 5-minute panels that they've prepped in advance...and a couple they've never seen before.

### Control Lighting and Motors with Simple Microcontrollers

Splatspace Programming 2

Splatspace provides an overview of Arduino systems and the LEDs, Neopixels, and small servo motors controlled by them. You don't have to be a coder, just come ready to see how to use the tools available to make cool things happen!

## Friday 09:00 PM

### Friday Night Fights 64

Pros and Cons Cosplay, William Bloodworth Main

In 2022, an alcohol-aided round of smack talk between one of our guests and one of our staff led to a challenge. One year later, we're settling this once and for all in a very-public bout of Pokémon Puzzle League, and there will absolutely be commentary.

## Friday 10:00 PM

### "Well Actually": A Nerdy Game Show

FanDames Initiative Main

Do you love being right? Love to correct others? Is your brain bursting with crafting knowledge? Then this game is for you! Come play a hilarious game where it's okay to correct the hosts!

## Friday 10:00 PM

### Help, My Wig is Ruined! First Aid for Your Fibers

Keiraide Programming 1

From choppy cuts to tangle turmoil, there's no shortage of wig wounds. Before you throw away your hard work and money, there may be hope to save it! If you have a wig that needs help, bring it to the Wig Wellness Center (aka this session)!

### Dumpsterfireside Chats

Our guests have been through a lot. Costume injuries, crazy conventions, baffling TSA encounters, and awkward social interactions are all part of the con life. These are their unscripted stories of horror, cringe, and calamity.

18+ panel.

## Friday 11:00 PM

### Musicals Sing A Long

FanDames Initiative Main

We love musicals! Do you? The FanDames Initiative "are telling you" that you'll be absolutely "Satisfied" "Tonight" with your decision to join us for an hour of Musicals Sing A Long!

### Welcome to Hell

Utopian Pigeon Cosplay Programming 2

The energy of Anime Hell meeting memes, strange commercials, and obscure media. Join us for a late night journey into the absurd.

18+ panel.

## Saturday 10:00 AM

### The Art of the Pose

Brett Downen Main

Photographer Brett Downen demonstrates a live photoshoot and walks the audience through his processes, including what he looks for in a pose to best showcase a cosplayer and their costume.

### Shine Bright: A Guide to Incorporating LED

Hoku Props Programming 1

Okay, cool, you want to add lights and give your costume some technical flair, but how exactly does one add diodes and power them without looking more cyberpunk than intended? Hoku Props is here to show you!

### Ombres and Color Gradients in Cosplay

December Cosplay Programming 2

Why settle for solids when you have the whole spectrum to work with? December discusses how to incorporate color progressions in your costume.

### Aged to Perfection

Darth Claire Cosplay, Snailed It Cosplay Programming 3

Cosplay is often seen as "childish" but it's a hobby that can grow with you! Join us for a discussion of cosplaying as you age.

### Creature Gloves Pt. 2

Jenny Barclay Workshop 2

Jenny helps you craft a creepy glove! Webbed fingers, pointy claws, and other monstrous features at your literal finger tips.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase. *You must attend both sessions and will be able to pick up your gloves on Sunday.*

Part 1: Friday 03:00 PM

### Saturday 10:00 AM

#### Light-up Zaku Heat Hawk Axe

\$40

UbersCosplay

Workshop 3

A Heat Hawk axe in Mobile Suit Gundam is a giant handax with a plasma blade running along one side of it, and we're going to make them with light diffusion foam! Ubers Cosplay walks you through assembling a kit to create your own light-up giant robot ax.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase.

### Saturday 10:30 AM

#### Embossing for Boss Builds

\$15

Pros and Cons Cosplay (Pro)

Workshop 1

Do you have the perfect fabric but want to add some razzle-dazzle? Are you interested in learning even more ways to add a personal touch to your garments? Embossing is for you! Attendees at this interactive panel will learn to use various embossing techniques to amplify fabrics! Attendees will leave with self-made velvet pillows and sample embossing squares.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

### Saturday 11:00 AM

#### Basic Braids for Wigs

Utopian Pigeon Cosplay

Programming 2

Scared of braiding a wig? Not sure where to start? Utopian Pigeon Cosplay shares how to style three strand, fishtail, herringbone and French braids on wigs.

#### Body Positive Cosplay

FanDames Initiative

Programming 3

Too Tall? Too Short? Too Fat? Too Skinny? TOO BAD! Come out and join the FanDames for a discussion on how to love your body in cosplay no matter what.

### Saturday 01:00 PM

#### Janome Demonstration

Janome

Main

Proper maintenance and troubleshooting are necessary to keep even the best sewing machines delivering to their potential. Capital Sew and Quilt experts walk you through Janome machine care and answer your questions to get the most out of your machine investment.

#### Hand Embroidery

\$20

December Cosplay

Programming 1

Interested in hand embroidery and want to give it a shot? December demonstrates the basics and invites you to follow along from your seat.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 20) Requires a separate purchase.

#### EVA Foam for Cosplay

Ginoza Costuming

Programming 2

Wanna learn about foam to make some cool props and armor for your cosplay? This panel teaches tips, tools, techniques, and how to get started with foam for your own cosplay needs. See some of the props and armor pieces that use these techniques to their fullest potential in this panel hosted by Ginoza Costuming.

#### Getting Started with Leatherwork in Cosplay

ThreadMagnet Cosplay

Programming 3

Want to add real beautiful leather pieces to your cosplay? Not sure where to begin? This panel will go over basic tools needed to get started, choosing your leather, craftsmanship techniques, hardware, and more.

### Saturday 01:00 PM

#### Foamsmithing Forge: Crafting EVA Foam Daggers!

\$30

Beverly Downen

Workshop 1

Welcome to the foamsmithing forge with Beverly of Downen Creative Studios! Students will assemble a 15" con-safe EVA Foam dagger that is ready to seal, paint and customize. This workshop will be guided by the "Small Dagger" project chapter of her book Cosplayer's Ultimate Guide to EVA Foam.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

### Saturday 01:30 PM

#### The Basics of Resin Casting

\$30

Utopian Pigeon Cosplay

Workshop 2

Utopian Pigeon helps you add resin casting to your skillset with light-up gems and different effect materials including mica powders, alcohol inks, pigment inks dirty pours, petri, and more.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase. *Casting takes time, so please keep in mind that you will need to return later during the convention to pick up your cast.*

#### Wrangle that Wig: Wig Styling 101

\$35

Pros and Cons Cosplay (Con)

Workshop 3

Cosplay wigs can sometimes be intimidating to work with, but never fear! This workshop is your place to practice, and learn how to tame the beast! We'll go over the tools you need to style your wigs, basic styling techniques such as curling, and spiking, and practice cutting so you can vanquish your wig styling fears. Attendees are encouraged to bring a wig they don't mind cutting up, as we will workshop multiple styles on one wig.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase.

### Saturday 02:00 PM

#### Composure is Unshakeable!

William Bloodworth

Main

Striking the right pose can add drama to your cosplay photo, but how far can we take it? This audience participation event tasks choreographers with iconic shots to emulate without touching or sharing references with the subjects.

#### Mecha 101

UbersCosplay

Programming 2

You don't need a mechanical engineering degree to make a giant robot, but everyone starts somewhere and there's no substitute for shared experience. UbersCosplay showcases the world of mecha cosplay, the skills to cultivate, and the practical challenges of cosplaying a machine.

#### Costuming as an Industry: The differences between Film and Theatre

Pearly Bae Cosplay

Programming 3

A quick look into the similarities, differences and terminology used in the theatre, TV, and film industry. This panel is NOT about professional cosplaying!

### Saturday 02:30 PM

#### Store Bought to Sew Haute

FanDames Initiative

Programming 1

Need some tips to help make store bought cosplays better? Check out our panel! Store Bought to Sew Haute ◦ Store bought costumes rock! But there are lots of ways to really kick them up a notch. The FanDames Initiative will discuss ways to take your store-bought costume to the next level.

### Saturday 03:00 PM

#### Cosplay Checkers

Two teams challenge one another to diagonal combat across a colorful tiled battlefield! Come watch the dramatic cosplay battles or arrive early to join a side and find out if you're destined for royalty. Main

#### 3D Print Finishing

Hoku Props Programming 2

3D Printing is amazing, but costumes don't just pop off the printer bed ready to go. Hoku Props touches on the finishing touches that make your printed pieces costume-ready.

### Saturday 03:30 PM

#### Kanzashi Ornate Flowers

\$5  
Jenny Barclay Programming 1

Flowers add natural and at times supernatural allure to costumes and props, but the real things are limited in form, durability, and lifespan. Channel textile druidcraft as Jenny Barclay guides a class through the creation of fabric flowers.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 50) Requires a separate purchase.

### Saturday 04:00 PM

#### Culture of Change: Addressing Racism in Cosplay

Pros and Cons Cosplay Programming 2

Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) face the same issues in the cosplay community as they do outside of it, and it is important to keep fighting against these injustices. If you are BIPOC, come learn ways to manage your own inner peace in a racialized world. If you've ever labeled yourself as an ally,<sup>1</sup> join us in learning more strategies to dismantle racism in the cosplay community!

### Saturday 04:00 PM

#### Between Two Joann's: An Actor's Guide to Design

tinyechoes Programming 3

Stumped on an original design? Unsure about character details? Come hang and learn some character analysis tips and tricks from a professional actor to take your cosplay to the next level!

#### Leather Pt. 2

December Cosplay Workshop 1

Leather can add a lot to your costume, but it's not the most intuitive material to work with. December introduces you to working with leather in this two-part workshop.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase. *You must attend both sessions and may pick up your leather work on Sunday.*

Part 1: Friday 01:00 PM

#### Faux Metal Painting

\$30  
Hoku Props Workshop 2

Metal is heavy, metal gets hot, and metal tends to be on the no-no list for con weapon policies. Thankfully, Hoku Props is here to show you how to pull off the metal look without setting off the metal detector.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase.

#### Foam Building

\$30  
Ginoza Costuming Workshop 3

Ginoza costuming helps you take your foam-crafting skills to the next level. Learn how to properly pattern, cut, shape, glue, and finish foam to help you move forward with your own cosplay prop and armor goals.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase.

### Saturday 04:30 PM

#### Mecha Robox Contest

UbersCosplay Main

Back by popular demand! UbersCosplay hosts a competition among teams of audience members who will use the tools and material available to assemble mecha costumes featuring... the mysterious secret ingredient!

### Saturday 05:00 PM

#### Cryptid Competition

FanDames Initiative Programming 1

Using a very scientific bracket, we will engage in a friendly debate to determine which cryptid is the best cryptid. Audience participation is encouraged, so bring your research and opinions (but not your pet chupacabra).

#### Be Our Guest

Beverly Downen Programming 2

So you want to be a guest at a convention but you don't know where to start? Join Beverly of Downen Creative Studios for tips on how to improve your branding, marketing and networking skills to connect and establish meaningful professional relationships with events and brands that last.

#### Control Lighting and Motors with Simple Microcontrollers

Splatspace Programming 3

Splatspace provides an overview of Arduino systems and the LEDs, Neopixels, and small servo motors controlled by them. You don't have to be a coder, just come ready to see how to use the tools available to make cool things happen!

### Saturday 06:00 PM

#### Costume Contest Staging

Main

What, you think contests just happen? Participants will gather for a mandatory briefing with the contest judges in preparation for the main contest event.

### Saturday 07:00 PM

#### Costume Contest

Main

It's time to announce the winners of our costume craftsmanship contest! Our judges will announce the winners, give out prizes, and lead us in celebrating the hard work and talents of our Cosplay America 2022 contestants.

### Saturday 09:00 PM

#### Cosplay America Gala

Main, Programming 1, Programming 2

You are cordially invited to a most fantastical occasion! We welcome you to socialize with your peers and our guests for a night of music, snacks, and photo ops! A classy costume is not required, but we encourage you to don a formal or especially eye-catching outfit and compete in our regal showcase!

### Sunday 10:00 AM

#### Positioning Your Business or Side Hustle for Success

Hoku Props Main

There's more to business than having an idea and putting in the work. Hoku Props delves into the questions you should be asking, the information you should be collecting, and the steps you need to take if you want a chance at success.

## Sunday 10:00 AM

### Cosplay America Feedback

How'd we do? What could we do better? What would you like to see next year? We're always open to feedback, but this is your chance to share your thoughts directly with the people who make Cosplay America happen.

Programming 1

### Making a Wig from Scratch

Are you bold enough (or bored enough) to take your wig styling to the next level? This panel Con from Pros and Cons Cosplay will discuss the ins and outs of making a wig from scratch! Learn about the tools you need, steps you take, and a few tips and tricks to keep from pulling out your own hair making your own wig.

Programming 2

### Research for Cosplayers

So you've decided you want to cosplay, but aren't sure where to begin? We will cover where to start researching your character, including how to begin your search, finding the materials and techniques to build your dream cosplay, and building on skills that you already have.

Programming 3

### Beginning Card Weaving

Card or tablet weaving is a very portable, low-cost form of weaving with a long history. Come learn to make woven trim for use in fantasy or D&D cosplays, LARP outfits, or historical reenactment. Cards, yarn, and patterns will be provided.

Workshop 2

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

## Sunday 10:00 AM

### Texturing EVA Foam like a Pro

\$35  
Beverly Downen Workshop 3

Learn how easy it can be to add textures to EVA foam! Beverly of Downen Creative Studios shows you how to use simple techniques and tools to create a variety of complex texture effects including leather, hammered metal, embossed details and much more using rotary tools, utility knives and foil!

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

## Sunday 11:00 AM

### Vinyl Cel Shading

How do you make the real surreal? UbersCosplay showcases examples of his work leveraging vinyl to give his mechanical costumes the look and feel of animation come to life.

Main

### Organizing Your Cosplay Life: Tips and Tricks

Cosplayers often have a lot of items! This session will cover how you can organize your cosplay life from creation to travel and storage. This session will cover all your organizational needs, both for seasoned cosplayers and makers at the start of their cosplay journey.

Programming 1

## Sunday 11:00 AM

### Cosplay Contest Support Series: Cosplay Contest Judging Basics

Have you ever wanted to know what happens behind the judging table in hopes of doing so yourself one day? We will cover the basic elements of serving as a cosplay contest judge, including what to look for, how to create a good environment for contestants with diversity, equity and inclusion in mind, and answers to some of those tricky matters that may come up as a judge! This session will also have hands-on judging simulation to really see what judging looks like in action.

Programming 2

### Bows, Buns, and Pleats: Sailor Moon Cosplay

Have you ever wanted to make a Sailor Moon costume? Join Koholint and Keiraide as they walk you through how fabric, accessories, and a little bit of magic work together to create the sailor suits worn by the Pretty Guardians in Sailor Moon!

Programming 3

### Essential Hand Stitches for Cosplay and Costuming

\$10  
ZippyElly Workshop 1

We've all got to start somewhere and one of the most fundamental elements in costuming is hand stitching. ZippyElly will arm you with the basic hand sewing skills you need to make your own costume.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase. Difficulty level: 1

## Sunday 12:00 PM

### Logistics of Planning and Detailing

December Cosplay Main

Some costumes are forgiving enough to pull together on the fly, but the majority are going to start with an idea that needs a plan to bring together. December shares her approach to taking on complex projects and capturing the details that bring them to life.

### A Guide to Trim

Makelovely Cosplay Programming 1

With so many types of lace, ribbon, and braid, it can be hard to figure out what to use for your project! We'll be talking all about the different types of trim, where to shop for them, and even how to make some!

### Casting a Tiara Pt. 2

Jenny Barclay Workshop 2

Sailor Moon's tiara is a fashionable, and powerful, weapon, but if you're not among the sailor senshi then you'll need to make your own. In this two-part workshop, Jenny Barclay guides you through creating a mold and then casting your own tiara.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 12) Requires a separate purchase. *You must attend both sessions and may pick up your tiara on Sunday.*

Part 1: Friday 01:00 PM

## Sunday 12:30 PM

### ZBrush

Hoku Props Programming 2

ZBrush is a digital sculpting tool used to create 3D models. Hoku Props will demonstrate how the tool can be used to craft your thoughts into shapes that can be 3D printed.

## Sunday 12:30 PM

### The Long-Awaited Revival of the Cosplay Figure Drawing Panel

FanDames Initiative Programming 3

We'll provide pencils, paper, and other basic art supplies, and attendees get to sit in a quiet room and decompress by drawing some cosplayers in various poses.

## Sunday 01:00 PM

### PhotoShoot Playtime: Fun Practical Effects for Your Photo Adventures!

Brett Downen Main

Creating fun effects doesn't have to be reserved just for Photoshop and phone apps; you can create many effects during your photo shoots that not only look amazing, but are a lot of fun to create! Cosplay photographer Brett Downen (Downen Photography) invites you to participate in a practical effects photo shoot where, with audience participation, we will experiment with several methods of adding fun, dynamic elements to the shot, and work together as a team to achieve them.

*This is a participatory panel where we will actively work together during a live photo shoot to experiment with fun and easy practical effects.*

### Mobile Suit-up

UbersCosplay Programming 1

You've seen the robots, but have you seen how they come together? UbersCosplay demonstrates the process of donning one of his mobile suit costumes and explains how some design considerations can significantly improve the process.

### Spiking and Volume in Wigs 101

Utopian Pigeon Cosplay Workshop 3

Be the anime protagonist you always wanted to be with a wig to match. Utopian Pigeon Cosplay walks you through fighting gravity and going from bag wig to polygon pompadour.

## Sunday 01:30 PM

### Cosplay Contest Support Series: Cosplay Contest Runner's Summit

Pros and Cons Cosplay Programming 2

Event runners discuss practical approaches to cosplay contest operations, and strategies for show runners to run more effective, efficient and ethical shows. There will also be a round table opportunity for event runners to discuss an array of issues including spicy cosplay contest hot takes!

### Live, Love, Cosplay

Lee Lee the Bunny, Redfield Design Programming 3

Establishing a good work/life balance is hard enough when your hobby isn't cosplay, which adds juggling finances, time, and downtime to the mix. We will be looking at some ways cosplayers can avoid things like burn out, maintain better relationships, and stay positive throughout the construction process.

### Beaded Cabochons

\$10 Wingedlight Cosplay Workshop 1

Wingedlight Cosplay introduces you to the world of threading beads around beautiful stones and minerals.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

## Sunday 02:00 PM

### Mind the Gap

Beverly Downen Main

EVA foam is amazing, but working with it will inevitably bring you face-to-craft with seam lines, gaps, and other challenges of crafting in the real world. Beverly Downen shares some of her techniques for preparing foam for paint.

## Sunday 02:00 PM

### Digitizing Cosplay Patterns

Koholint Programming 1

Are you a cosplayer that creates your own costumes? If you find yourself regularly creating or modifying your patterns and need a better method, come learn about the world of digital patterns! This educational panel will walk you through the digitizing process and introduce you to Adobe Illustrator.

## Sunday 03:00 PM

### Level up your cosplay: It's over 9000!

Ginoza Costuming Main

Ginoza Costuming shares expertise on how to take your cosplay to the next level, including advanced techniques for prop and costume-making, material selection, and lighting integration. Bring your questions!

### My wig is ruined!

Utopian Pigeon Cosplay Programming 1

Have you ever tangled your wig beyond repair? Miscut it? Given it a rough night at the rave? Bring your wig and Utopian Pigeon will show you how to bring it back to a working order and give it a second life.

### Agony of the Feet

Darth Claire Cosplay, Dragonace Cosplay Programming 2

Cosplay is tough on your feet, but does it have to be? Join us for a discussion of cosplay footwear with a focus on comfort and finding a balance between aesthetics and arch support!

### Stitch and Litch

FanDames Initiative Programming 3

Join us for some stitchcraft. Bring your unfinished crochet, knitting, cross stitch, embroidery, etc. enjoy some space to share and work on your projects with like-minded folks.

## Sunday 03:00 PM

### Scalemail and Chainmail

\$20 Jenny Barclay Workshop 2

It's like knitting, but with metal, right? Well, not quite, Jenny Barclay can help you get the hang of linking your own metals and bring you one step closer to increasing your armor class.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 14) Requires a separate purchase.

### Making Cosplay Gauntlet/Bracers

\$30 ThreadMagnet Cosplay Workshop 3

In this workshop you will pattern your own bracers and then use different materials and hardware to create your own set of fantasy tie on bracers.

**Premium workshop:** (Capacity: 15) Requires a separate purchase.

## Sunday 04:00 PM

### Contest Track | The Full Experience

Pros and Cons Cosplay Main

Did you attend the Support Series sessions throughout the weekend but still have more questions to ask or have experiences to share? Interested in hearing perspectives from contest runners, judges and fellow contestants? This session will include a wrap up of all of the content discussed throughout the series, and suggestions for everyone to be better at contest-ing!

## Sunday 05:00 PM

### Closing Ceremonies

Hot glue running cold... circuit breakers

tripping... glitter in places best not elaborated... Yep, I think we're done here! Let's get together one last time to send off our guests, reflect on the weekend, and get everyone (including you!) together for a huge 2023 group photo!