Cosplanning: Planning for Cosplay

Hosted by Louisiana Cosplayers

Why Cosplay?

- What is Cosplay?
- What does it mean to be a Louisiana Cosplayer?
- What can improved planning do for *your* cosplay?

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Choosing Your Cosplay

There are lots of reasons to cosplay something:

- You like the character
- You like the character design
- It is a challenge for you
- You relate to the series
- You want to be in a group with your friends
- Fits your skill level

Competition or Naw?

Competition

- Impressive by design
- Often not a common character
- Pushes your skill level
- Must be something YOU can make
- Needs documentation

Naw

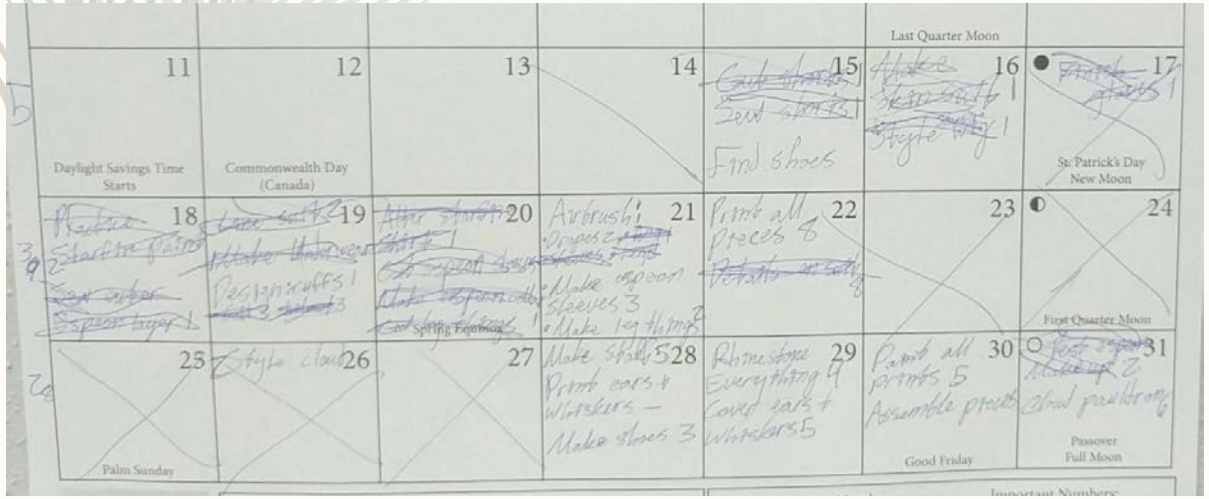
- More relaxed
- More options
- More stylized
- Can be store bought
- Only needs documentation for you

References

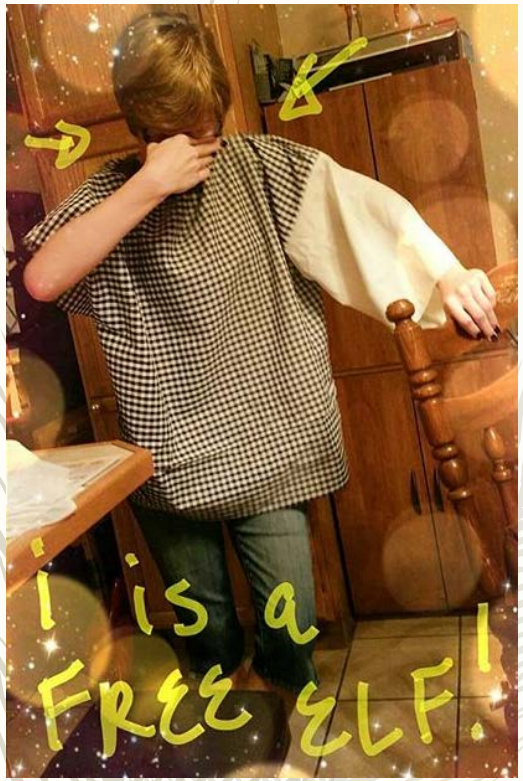
- As many as you can
- All angles & small details
- Screen-captures
- 3D models where possible
- PRINT THEM!

Establish a Timeframe

Date	Begin Time	End Time	Estimated Hours	Actual Hours
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	7:30 PM	10:00 PM	2.5 hours	
Thursday, March 17, 2016	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	5 hours	
Friday, March 18, 2016	5:00 PM	11:00 PM	6 hours	
Saturday, March 19, 2016	9:00 AM	11:00 PM	14 hours	
Sunday, March 20, 2016	10:00 AM	10:00 PM	12 hours	
Monday, March 21, 2016	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	5 hours	
Tuesday March 22, 2016	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	5 hours	
Wednesday, March 23, 2016	5:00 PM	10:00 PM	5 hours	
		Total	54.5 hours	



- Plan for setbacks
- Break the cosplay into parts
- Break parts into tasks
- Give each task a (reasonable) time allotment
- Plan how much you can do in a week

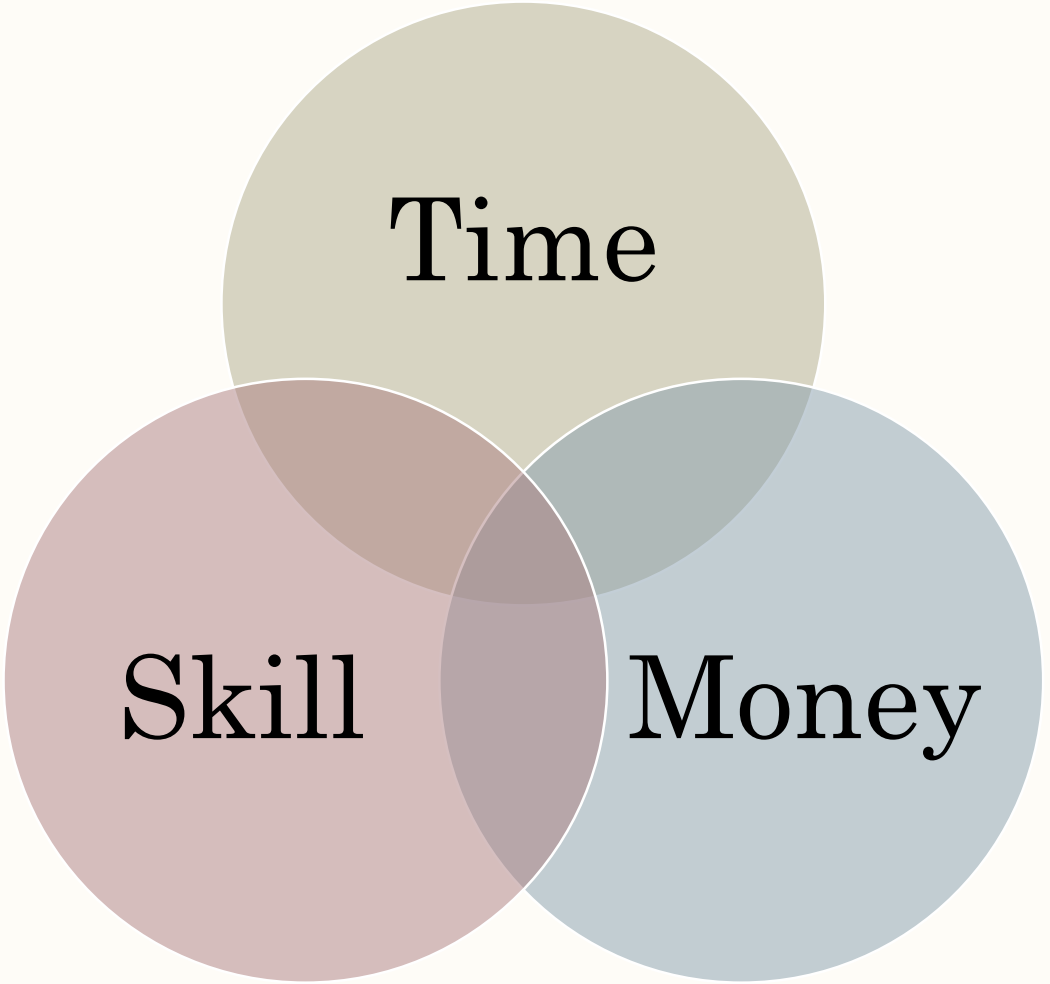


Planning Construction

- Patterns: Making vs. Buying
- Mockups! You *need* them
  - Mockup fabric needs to have the same properties as the final fabric
  - Ex. Knit for knit, the same drape
- Be prepared to make multiple trial pieces
- Think about how parts will interact

Gather Materials

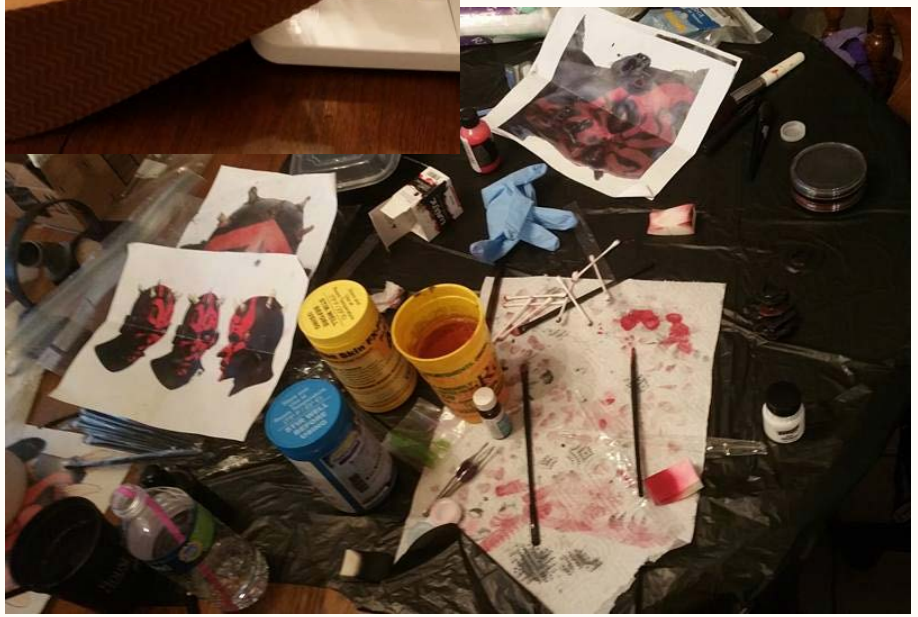
- Resources: Cost vs. Accuracy
- Compare material sources
- Functionality
  - Stretch?
  - Movement?
  - Logistics
  - Putting it on

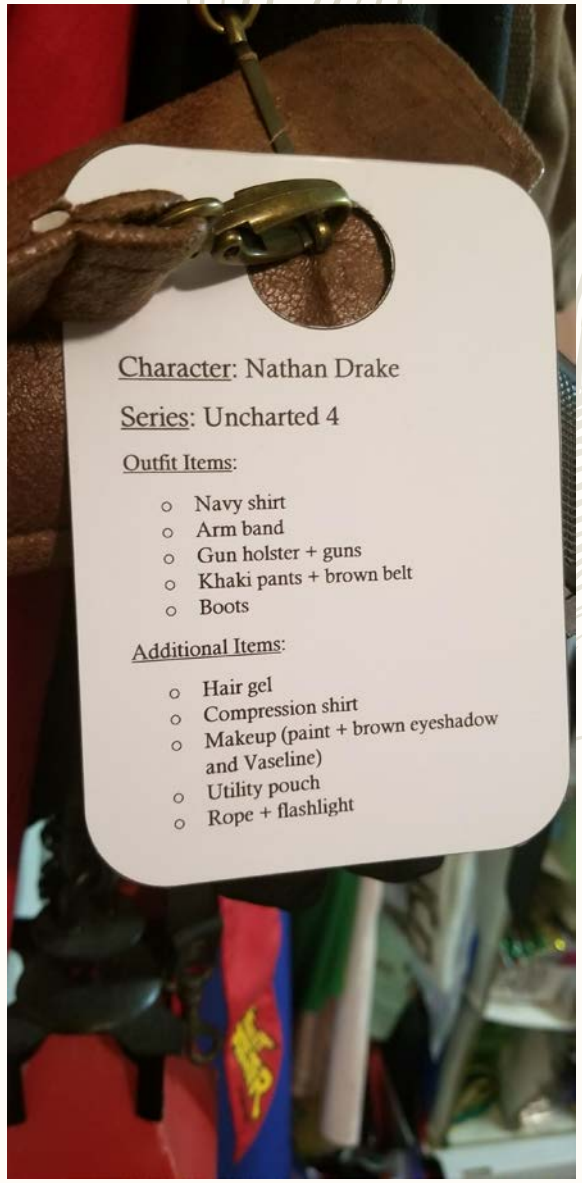


Gather Materials

- Hidden costs
  - Tools, interfacing, thread, elastic, zippers, stuffing, glue, sandpaper, hairspray, undergarments, mock-ups
- Order fabric swatches
- Give yourself time for shipping
- Get more than you need

Suffering





Post Organization

Create a file

- Gather all physical paper pieces
- Patterns, notes, references, receipts
  - Update patterns

Make a Master list

- Packing tags
  - List all pieces of costume and accessories
  - Include things like contacts, hairspray, etc

Label *Everything*

- Label wigs for quick packing
- Label shoe boxes
- Lebel contacts

Decide what to keep

- Scraps
- Excess trims
- Negligible patterns

Questions?