



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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A decorative graphic of a feather, rendered in a light beige color, is positioned on the left side of the slide. It has a central rachis with numerous barbs extending outwards, creating a fan-like shape. The feather is oriented vertically, with the base at the bottom and the tip at the top.

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

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Daylight Savings Time Starts	Commonwealth Day (Canada)		Find shoes	Make shoes	Make shoes	St. Patrick's Day New Moon
Make shoes	Make shoes	Make shoes	Airbrush	Print all pieces		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Palm Sunday			Make shoes	Rhinestone Everything	Good Friday	Passover Full Moon

Planning Construction

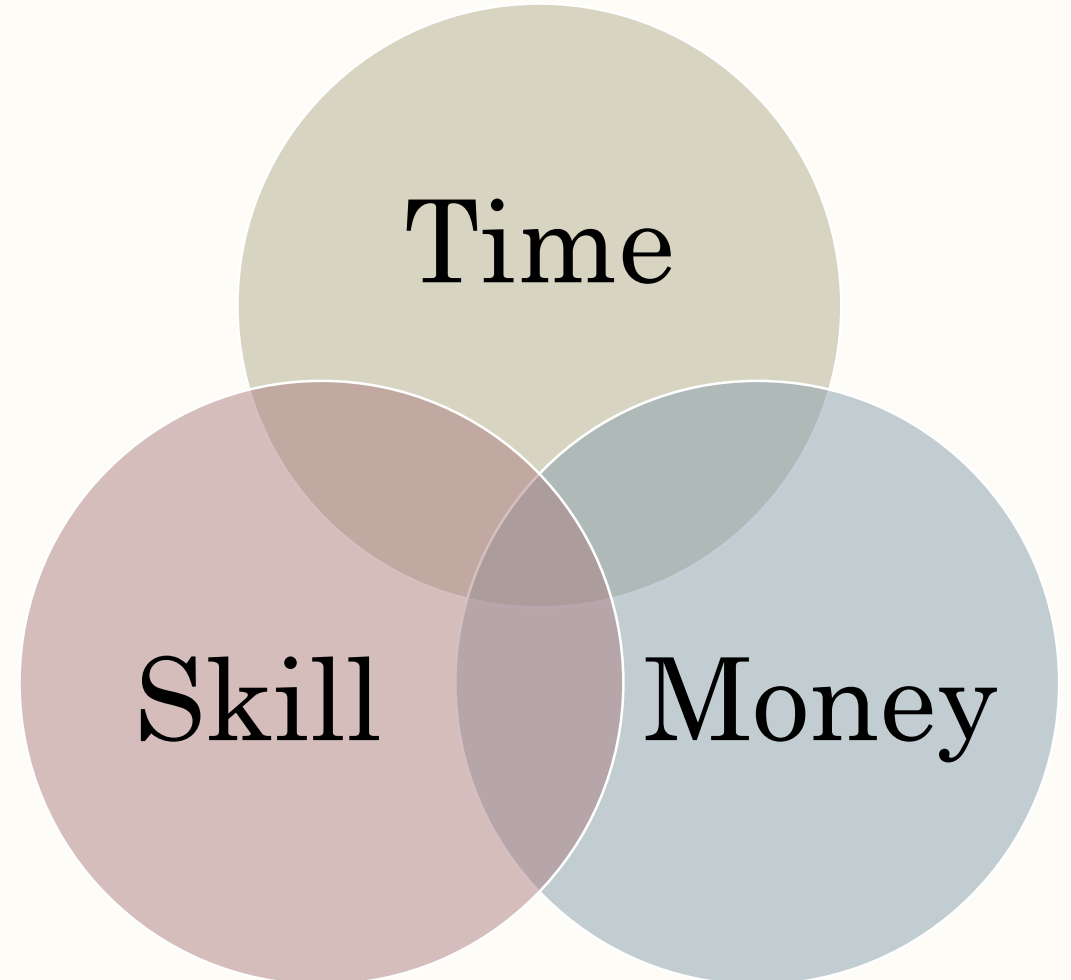


- Patterns: Making vs. Buying
- Mockups! You *need* them
 - Mockup fabric needs to have the same properties as the final fabric
 - Ex. Knit for knit, the same drape
- Be prepared to make multiple trial pieces
- Think about how parts will interact



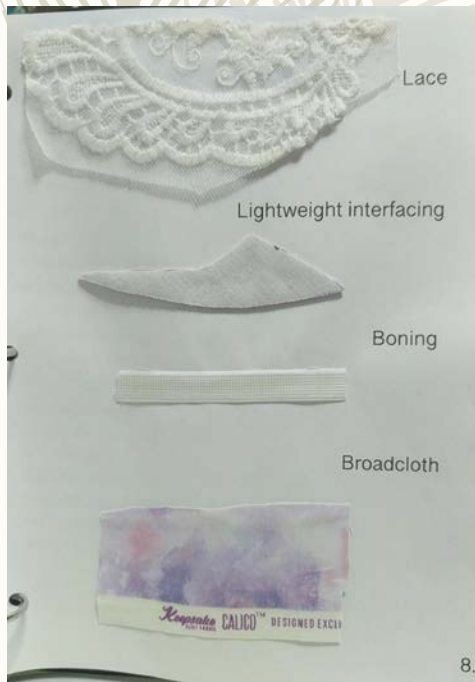
Gather Materials

- 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

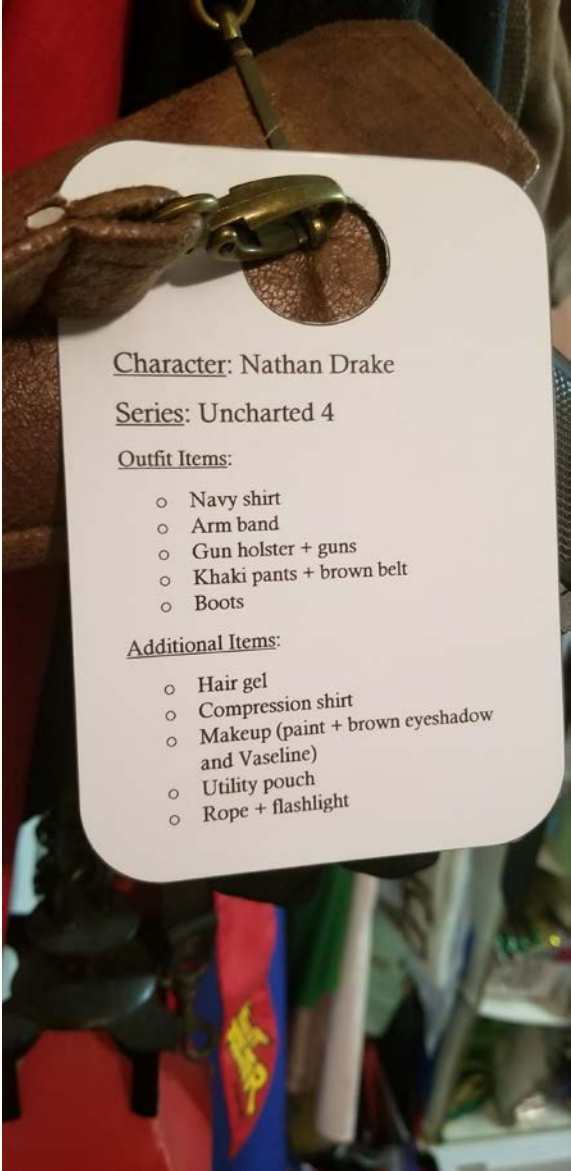
- Packing tags
 - List all pieces of costume and accessories
 - Include things like contacts, hairspray, etc

Label *Everything*

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

Decide what to keep

- Scraps
- Excess trims
- Negligible patterns



Character: Nathan Drake

Series: Uncharted 4

Outfit Items:

- Navy shirt
- Arm band
- Gun holster + guns
- Khaki pants + brown belt
- Boots

Additional Items:

- Hair gel
- Compression shirt
- Makeup (paint + brown eyeshadow and Vaseline)
- Utility pouch
- Rope + flashlight

Questions?

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