

# **Build Book Basics**

A Build Book is an essential tool for any cosplayer to document their creative process for a cosplay contest. Using a build book template helps you stay organized, plan your project step by step and showcase your craftsmanship. Think of it as an extension of your in-person judging that gives the highlights of your creative process to the judges.

## **Build Book Framework**

### **1- Front Cover, with contestant name.**

Title, Full-body color photo of the finished cosplay in character, cosplay name and date of completion.

### **2- References and inspiration.**

Official artwork, screenshots, or concept sketches. Notes pointing out key design elements you aimed to replicate. Brief paragraph about the character and why you chose them.

### **3- Materials and supplies.**

Description and/or swatches of fabrics, prop components and tools used in your cosplay creation.

### **4- Pictures of work in progress.**

Construction process (*with progress photos*), costume pieces and techniques used.

### **5- Finished Cosplay**

Quality photos from multiple angles. Close-ups of details like stitching, paint gradients and prop mechanisms. Acknowledge the people who assisted you.

Relax and enjoy the process. Your build books will evolve along with your cosplay. Build books are typically 10-14 pages long and include color references. For further information, search cosplay build book examples on your internet search engine.