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The Hero's Closet: Sewing For Cosplay And Costuming



Synopsis

Cosplayers rejoice! The Hero's Closet is the ultimate DIY guide to creating unique and fantastical homemade costumes. This essential handbook offers detailed, step-by-step instructions that cover the basics of sewing costumes (which often require skills not found in standard sewing guides) to help even the most novice sewists create the costumes of their dreams. A skilled crafter and avid cosplayer, Gillian Conahan walks readers through finding inspiration online and through their fandom; shares insight into translating character art into real-world garments; and offers advice on pattern selection, alterations, fabrics, and embellishment techniques. The book also features 11 original step-by-step basic patterns such as jumpsuits, jackets, and pants. It then suggests ideas for mixing and matching these basics to create costumes of all styles, including superheroes, pirates, elves, school girls, and adventurers. The Hero's Closet is the first how-to handbook on the art of sewing for cosplay. A must-have guide for Comic Con and Halloween, it's essential for all ambitious fans with a DIY spirit who love the idea of cosplay, but need the inspiration and technical tips to make an awesome costume.

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Customer Reviews

Gillian Conahan is editor-in-chief of Vogue Patterns magazine, as well as a cosplayer, sewing nerd, and certifiable geek in her free time. She lives in Brooklyn, New York.

This book is amazing. Very detailed. comes with clear patterns. If you wanna start sewing or want to use it as reference this book is very good for both! Very happy with the purchase.

As someone who is self-taught in costuming and has no formal training in sewing, this really helps bring a lot of information together and complete it. Thanks so much for making this!!

I asked my wife to rate this, as I purchased it as a gift for her. She said "I like it, 4 stars"

Good costumesAwesome

I'm not so into the whole cosplay thing, but this book is also an excellent resource for customizing preexisting patterns/learning how to modify for a better fit. It's got three parts. Part 1 is basic here's-how-to-sew-clothing information with an emphasis on the decorations and customizations that might interest a cosplayer. Part 2 is instructions for how to sew several included patterns for basic costume parts (cape, tunic, leggings, etc.). Part 3 is instructions for several costumes that can be put together from the included patterns. Going through them gives you a good idea of how mixing and matching, combined with fabric and detail choices, can give you completely different looks. Parts 2 and 3 are, in my opinion, curated so that they give a solid foundation that will let you go off-book pretty easily. There's also an index in the back of the book, and cutting layouts and size charts for the included patterns. In my opinion it's well worth the money and good for anyone who wants to start customizing their sewn clothes.

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