

Read the shape. Check the details.

A Paris gallery, Manila's different creator spaces, an unresolved Singapore contest date and a clear-plastic craft primer. Four traceable findings for makers.

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SEPTEMBER GALLERY · JULY EVENT RECAP



Paris offers a reference shelf, not a popularity chart

Kotaku's September 10 gallery presents Minerablu's selected costumes from Japan Expo, whose 2026 edition ran July 9–12 at Paris-Nord Villepinte Exhibition Center in France. The selection includes Esquie from Clair Obscur:

Expedition 33, Qifrey and Coco from Witch Hat Atelier, a Monster High group and Oda from Cyberpunk 2077. This is recently published coverage of a summer event, not a September convention or a representative count of its fandoms. The gallery credits the photography and identifies individual characters; follow it to view the work in its original context. [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Choose two contrasting references: one defined by fabric and silhouette, another by armor or creature shape. Write down what makes each character readable before guessing at construction. A photograph alone does not establish a maker's materials or methods.



Manila separates the artist table from the creator booth

Cosplay.ph's July 17 guide places Cosplay Mania at SMX Convention Center Manila on October 2–4. It distinguishes FanFair artist-alley tables from All-Star Avenue booths for cosplayers, idol groups, performers and content creators, and from dedicated photo/video booths. The published inclusions also differ: FanFair is listed as raw space with a table and chairs but no electrical provision; All-Star Avenue lists a booth shell and a 300-watt outlet. These are existing exhibitor specifications, not a newly opened application window. Remaining inventory and booking acceptance are not verified here. [\[3\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Match your activity to the booth category before planning a display. Sketch the supplied footprint, identify what needs power and ask the organizer about the current category and inclusions before committing money. An old “slots now open” headline is not a reservation.



Singapore's contest page mixes three years

Singapore Comic Con's live contest page is headed “2026 COSPLAY COMPETITION,” but gives the competition date as “7 December 2024, Sunday,” labels its prizes 2025 and still requires a 2025 ticket in the detailed rules. Its November 7 submission line has no year. The separate event homepage lists December 5–6, 2026 at Sands Expo & Convention Centre, with a December 4 preview night. We can verify those event dates, but cannot establish a reliable 2026 contest date or application deadline from this contradictory page. Its application button leads to “SGCC 2025 Cosplay Competition Application,” which explicitly says it is no longer accepting responses. [\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#) [\[8\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Keep convention admission and competition entry as separate decisions. Prepare reusable references and build photos, but get the contest year, deadline and eligibility confirmed by the organizer before treating this as an open call. This is a source discrepancy, not an announced cancellation.



Clear armor effects need their own material plan

Worbla's sheet instructions distinguish TranspArt from Finest Art, Black Art, Mesh Art and FlameRed Art. The latter group activates at 90°C; clear TranspArt activates at 120°C, and the supplier advises heat-resistant gloves. It also warns that large flat TranspArt shapes can droop, while curves or a broad base improve support. Unlike the other sheets, its narrow self-bonding temperature range makes self-adhesion unreliable as a general joining method. This is established product guidance, not a new release, and extends yesterday's hidden-support theme from wigs to transparent effects. [6] [7]

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Before making a full-size wing, splash or ice effect, test a small curve, a supported flat section and a join using the exact product's instructions. Check the cooled shape under its own weight. Use a heat-safe work surface and appropriate heat protection; do not transfer another plastic's heating or bonding recipe unchanged.

MAKE A PLAN

Event radar

Dates as listed at publication. Follow the organizer for changes.

Oct 2

through Oct 4, 2026

Cosplay Mania ↗

SMX Convention Center Manila · Philippines

Existing exhibitor guide distinguishes creator, artist and photo/video spaces. Current booking availability is not verified.

Dec 5

through Dec 6, 2026

Singapore Comic Con ↗

Sands Expo & Convention Centre · Singapore

Separate preview night December 4. Convention dates are listed; cosplay contest date and entry deadline remain unresolved.

On the floor

Scope: one photographer's curated Japan Expo gallery and one supplier's technical instructions. These are reference signals, not crowd statistics or global popularity claims. [1] [6]

Witch Hat Atelier → paired silhouette study

Qifrey and Coco appear together in Kotaku's Japan Expo selection. Comparing their costume outlines is an editorial exercise, not evidence of a fandom-wide surge.

Monster High → ensemble character contrast

The same selected gallery includes a Monster High group. Study how distinct individual looks can remain readable in one group portrait; no participation ranking is implied.

Transparent effects → structural curves

Worbla's technical guide connects curves and base support with TranspArt stability. This is material behavior documented by the supplier, not an observed rise in transparent costumes.

TRY THIS

Make the invitation specific.

Ask another maker to compare a reference image with one small material test. Can they identify the intended shape, and can the sample hold it without your hand? Record the answer before scaling up.

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Checked September 15, 2026. Four findings rather than padding a thin fresh-news day: a September 10 gallery of a July event, existing exhibitor guidance, a verified source inconsistency and closed prior-year form and an established craft primer. All four available editions in the prior seven-day window were reviewed; unchanged deadlines and weekend results are not repeated. Today's improvement is Southeast Asian primary-source breadth plus a product-specific transparent-material primer. Undated sources retain no publication date. No sponsored placements or reproduced event photography.
