

Make room for the whole costume

A fresh Comiket gallery, consent behind the camera, New York's planned photo runway, Cayman's gaming weekend and a foam-clay test. Five useful findings for makers.

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Comiket's new gallery looks back to summer

Kotaku's September 17 feature presents Mineralblu's 18 selected cosplay looks from Comiket, including Lupin III, Nico Robin, Juri Han, Kazuma Kiryu and Complete Form 21 from Kamen Rider Decade. Comic Market's official

guide dates C108 to August 15–16 at Tokyo Big Sight: this is newly published coverage of a past event, not a convention happening today. The selection crosses manga, anime, games and tokusatsu —live-action special-effects entertainment. Follow the credited gallery to view the costumes; photographs are not reproduced here. [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[8\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Extend September 15's Paris reference exercise with two contrasting character types: a tailored outfit and an armored hero. Compare outline, color blocks and posing without guessing at hidden materials. One photographer's selection cannot establish what was most popular across the event.



A good portrait starts before the shutter

C108's July-updated organizer guide requires individual permission from each cosplayer before taking photos, asks photographers to wait their turn, and explicitly supports declining a photo or a particular pose. It also allows staff to stop shoots that become too crowded. These are documented rules for the August event, not a newly announced policy or a claim that every convention uses the same system. They add the working conditions behind today's finished-image gallery. [3]

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Before a group portrait, ask everyone—not only the person who gathered the group—and agree on the pose. Keep walkways clear and make refusal easy. As a separate good practice, discuss where the image will be posted and how each maker wants to be credited; do not assume agreeing to a photo answers every publishing question.



DC plans a dedicated cosplay photo stop

AIPT's September 17 report describes a new 360-degree cosplay photo installation at Booth 4657, near DC's main Booth 4365, for New York Comic Con on October 8–11. The report frames it as a runway for DC heroes and villains. This is a planned photo experience, not the Crown competition covered in our launch edition. The same report says digital queues will be used for select DC booth activities, but it does not establish a reservation procedure for the photo installation. [4] [5]

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

If you plan to visit in costume, rehearse a slow turn and check the back and sides as well as the front. Leave clearance for capes and props. Check DC's final participation instructions before relying on a walk-up or reserved slot; no guaranteed access is implied by the announcement.



Cayman's gaming weekend includes cosplay

Gamers Bay's official homepage lists its tenth-anniversary event for September 26–27, 2026 at the JGHS Gymnasium in the Cayman Islands, with cosplay alongside esports, free-play areas, vendors and creator appearances.

This adds a Caribbean stop to the event radar rather than repeating the same continental convention deadlines. The verified homepage establishes the event dates and cosplay presence; it does not provide a complete cosplay competition rulebook or a confirmed entry deadline. [6]

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Treat this as an event-planning lead, not an open competition call. Before preparing a judged entry, obtain the current cosplay format, check-in time, construction criteria and prop policy from the organizer. General admission and contest acceptance are separate questions.



Test foam clay after it dries, not only while it sculpts

In a July 2023 firsthand guide, Jessie of I Am Sew Crazy demonstrates foam clay as a moldable material that air-dries into lightweight foam. The guide describes smoothing with small amounts of water, adding details over EVA

foam and sanding or carving after drying. It also reports shrinkage and slumping: tall peaks can soften and thick shapes can indent. Those observations belong to the material the maker used, not a guaranteed specification for every brand. The article discloses affiliate links; this edition is not a product endorsement. [7]

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Make a small ridge, a rounded ornament and a seam patch using your actual clay. Photograph and measure them wet, then compare after the product's full drying period. Test your intended primer and paint on the sample before the costume. Follow the manufacturer's handling and sanding guidance; do not assume a fixed drying time from another maker's project.

MAKE A PLAN

Event radar

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

Sep 26

through Sep 27, 2026

Gamers Bay X ↗

JGHS Gymnasium · Cayman Islands

Cosplay advertised alongside gaming activities. Contest format, entry deadline and current acceptance are not verified.

Oct 8

through Oct 11, 2026

New York Comic Con ↗

Javits Center · New York, USA

DC photo installation reported at Booth 4657; participation and queue details should be checked before attending.

FANDOM → TECHNIQUE

On the floor

Scope: Mineralblu's curated Comiket gallery and one maker's archived material experience. No global popularity claims, attendance estimates or inferred construction methods. [1] [7]

Tokusatsu → full-body character silhouettes

Kotaku's selected Comiket gallery includes Kamen Rider Decade's Complete Form 21. It offers an armor-and-pose study, not evidence that tokusatsu participation is rising.

Game characters → contrasting costume languages

Juri Han and Kazuma Kiryu appear in the same Comiket gallery. Comparing their color blocking and clothing outlines is an editorial exercise, not a fandom ranking.

Sculpted details → test before scaling

Jessie's foam-clay guide documents drying-related shape changes. The useful craft connection is between wet sculpting and finished geometry, not a measured trend in material sales.

TRY THIS

Make the invitation specific.

Invite a photographer or fellow maker to a short turn-around test. Agree on the photo and its use, then look at the costume from front, side and back. Pick one shape or closure to improve before the next outing.

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Checked September 17, 2026. Five findings across six independent external domains: today's gallery and NYCC reporting, past-event photo rules, an existing Caribbean event listing and an explicitly dated craft primer—not five overnight announcements. All six available editions in the prior seven-day window were reviewed. Today's improvement adds Caribbean primary-source breadth and a repeatable foam-clay drying test. Comiket source dates are their stated updates. No sponsored placements, attendance estimates or reproduced event photography. Event details and access can change.