

Small parts. Shared stages.

Resourceful Mega Man builds, a Subic community recap, Portland's application checklist, El Paso's library invitation and a curved-seam primer. Five practical findings for makers.

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SEPTEMBER 21 REPORTING · COMPLETED-EVENT RECAP

REUSE

EGGS · STRAWS ·
LIGHT

Mega Man details begin with everyday shapes

NewsChannel 5's Nashville Fair report follows a family making Mega Man X and Vile costumes. The makers identify plastic Easter eggs in the arm pieces and LED keychain lights shining through green straws at the back of a helmet;

the report also describes cardboard toilet-paper rolls in Vile's back-mounted prop. These are attributed construction details, not guesses from a photograph. The article was published September 21 in Nashville local time; its machine timestamp falls on September 22 UTC. It describes a completed fair and a Saturday contest, not an upcoming entry opportunity. [\[1\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Look for an existing object whose curve matches one small character detail. Prototype its attachment and test the finished edge, weight and visibility before using it on a costume. The report is a source of material ideas, not a complete wearable-electronics or prop-safety tutorial.

SHARESHOW · RECEIVE
FEEDBACK · REVISE

Subic's runway becomes a feedback loop

AniToons+ reports from HobbyCon Philippines at Ayala Malls Harbor Point in Subic Bay Freeport Zone, held September 8–15. Its September 23 recap places the cosplay runway on September 13 and describes previous winners returning as judges. Interviewed host and cosplayer Lygaya emphasizes the value of judges' feedback and meeting other makers to learn techniques. This is one reporter's account and named participants' perspective on a regional gathering—not evidence of nationwide participation growth or a newly announced convention. [\[2\]](#) [\[10\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

After a showcase, record one specific piece of feedback and turn it into a small revision you can compare before and after. Ask permission before sharing someone else's advice or build photos. This extends September 18's community-learning theme from repair support to a documented local feedback exchange.

27 SEP11:59 PM PACIFIC ·
LISTED CUTOFF

Portland's deadline is also a documentation deadline

Kumoricon runs November 13–15 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Its cosplay rules give September 27 at 11:59 pm Pacific as the submission deadline, with no on-site entries. The linked form is available at [this check](#). Craftsmanship and dual entries need reference images and work-in-progress photos showing at least 50% completion in a Google Drive folder; the costume must ultimately be at least 70% handmade by the entrants. The 48 regular entry places are divided by experience level and accepted first-come, first-served, with later submissions waitlisted. Form availability does not prove a place remains. [\[3\]](#) [\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Check the entry category and full rules before submitting. Verify folder permissions: the organizer says an inaccessible or incomplete submission can cost its place in line. Performance-only entries have different construction requirements. The rules also prohibit generative AI in costume or performance creation, including scripts and concepts; use your own entry work and consult the organizer for eligibility questions. No application was submitted for this report.



El Paso opens a library-sized door to cosplay

El Paso Public Library's Borderland Heroes listing invites comic readers, gamers, artists and families to LibraryCon on Saturday, September 26, from 10 am to 4 pm. The organizer says admission is free and lists a cosplay contest, crafts, exhibitors and workshops. KFOX14's September 20 preview identifies the venue as the Main Public Library in El Paso, Texas. The September 17 villains night and September 20 Blue Beetle screening were separate pre-events and have already passed. The available listing does not establish contest registration times, judging criteria or remaining entrant capacity. [\[6\]](#) [\[7\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Plan for the public event without assuming a contest place. Check the library's current cosplay instructions before bringing a large prop or planning a judged entry. Its vendor/exhibitor registration link is not a cosplay application. Choose a costume configuration that lets you sit, browse and take part in hands-on activities.



A smooth curve needs room on the inside

Seamwork distinguishes two treatments for curved seam allowances: clip inward, concave curves so they can spread when turned; notch outward, convex curves by removing small wedges to reduce bulk. Its examples include faced necklines and rounded edges. Both operations stop short of the stitch line. This follows our September 20 staystitching primer: staystitching protects a cut edge's shape during handling, while clipping and notching help an already sewn curve turn neatly. They solve different problems and neither is a new technique. [\[8\]](#) [\[9\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Sew one inward and one outward curve in scraps of the actual costume fabric. Turn them first without cutting, then clip or notch the allowances as appropriate and press according to the fabric's requirements. Compare pulling and bulk. Keep the stitching intact and follow the pattern's seam allowance; test before cutting into a finished collar or scalloped trim.

MAKE A PLAN

Event radar

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

Sep 26

through Sep 26, 2026

LibraryCon · Borderland Heroes ↗

Main Public Library · El Paso, Texas, USA

10 am–4 pm local time; public admission free. Cosplay contest entry procedure and capacity not established by the cited listing.

Nov 13

through Nov 15, 2026

Kumoricon ↗

Oregon Convention Center · Portland, Oregon, USA

Cosplay submission deadline September 27 at 11:59 pm Pacific. Form available when checked; division caps and waitlisting apply. No on-site entries.

FANDOM → TECHNIQUE

On the floor

Scope: one Nashville maker report, one Subic eyewitness recap and one sewing guide. No global popularity claims, attendance estimates or inferred materials. [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#) [\[8\]](#)

Mega Man → found-object geometry

NewsChannel 5 documents eggs, straws and small lights in one family's builds. This is an observed material approach, not a fandom popularity ranking.

Local stages → useful feedback

AniToons+ interviews Subic participants about meeting makers and receiving judging advice. The scope is this regional event and those interviews, not all Philippine cosplay.

Costume curves → hidden finishing work

Seamwork's guide explains why seam allowances need different cuts on inward and outward curves. Applying that distinction to costume collars is an editorial craft exercise.

TRY THIS

Make the invitation specific.

Invite another maker to compare a small material or seam sample with its reference. Ask for one observation about shape and one about movement, then document the single revision you choose.

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Checked September 23, 2026. Five findings across six independent external domains: two recently published past-event recaps, an existing contest window, an upcoming library event and an established sewing primer—not five overnight announcements. The seven latest available editions were reviewed; unchanged previously covered deadlines are omitted. Today's improvement verifies the actual Kumoricon form and distinguishes application availability from capped acceptance, while adding firsthand regional Philippine coverage. Nashville publication date uses the publisher's local timestamp, not its next-day UTC date. Undated guidance retains no publication date. No sponsored placements or reproduced photography.