

Give the costume a second look

Glasgow's opening-day characters, Colorado's horror gathering, two Sunday routes in St. Petersburg and the hidden layers that make a seam lie flat.

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Glasgow opens with characters from different worlds

The Glasgow Times' September 26 report identifies Daleks, Princess Peach, Supergirl and Spider-Man among people photographed arriving for EPIC Comic Con at Glasgow's SEC. The organizer confirms September 26–27 at the venue. These named examples cross television, games and comics, but the selected arrivals are not a census of the convention or a judged results list. The show continues Sunday; this is reporting on Saturday's arrivals, not a new contest application announcement. [\[1\]](#) [\[2\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Try a recognition exercise with your own costume: show a friend the outline before adding small details, then ask which cue identifies the character. Use the credited report to see the photographed examples; no images are reproduced here and their hidden construction materials are not established. Check the organizer's current guide for Sunday plans.



Colorado's horror theme becomes a group performance

Mandie Stevens' Nerd Alert News recap describes the Colorado Festival of Horror at Denver Marriott Tech Center on September 18–20. Its Clowns vs. Witches theme provided a shared frame for costumes; the writer singles out fans dressed as Art the Clown grouping together and honking horns. The report also names the Gore Galore Costume Extravaganza among the weekend's activities. Those are one attendee-writer's observations from a completed event, not a championship result or evidence that horror characters dominate cosplay generally. [3]

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

For a group photo or performance, agree on one shared gesture and one individual variation. Rehearse the cue and leave space for people who do not want to participate. A themed ensemble can connect different builds without making them identical; the article does not document the costumes' construction or supply an awards list.



Sunday's runway has an earlier registration clock

Anime St. Pete runs September 26–27 at Hilton St. Pete Bayfront in St. Petersburg, Florida. Its official embedded schedule lists Sunday's Runway Contest at 3 pm. The dedicated runway page says no preregistration is required and directs entrants to register at the front desk on Sunday up to two hours before the contest: a 1 pm cutoff under that timetable. It describes an all-ages, non-craftsmanship contest emphasizing character portrayal. This is a published on-site route, not a verified reserved place or a new announcement today. [4] [5] [6] [7]

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Confirm the running order and register early on site. The craftsmanship page says runway registration is at the information booth both days, which differs from the dedicated page's Sunday instruction; use staff confirmation rather than assuming Saturday registration. It also says a costume winning Saturday's craftsmanship contest cannot win Sunday's runway award. No remaining capacity or late-entry exception is established.



A build book gets its own learning session

The same Anime St. Pete running order schedules Milk_Cos's Build Book Basics for Sunday at 2 pm in Panel Room 3. The description promises documentation, organization and presentation guidance for turning progress photographs, foam scraps and fabric swatches into a build book. This is a scheduled educational panel, not an application requirement or evidence that the session has already taken place. The organizer's craftsmanship rules recommend build books and references but do not require them for that particular contest. [\[4\]](#) [\[6\]](#) [\[7\]](#) [\[10\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Bring one question about explaining a build decision, and organize a few progress images before the session. Following September 25's distinction between learning time and construction time, label what each image demonstrates rather than presenting only elapsed hours. If you also plan to enter the 3 pm runway, its derived 1 pm registration cutoff comes before this panel; attending the talk does not register you.



Stagger the hidden layers, not the stitch line

Historical Sewing's seam-grading tutorial explains trimming sewn seam allowances to different widths so their edges do not stack into one bulky ridge. Its example begins with the lining or innermost allowance trimmed closest to the stitching, with successive layers left wider. Enclosed collars, cuffs and facings are useful applications. This extends September 23's clipping-and-notching primer: those cuts help curves turn; grading distributes bulk across layers. It is established sewing instruction, not a new technique or pattern-size grading. [\[8\]](#) [\[9\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Test an enclosed edge using the actual costume layers: sew, press, stagger the allowances, then turn and compare with an ungraded sample. Keep clear of the stitching and follow the pattern's construction needs. The tutorial warns that trimming weakens allowances, advises against grading allowances already trimmed to 1/4 inch or narrower, and allows major bodice seams to remain untrimmed for future fitting adjustments.

MAKE A PLAN

Event radar

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

Sep 26

through Sep 27, 2026

EPIC Comic Con ↗

SEC · Glasgow, Scotland, UK

Ongoing weekend; Saturday arrivals are documented in today's report. Consult the organizer's current show guide. No contest entry availability asserted.

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Anime St. Pete ↗

Hilton St. Pete Bayfront · St. Petersburg, Florida, USA

Sunday: runway registration cutoff derived as 1 pm; Build Book Basics 2 pm, Panel Room 3; runway 3 pm, main stage. Local times; confirm staff instructions and capacity.

FANDOM → TECHNIQUE

On the floor

Scope: two named event reports and one organizer's programme. No global rankings, visitor estimates or inferred materials. Maker exercises are editorial suggestions. [1] [3] [6]

Different fandoms → shared arrival space

The Glasgow Times names Doctor Who, Nintendo and superhero characters in one selected arrivals report. This documents variety in that selection, not comparative fandom popularity.

Horror costumes → coordinated character action

Nerd Alert News describes one group of Art the Clown fans acting together at Colorado's completed festival. It is a reported group interaction, not a global horror-cosplay trend.

Making → explaining the process

Anime St. Pete's Build Book Basics description makes documentation a teaching topic. The programme establishes the planned subject, not attendance, learning outcomes or universal contest requirements.

TRY THIS

Make the invitation specific.

Ask another maker to compare a finished edge with the sample and progress photo behind it. Can they explain the choice you made—and suggest one detail worth documenting on your next build?

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Checked September 26, 2026. Five findings: two newly published reports, two distinct Sunday-planning findings from one Florida event, and an established sewing primer—not five overnight announcements. Five independent external editorial/organizer domains are represented, with the embedded Google document counted as the same Anime St. Pete source. The seven latest available editions were reviewed; unchanged previously covered deadlines and yesterday's reports are omitted. Today's improvement adds seam-grading guidance and verifies the runway time against its relative cutoff, while retaining the organizer's registration-location/day discrepancy. Undated rules and the live programme retain no publication date; a schedule is not proof of delivery. No forms submitted, sponsored placements or reproduced photography.