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Share the scene. Support the stitch.

A new spooky-season gallery, two French community programmes, New York's repair stop and a practical look at metallic-thread needles.

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Critical Role puts a seasonal frame around fan work

Critical Role's October cosplay gallery, visibly dated October 5, presents a small selection of fan submissions around Spooky Season. The publisher credits @a.j_cos for its header image and points makers to its submission

page for future bi-monthly galleries. It names December 7 for the next gallery, with the theme still to be announced. That is a planned publication date, not a stated submission deadline or a guarantee that a submitted costume will appear. [1]

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

After October 4's costume-display coverage, this offers another way to share work without entering a stage contest. Build a clear credit line separating the wearer, costume maker and photographer, then read the publisher's submission terms before contributing. Follow the gallery itself for the images; none are reproduced here. Its seasonal selection shows one publisher's editorial theme, not how often Critical Role characters appear at conventions or which costume techniques are growing fastest.



Pontogeek's new preview connects clubs and stage time

Emma Grivotte's new Actu preview places Pontogeek at Parc des sports et loisirs Alexis-Vastine in Pont-Audemer, Normandy, France, on October 10–11. It names Resident Evil group RCPD Normandie, Star Wars Normandy and La force impériale 27 alongside independent cosplayers. Its printed programme lists cosplay contests from 15:00 to 16:00 on both days. Normandie Tourisme independently corroborates the event dates and venue; neither cited page establishes a current contestant application window. [\[2\]](#) [\[3\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Use the named groups as a way to find people who share a reference, then check contest rules separately if you want to perform. A scheduled stage slot is not permission to walk on or proof that entries remain available. The news report's Saturday timetable extends beyond its general closing-time summary, so verify the final timetable before planning your departure. Group names indicate this programme's fandom range, not a ranking of local costume popularity.



Peymeinade pairs cosplay with small hands-on crafts

Le Mensuel's festival preview highlights drawing, origami and calligraphy alongside a cosplay contest at the 11th Festival manga et arts japonais. The city's own announcement confirms October 24–25 at Gymnase David Douillet in Peymeinade, France, from 10:00 to 18:00 each day. It lists workshops, cosplay, K-pop, games and performances, with admission of €3 per day and free entry for children under 12. These are announced activities, not a review of workshops already delivered. [\[4\]](#) [\[5\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

A small paper-folding or drawing exercise can be a manageable companion to a costume outing: choose one shape or motif to study and ask how the workshop handles beginners. The cited pages do not identify every session's booking rules, supplied materials or remaining places. Do not confuse the city's on-site admission arrangement with contest registration; no cosplay application deadline or open-entry status is verified here. Consult the current organizer programme before travel.



Add New York's repair stop to the route

NYCC's Third Place guide locates its community area in Hall 1E and rooms 1E01–05 of the Javits Building, with hours of 10:00–21:00 Thursday through Saturday and 10:00–17:00 Sunday. It specifically advertises quick cosplay repairs in Cosplay Central, alongside gaming and Community Stage

performances. New York Comic Con runs October 8–11 at the Javits Center in New York City. This adds practical venue guidance to October 2's Marvel activity preview rather than repeating the same meetups or record-attempt invitation. [\[6\]](#) [\[8\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Mark the repair area before scheduling a busy costume day, and carry the replacement parts unique to your own build. The guide does not inventory adhesives, fasteners or tools, establish a queue time, or promise that every failure can be repaired. These are the listed community-area hours, not a replacement for show-floor or ticket-access rules. Build in time to reach the area and ask staff before starting a repair that needs specialist materials.



Metallic thread needs room through the needle eye

SCHMETZ describes its Metallic sewing machine needle as having an elongated eye that reduces stress on thread passing through it, together with a slightly rounded point. The manufacturer lists metallic and other specialty

threads among its applications and identifies machine embroidery as a common use. This is an explanation of an existing needle design, not a new product announcement, independent comparison or promise that changing the needle will resolve every stitching problem. [\[7\]](#) [\[9\]](#)

FOR YOUR NEXT BUILD

Before adding shimmering costume trim or a stitched emblem, make a sample using the actual fabric, thread and backing. Check your machine's compatible needle system and the thread maker's guidance; record the needle type and size alongside the result. September 28's embroidery primer addressed stabilizer support beneath the fabric. Today adds the thread's path through the needle, a separate variable to inspect when a sample frays or breaks. Change one variable at a time so the sample tells you what helped.

MAKE A PLAN

Event radar

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

Oct 10

through Oct 11, 2026

PontoGeek ↗

Parc des sports et loisirs Alexis-Vastine · Pont-Audemer, France

Reported cosplay slots 15:00–16:00 both days, local time. Entry status unverified; check final programme, including inconsistent Saturday closing information in the preview.

Oct 24

through Oct 25, 2026

Festival manga et arts japonais ↗

Gymnase David Douillet · Peymeinade, France

City lists 10:00–18:00, €3/day and under-12s free. Activity capacity and contest registration are separate and unverified.

Oct 8

through Oct 11, 2026

New York Comic Con ↗

Javits Center · New York City, USA

Third Place includes cosplay repairs; listed area hours differ from other show areas. No repair-stock or ticket-availability claim.

FANDOM → TECHNIQUE

On the floor

Scope: Critical Role's own gallery introduction and SCHMETZ's product guidance. No global popularity rankings, inferred build methods or attendance estimates. [1] [7]

Seasonal sharing → an editorial theme

Critical Role frames its selected October submissions around Spooky Season. That describes one curated gallery, not measured horror-cosplay popularity.

Embroidery preparation → support plus thread path

SCHMETZ explains the elongated eye of its Metallic needle. Combining a compatible needle test with the earlier stabilizer sample is an editorial craft exercise, not evidence of rising use.

TRY THIS

Make the invitation specific.

Ask another maker to inspect a small metallic-thread sample with you. Label the fabric, backing, thread and needle, then name one variable to change before stitching the full costume.

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Checked October 5, 2026, America/Detroit. Five findings across seven external domains: two October 5 publications, a recent French preview, existing venue guidance and an established craft primer—not five overnight announcements. Previous seven editions reviewed. Today adds French municipal sourcing and metallic-thread guidance. Critical Role’s visible October 5 dateline overrides its October 2 search timestamp; Le Mensuel’s October 4 date is search-indexed. Undated guidance retains no publication date. No submitted applications, sponsored placements by CosplayGrid or reproduced photography.