# HUSBAND and WIFE Nick of Wardco Props Ayanami Lisa **ayanamilisa wardco\_props**

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# ABOUT AYANAMI LISA *and*NICK OF WARDCO PROPS

Lisa and Nick in April will celebrate 7 years of marriage and have been together for 15 year (going on 16), but they've been cosplaying even longer than that. They cosplayed together as friends and have never really stopped creating together. Lisa started cosplaying when she was about 17 years old and Nick started when he was 18. It's something they have both had a passion for and a something they have never grown out of. These days, they each have our own little craft room where they continue to make costumes and props. Lisa is the host of "I Love That Movie Podcast."

## LISA'S INTERVIEW

#### How did you get into cosplay?

Anime was the gateway drug that got me into cosplay. When I was a teenager, I attended my first Anime convention and that is where I saw and learned about cosplay. I made sure the next con I attended I had a costume.

#### Who is your favorite character to cosplay and why?

Ayanami Rei from Evangelion. She's where my cosplay handle comes from. I've always loved the art style and story from Neon Genesis Evangelion. The plug suits are amazing. These days I cosplay Batgirl more often though. I love Batman and I just love Babs. She's so much smarter than I'll ever be but its fun to put the cowl on anyway.

#### What tips do you have on making a costume?

When I started there were no tutorials, no guides, it was the wild west and our costumes reflected our limited resources but that is not true today. Take advantage of YouTube, TikTok, Instagram and more and there are so many tutorials and tips out there right at your fingertips.

#### What is your favorite memory of being a cosplayer?

Its hard to pick just one if I'm honest. All the times I've had volunteering are my absolute best memories in Cosplay.

#### What advice do you have for fans getting into cosplay?

Surround yourself with people that will lift you up in this hobby. There are a lot of good people out there. Make sure you're always in it to have fun.

#### If you could have a weapon or superpower to fight the forces of evil, what would you choose?

I'm not real big on superpowers so I would say to be a master detective like Batman.





## **NICK'S INTERVIEW**

#### How did you get into cosplay?

For me it was video games. The first costume I ever started was from Phantasy Online. I didn't finish it but that gave me the cosplay bug.

## Who is your favorite character to cosplay and why?

I really enjoy cosplaying my Hunter Guardian character from Destiny. I put a lot of effort into that costume and getting something to look exactly the way you want it to from digital to in real life is very satisfying.

#### What tips do you have on making a costume?

Most importantly don't get mad at your mistakes. If you take your time you will learn from them. Mistakes are not the end of a costume. I've had to start over many times till I got it right.

# What is your favorite memory of being a cosplayer?

Being a prop builder and getting to meet the builders I look up to.



#### What advice do you have for fans getting into cosplay?

Be vocal in the community because there's a lot of people with a lot of experience that are willing to help and in turn you will make a lot of friends.

## If you could have a weapon or superpower to fight the forces of evil, what would you choose?

Having the force would be pretty cool.



