



Tesla Isley

Isley Cosplay



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Mara Jade - Star Wars
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ABOUT ISLEY COSPLAY: Tesla Isley is a North Texas Cosplayer who loves all things nerd and geek! A cosplayer with a variety of looks from Stars Wars to comic book characters to horror, Tesla is multidimensional when it comes to cosplay. She is one of the best Poison Ivy's on the cosplay scene with 20 different looks just for the character and as a Botanist by trade, she has better insight into the character's persona more than most. Tesla is also a writer at Sharemycosplay.com, sharing fantastic tips and ideas about Cosplay. You check out what she has to say on their website. As an avid gamer, Tesla can be found on Twitch schooling other gamers in Fortnite or playing the latest Star Wars game like Jedi Fallen Order. You can see her awesome cosplay as a Star Wars fan favorite, Mara Jade. Tesla Isley is one of the most renowned cosplayers in Texas and can find her at comic and fan conventions.

~ INTERVIEW ~

How did you get into cosplay?

My mother is a costume designer, so I grew around the theater and was constantly trying on costumes or getting my mom to make me ones. After my first convention I was hooked and started making my own costumes and really getting into cosplay as an art.

Who is your favorite character to cosplay and why?

Poison Ivy! I think I have over 20 variations of Ivy. I am a botanist by trade so it just kind of fits to want to cosplay her. I love that fact that she is such a unique character in that she can be a hero, villain, or anti-hero. There are also so many renditions of her that I don't think I will ever run out of cosplay source material.

What tips do you have on making a costume?

Learn from others. I can guarantee you that someone out there has tried to make what you are building and has posted a fantastic tutorial online. Even if it's not exactly what you are building you can always find something helpful from another cosplayer, seamstress, prop builder, etc. Knowledge is power and the more skills you can pick up as you go the easier your cosplay creations will be moving forward. You also don't have to know EVERYTHING! If something doesn't work out don't dwell on it, start thinking of other ways that you can achieve your goal.

What is your favorite memory of being a cosplayer?

I think my favorite memory is just having fun with all my friends. Whether it be karaoke singing 'Bad Romance' dressed as Pennywise the clown or having a dance off as Spider-Woman, the cosplay community is definitely what makes the memories.

What advice do you have for fans getting into cosplay?

Don't stress about your cosplay being perfect. You have plenty of time to perfect it and I can bet no one is going to notice that ~one~ thing that you are stressing about. They're going to be in awe of your creation.

What Game got you into playing Video Games

Spyro the Dragon! That was probably the first game I got as a kid on the Playstation 1 and I would play it to 100% every time! After that I really started getting into more fps and RPGs in college.

What is your go-to game as an adult?

I am obsessed with the Borderlands series and Red Dead Redemption 2. I feel like I could play those games for weeks on end. (I'm still trying to get 100% on all challenges in RDR2)

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

If we're going simple, probably telekinesis or shapeshifting. Who's to say I'm not the evil one though ;)



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