

Joy Bunso Cosplay

Gaige *from*
Borderlands

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ABOUT JOY BUNSO COSPLAY

Cosplayer, Gamer, Nerd! Joy Busno is the queen of bootleg cosplay! She loves trying to transform upcycled and thrifted materials into amazing cosplays for the most affordable price possible. It may not be screen accurate, but my average cost of a full cosplay is \$50. Cosplaying characters from Borderland to X-Men to Raya and the Last Dragon, Joy is a force to be reckoned with on the Cosplay scene as blends some of the most detailed cosplay at the most affordable costs while cosplaying some of the most interesting characters in the nerd universe.

-INTERVIEW-



Raya from
Raya and the Last Dragon

How did you get into cosplay?

Do you remember that magazine *Animerica*? What a throwback! I loved seeing pictures of people cosplaying their fandoms in the early 2000's and didn't know that was something I could do. Interestingly enough, I didn't start cosplaying until 2015 when I had this dope thing called disposable income. It was a good time to finally give cosplay a go and I'm glad that I did.

Who is your favorite character to cosplay and why?

Truthfully, it's hard to pick one because it really depends on the season and the event. Generally, I think I would say my favorite character to cosplay is Ema Skye from the Ace Attorney game series. She's a detective with a speciality in forensics. She's incredibly clever but she is also a bit of a dork. Ace Attorney is such a niche fandom and I feel like cosplaying Ema is a great billboard for people to start talking to me and freaking out about any and all Ace Attorney news and memes.

What tips do you have on making a costume?

First, give yourself a budget and doable timeline. It's super important to have @&!\$%! (AKA mess ups) included in your budget in timelines. Second, download the Google Sheets app on your mobile device. Divide your cosplay into 3+ parts / columns (I usually do something like pants, top, outerwear and accessories) and list out everything you will need to make each portion. Utilize the checkbox function in Google Sheets. It will help you keep organized

What is your favorite memory of being a cosplayer?

During Momocon 2018, there was an impromptu Overwatch cosplayer parade that started with like 30 but grew to around 80-100. Whenever we saw an Overwatch cosplayer we would yell things like, "get on the payload," or "watch you six." It eventually turned into one of the biggest meetups I have ever gone to and it was full of jokes, laughter and a whole lot of sweat.

What advice do you have for fans getting into cosplay?

My advice is to basically befriend cosplayers. Great and talented friends are an amazing source of knowledge and they will hype and help you on every step on the journey.

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

So, I am not a fighter and that's completely fine. It takes all types of collaboration to fight the forces of evil and I want to have healing abilities. Whether the evil be an actual tangible thing or something like despair or disease, a healer is a necessity.

Jubilee

X-MEN





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