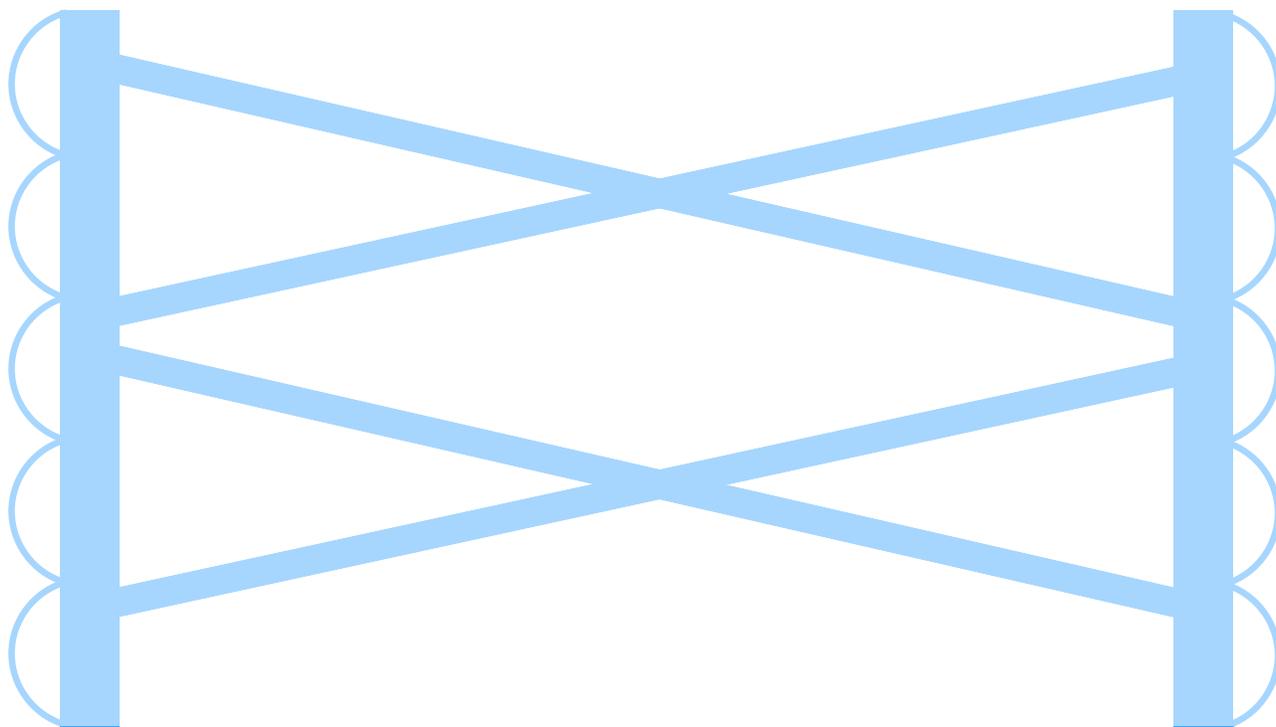




Ruby Kurosawa + Hanamaru Kunikida

from Love Live! Sunshine

Intermediate entry by birdbraincos + fresacos



References



We took **inspiration from real idol stage costumes** to add details like:

- **lace and sequin trim**
- **beaded broaches**
- **extra ruffles**



Ruby Kurosawa

Hanamaru Kunikida

Our goals for these cosplays were:

- **textural interest**
- **invisible finishes**
- **durability while dancing**

Petticoat + Underskirt



- petticoats are made from crystal organza in character's "image color" for fun but subtle flashes of color while dancing
- two layers of two tiers each, **overlocked edges and rolled hems** done with serger

- elastic waistbands made with matching color taffeta, elastic held in place with a **lightning top stitch**
- underskirts made from white crystal organza to prevent petti color showing through
- ruffle made from **white chiffon strips**, rolled hem and joins done with serger

- ruffle attached to underskirt with a **matching organza ribbon hem**



chiffon
ruffle

organza
ribbon

crystal
organza

Pleated skirt

Holy fabric
Matchup
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- made from pink + white satin panels with **matching color lining panels**
- **understitching** done in **matching color thread**



- taffeta cut into strips, folded, and stitched into place for stripes



- horizontal stripes trimmed to have the appearance of going under the vertical without the bulk



- **sequin trim hand sewn** on to add idol sparkle and evoke the characters' aquatic theme

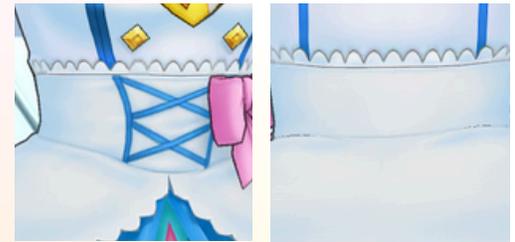
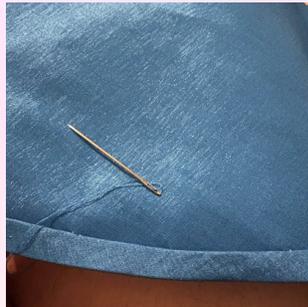
clean top stitching

More skirts + Belt

Mockup



- blue taffeta skirts cut as circles and **gathered carefully to form specific flounces**
- white skirt **finished with machine scallop stitch**, fray checked and then cut out
- all attached to base of corset belt, which opens with an **invisible side zipper**



- white skirt tacked in key places to achieve **folded appearance in reference**

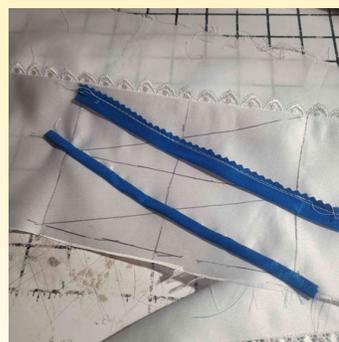


- rolled hems held in place with **blind stitch to appear seamless**



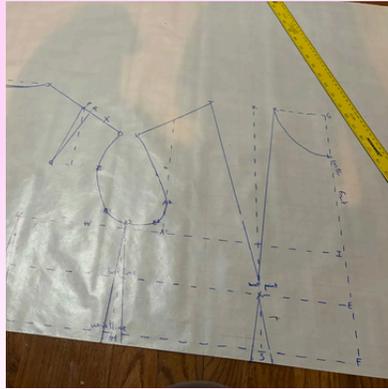
HTV applique

- belt is **internally boned with seam allowance channels** to provide structure, **lining slip stitched** into place
- **hand sewn faux corset lacing details** on front with matching fabric + trims



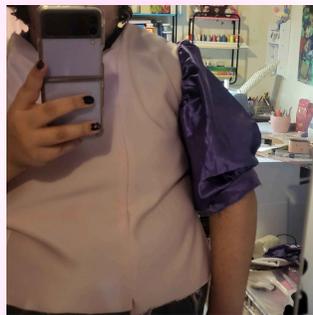
Bodice

struggling with bodice block math...



- self drafted modified **bodice block** using the “In the Folds” blog tutorial, **puff sleeves self drafted**

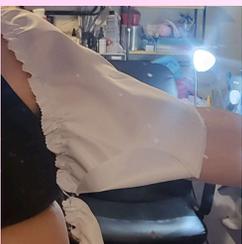
- finishes with **invisible zipper in center back**
- neckline finished with handmade bias tape
- stripes top stitched with hand sewn trim same way as pleated skirt



lining slip stitched



- same chiffon ruffle used for sleeve flounces
- arm holes finished with **bias tape facing** or **bias bound sleeve joins**



bodice attached to skirt to form base dress

Accessories

mock-up



- collar pattern **self drafted**
- collar **made detachable with snaps** so it could be a **complete piece without zipper disturbance**
- neckline finished with bias tape and lace



- faux tie made following Sing cosplay's tutorial on Youtube
- stripes are **HTV outlined with silver bugle beads**
- attaches with snaps for security



- side bow made from pink satin, organza, and matching lace, hand sewn on belt
- hair bows made with corresponding taffeta, **lace and rhinestones added for textured details**



- wristlets made from matching taffeta + organza, centers are HTV and ribbon, closed with a star button and elastic loop
- white serger hem done to **reduce bulk when pleating + better tie in to costume colors**

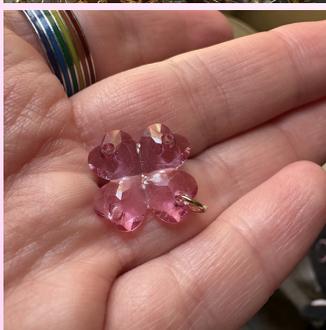


Beading + Jewelry



- all brooches **hand beaded** with a combination of rhinestones, miyuki delica 11/10 beads, gold seed beads and two different gold chains

- anchors have a base of a metal scrapbooking sticker with a rhinestone sheet overlaid, circular jewelry finding and stone on top



- earrings and leg jewelry charms are **made with various beads and findings** from Fire Mountain Gems, **hand sewn onto socks in key places** for movement and security



jewelry specific refs

Wig!



- Hanamaru base wig bought from Amazon
- **felt fabric structure** holds side pieces and bangs in place permanently
- Ruby base wig and wefts bought from Coscraft
- **recycled bottle cap tops** used as **pigtail bases**, glued into wig with combination of **worbla** and **felt base**
- wefts glued around bottle cap base to make a **sturdy and detachable pigtail**



Socks + Shoes



- tights made from **spandex and power mesh** to be “**illusion**” thigh highs with built in safety shorts and elastic waistband
- power mesh **dyed to match skin tone** as close as possible

- anklets attach with hook + eye and velcro on tights to stay secure while dancing



- base dance shoes bought from amazon and **painted blue with Angelus leather paint**
- straps removed and replaced with hand sewn taffeta strips for decorative criss cross pattern



Thumbnail video idea

- background image assets from Love Live! School Idol Festival ALL STARS edited in Clip Studio Paint for the final background image



LLSIFAS background assets



Final edited image



overlay assets also made in Clip Studio Paint

- dance choreography taken from official game and stage performances, **re-choreographed** to be better suited for 2 people instead of 3

- voice acting done by Artemisiacosplay on Instagram
- scripting and audio editing done by birdbrain
- video done by fresa



Inspiration board

Thank you! <3



sorry I'm wearing the same t-shirt in every WIP picture it's not on purpose -birdbraincos

