

See the Characters of Homestuck Come to Life¹⁷



Freshman, Kayden Schnathorst, is in the process of painting her face to get into character, Aradias Megido from Homestuck.



Schnathorst and Kennedy Van De Boe start "greying up" as Kennedy is laughing at a joke Schnathorst made.



Van de Boe puts make-up on her eyes to make her character come to life more as she was the disciple from Homestuck.



Schnathorst applies eye shadow to show the personality of her character she's portraying.



As Max Dressic starts to paint her face Van de Boe starts with the rest of her make up.



Dressic begins to add detail to her face while Schnathorst gets ready to put her wig on.



Van de Boe uses a toothbrush to put on "freckles". She puts the make up on the brush then, splatters it across her face to make the effect.



Dressic brings her character, -Karkat Vantas, from Homestuck- to life, by applying final details before her wig.



The last few steps are to put fangs on and put their wigs on, then they are completely in character and ready to go.

Q: What costumes have been your favorite to get dressed up in?

Dressic: My favorite costume to get dressed in is probably Meenah Peixies cosplay. Her color schemes go together well, and I love her wig.

Van de Boe: My favorite cosplay so far would be Page the Notebook. That cosplay is just a good chance to bring out as many colors as you want!

Schnathorst: John Egbert from Homestuck. He is really comfortable and simple.

Q: How did you hear about the different Comic Con events in the first place?

Dressic: When I first started watching anime, I saw an ad for the biggest con in Iowa, "AnimeIowa". We go to this con every year.

Van de Boe: Max or Kayden usually tell me, or some other friends nearby.

Schnathorst: Online and through friends.

Q: Do you have a favorite character to dress up as?

Dressic: My favorite character to dress up as is probably Dave Strider or Karkat Vantas. I have both cosplays fully finished and I feel I look the best in those cosplays.

Van de Boe: My favorite is Tavros Nitram. He just allows me to be myself.

Schnathorst: John Egbert and Terezi Pyrope. Both from Homestuck.

Q: Why did you start doing cosplay in the first place?

Dressic: Kayden had asked me to start doing it with her, because she wanted me to take her to a con and I just "couldn't go without being in cosplay".

Van de Boe: I needed a new hobby to get into, and honestly, I would never go back.

Schnathorst: I always really wanted to the second I found out what it was. So, I found

out about Anime Demoi, a con they held every year formally before it was shut down, and I really wanted to cosplay for it.

Q: How do you pick your character for each time?

Dressic: We usually pick our characters by if they work together (best friends, dating, related, etc). We also plan them around our other friends' cosplays, people will meet us at con who live in like Oklahoma and Texas and stuff. We talk over Instagram and plan cosplay groups together.

Van de Boe: It's usually about how I feel that day, or if I haven't cosplayed that character for a long time.

Schnathorst: We usually focus on each other and what everyone else is doing. We cosplay most from "Homestuck" and Anime/games.

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The Art of Cosplay

Discover the art of cosplay and the process of getting ready, from three freshmen at North who have found a new hobby.

Laura Christensen, Managing Editor

Cosplay: An art, a hobby, stress reliever and fun. All these words describe what cosplay means to these three: Max Dressic, Kennedy Van de Boe and Kayden Schnathorst, all freshmen at North.

They've traveled as far as Omaha, Nebraska, and went to Kansas on March 16. They will also be traveling to Chicago a few times this year.

Cosplay is when you dress yourself up and put make-up on to look like characters on TV shows, from movies, games and comics.

Although cosplay is fun for them, the price is not easy for their wallets. Most of the good wigs are between \$15-\$25.

Along with all the face/body paint they have to buy and the make-up, it can get expensive.

Luckily, they find the rest of their costumes around the house, or go shopping at a thrift store to make it less expensive.

"Depending on what we need, the costumes can be anywhere from \$3 at a thrift store and \$100 online. We buy our own wigs, makeup, face paint, costumes, and a lot more. It's hard to name a certain price," Schnathorst said.

While getting ready for these Comic Cons, it can take them anywhere from 15 minutes to 2-3 hours. When they are painting their faces (greying up) with body paint, and painting their arms and legs, it can alone take up to two hours.

"Painting our faces takes a lot more time. Also, along with little details to make it just right. But if we must make costumes, it's more like a couple months," Van de Boe said.

After all the hard work of getting ready, once they get to the cons, people ask them for photos about 20-30 times at each convention.

For people who are more interested you can google about cosplay, or search, "Comic Cons near me".

"Although it's an expensive hobby, it's very easy to pursue," Dressic said.



Max Dressic, Kayden Schnathorst, and Kennedy Van de Boe reveal their final characters from Homestuck after the process of getting ready.