

# Convention Packing Checklist

A printable event-day checklist for costume transport, repair kits, comfort, photos, and post-convention recovery.

## How to use this checklist

Print it before packing. Fill the notes column with character-specific details, then keep the final page in your convention bag or hotel kit.

## Fast Pre-Pack Audit

Done	Item	Notes
	<b>Full outfit try-on completed</b>	Walk, sit, bend, and use your phone.
	<b>Wig tested and packed</b>	Bring wig cap, pins, brush, and stand or bag.
	<b>Props checked for event rules</b>	Confirm size, material, and transport safety.
	<b>Repair kit packed</b>	Carry a mini version during the event.
	<b>Photo plan confirmed</b>	Reference images, poses, meeting spot, and contact.

## Costume and Transport

Done	Item	Notes
	<b>Main costume pieces</b>	Pack in wearing order.
	<b>Shoes and backup comfort items</b>	Insoles, blister pads, socks, or flats.
	<b>Wig, wig cap, pins, and brush</b>	Protect styled sections from crushing.
	<b>Props and cases</b>	Label fragile pieces and removable parts.
	<b>Undergarments or base layers</b>	Test for opacity and comfort.
	<b>Garment bag or storage bin</b>	Keep makeup, food, and glue away from fabric.

## Repair Kit

Done	Item	Notes
	<b>Safety pins and mini sewing kit</b>	Match thread to main costume colors.
	<b>Fashion tape and lint roller</b>	Useful for collars, cuffs, and photos.
	<b>Small scissors and spare elastic</b>	Pack only if event rules allow scissors.
	<b>Glue suited to your materials</b>	Avoid strong fumes in crowded areas.
	<b>Touch-up paint or markers</b>	Only for props that may chip.
	<b>Stain wipes and microfiber cloth</b>	Keep separate from delicate fabrics.

## Comfort and Safety

Done	Item	Notes
	<b>Water bottle</b>	Hydrate before photos and long lines.
	<b>Snacks</b>	Choose low-mess, easy-to-carry food.
	<b>Phone, charger, and battery pack</b>	Charge everything the night before.
	<b>Badge, ID, payment method, and keys</b>	Keep in a secure pocket or pouch.
	<b>Medication or personal care items</b>	Pack enough for delays.
	<b>Change of clothes</b>	Useful for travel and after the event.

## Photos and Content

Done	Item	Notes
	<b>Reference images</b>	Front, side, back, and expression references.
	<b>Pose list</b>	Standing, sitting, prop, and close-up ideas.
	<b>Photographer contact and meeting spot</b>	Confirm time, location, and backup plan.
	<b>Makeup touch-up kit</b>	Powder, lip product, lash glue, and remover.
	<b>Content checklist</b>	Before, details, full-body, prop, group, and repair shots.
	<b>Consent and credit notes</b>	Track photographers, helpers, and group members.

## Convention Week Timeline

When	Action
<b>7 days before</b>	Full try-on, movement test, and first packing pass.
<b>3 days before</b>	Repair kit, makeup touch-up items, prop safety check, and schedule review.
<b>Night before</b>	Charge devices, pack badge/ID/payment, set outfit in carry order.
<b>Event morning</b>	Eat, hydrate, dress in layers, photograph final reference, and leave buffer time.
<b>After event</b>	Air out costume, clean makeup tools, backup photos, note repairs for next wear.

The strongest convention plan is simple: protect the costume, protect your energy, and leave room for photos. If an item does not improve comfort, safety, repair readiness, or content quality, it can usually stay at home.

**Next step:** Use the Cosplay OS budget calculator before buying upgrades, then turn this checklist into a character-specific packing list for every build.