

# CON QUEST!

Activity Kit





★ "An absolute love letter to con culture...  
The next best thing to actually attending a con."

—KIRKUS REVIEWS, starred review



## ABOUT THE BOOK

The debut novel from bestselling author Sam Maggs, *Con Quest!*, is a comics-convention adventure for young readers about fandom, family, and finding your place in the world.

Cat and Alex are excited to be at the world's most popular comics convention—and they're even more excited to compete in the Quest, a huge scavenger hunt run by their favorite nerdy celebrity. The big prize: a chance to meet him!

The twins ditch their older sister, Fi, and set off to find geeky clues, tackle nerdy challenges, and cross as many items as possible off their Quest list, which includes volunteering at an Artist Alley booth, gathering cosplayers in enough colors to make a double rainbow, and actually finding something healthy to eat in the convention center.

Can the twins work together even when they disagree on how to compete? Will Fi find Cat and Alex before their parents realize they're missing? Most important, can these ultimate fans complete the ultimate Quest?

**SAM MAGGS** is a bestselling writer of books, comics, and video games. She has been a senior game writer, including work on *Marvel's Spider-Man*; the author of books like *The Fangirl's Guide to the Galaxy*, *The Unstoppable Wasp: Built on Hope*, and *Tell No Tales*; and a comics writer for beloved titles like *Marvel Action: Captain Marvel*, *Transformers*, and *My Little Pony*. Her work has taken her to comic book conventions all over the world. A Canadian in Los Angeles, she misses Coffee Crisp and bagged milk. *Con Quest!* is her debut novel.



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# WHO IS IN YOUR CON CREW?

Part of what makes attending a con (virtually or in person) so much fun is the people: the ones you share a countdown calendar with, coordinate your outfits with, and (for in-person conventions) spend the day roaming the convention center with, taking in panels, buying awesome merch, and ultimately having the best time EVER.

Share your Con Crew below. For added fun, include their con alter egos, special skills, favorite con pastime, and more!

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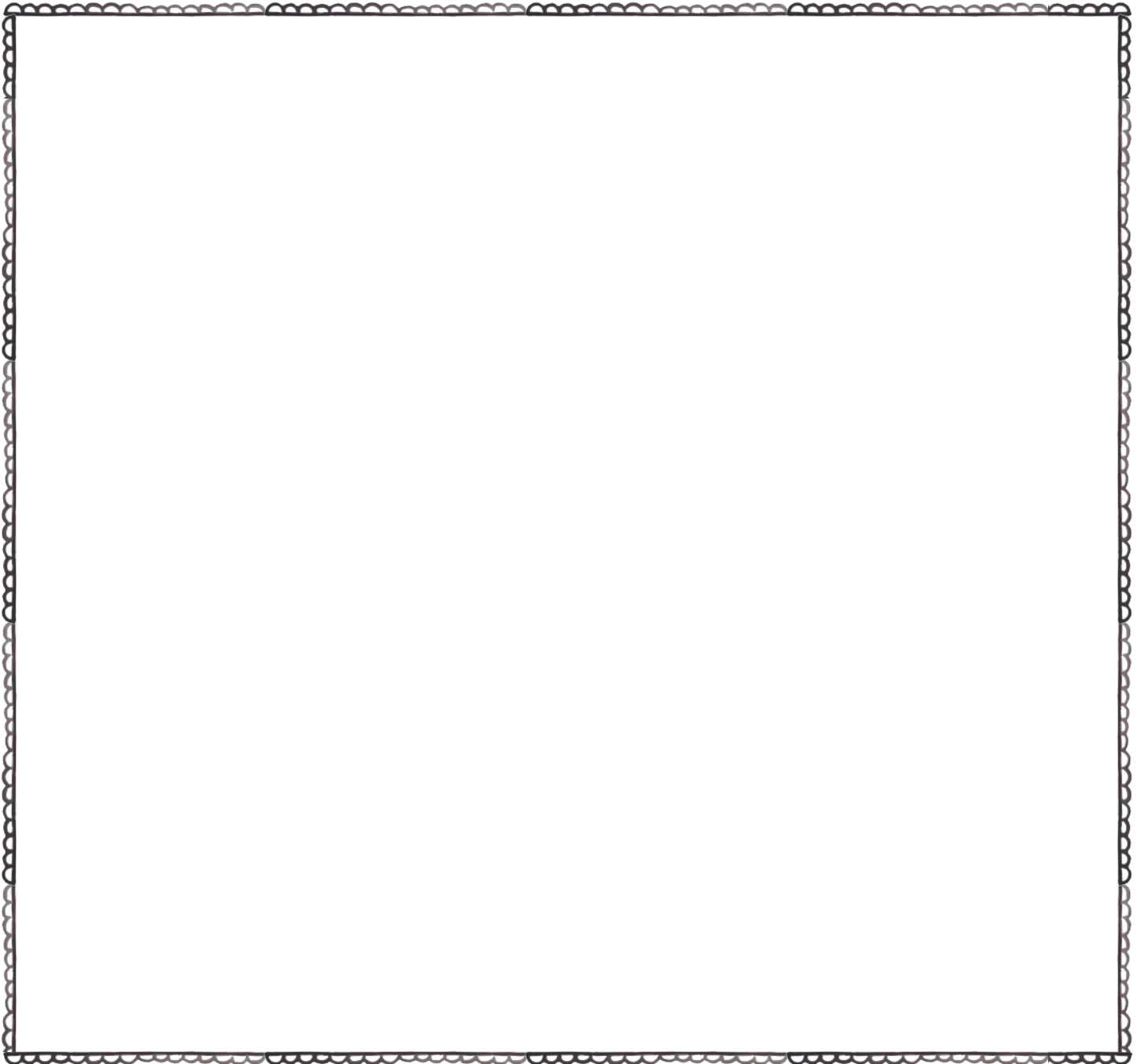
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# ***DRAW YOUR DREAM COSPLAY***

Whether you have aspirations to become a semiprofessional cosplayer or you're a novice who feels most comfortable in your favorite nerdy T-shirt, repping your favorite fandom at a con is a great way to show off your interests, creativity, and make friends with other con-goers who love the same things as you!

Sketch out your dream cosplay below. We can't wait to see what you come up with, and hope you'll get to show it off in person at a con one day!

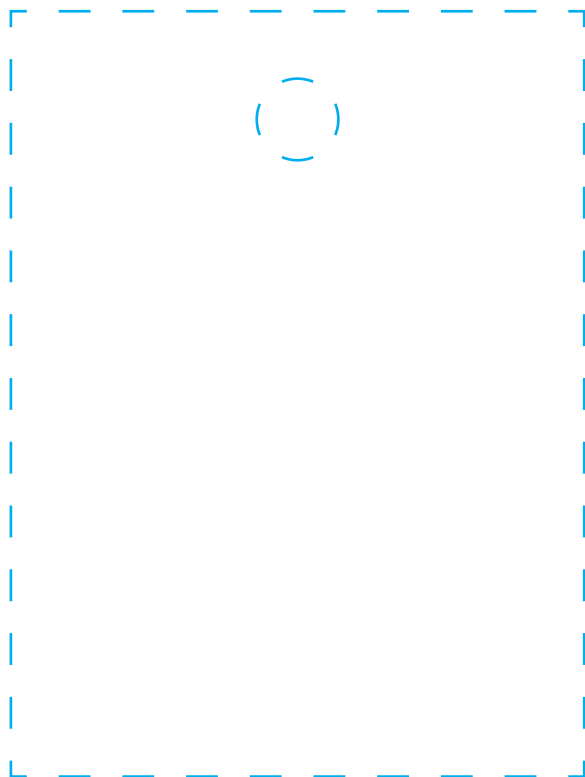


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# CREATE YOUR OFFICIAL CON BADGE

No con is not complete without your exclusive show badge!  
Follow the steps below to create your own badge for an at-home con experience.



**Step 1. Use the template to the left to cut a rectangle from your favorite material. This can be construction paper, cardboard—the sky's the limit!**

**Step 2. Cut out the circular hole at the top of the badge.**

**Step 3. Cut a piece of string (or ribbon or whatever material you have handy), feed it through the hole at the top of the badge, and tie it closed. Be sure to leave enough space so it fits over your head comfortably for maximum wearability.**

**Step 4. Now it's time to personalize your badge! Create a name for your con, sketch some fan art, and decorate it with as many embellishments as you'd like.**

**Step 5. Wear your exclusive con badge proudly! It's your golden, nerdy ticket.**



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# CON QUEST! SCAVENGER HUNT

In *Con Quest!*, Cat and Alex are excited to be at the world's most popular comics convention—and they're even more excited to compete in the Quest, a huge scavenger hunt run by their favorite celebrity.

Host your own con-inspired scavenger hunt from your home! Whoever collects the most fandom items and con must-have items below in under 5 minutes is one step closer to being ready for the Ultimate Con Experience!

1. Fandom Figurine
2. Black Sharpie
3. Reusable water bottle
4. Granola bar
5. Phone charger
6. Backpack
7. Comic or graphic novel
8. Action figure
9. Sunglasses
10. Video game controller
11. Chapstick
12. Hand sanitizer
13. Enamel pin
14. Button
15. Lanyard
16. Sneakers
17. Bookmark
18. Handheld console
19. Hoodie
20. Headphones
21. Tote bag
22. Fandom item
23. Graphic T-shirt
24. Rubber band
25. Poster tube



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# TIPS FOR HAVING AN I-CON-IC CON EXPERIENCE!

Do you feel ready to hit up a comic convention of your very own, just like Cat and Alex? You should—they're amazing! Here are some fun tips for getting your con on:

1. Ask an adults to help you find a con in your area. There are so many comic conventions out there now, so chances are there's one within a couple hours' drive of your house! (P.S. Sometimes you get in for free if you're under twelve!) If you're not able to attend a con in person, there may be virtual cons happening that you can attend from home.
2. Check out the convention's website ahead of time to scope out who's going to be there in person or virtually, what you want to do, and who you want to see. Con guests can range from the legit famous (like TV and movie actors) to the lesser-known (but no less cool) nerd variety (like comic book writers and artists).
3. You can meet guests at autograph and photo sessions, or you can see them speak on panels. If you go for an autograph or photograph, prepare something you want to say in advance, so you'll be ready just in case you get nervous in the moment.
4. Dress up! If you want to go full cosplay (dressing up in costume), that's awesome. If not, wear your favorite geeky T-shirt to let everyone know which fandom is your number one. Whether in person or virtually from the comfort from your home, it's still awesome!
5. Pack a backpack with your essentials for the day, and don't forget to include a book or a portable console. Sometimes, lines for panels or autographs can be really long, and you don't want to get bored. Make sure you leave space for anything you might buy, or bring a fold-up cloth bag for any bigger purchases.
6. Wear comfy shoes—you're going to be walking on concrete floors all day, so a good sneaker is a must. And pack a healthy lunch and snacks—apples and a refillable bottle of water are always good bets.
7. Bring a camera, or stick close to someone with a camera. There are endless opportunities for fun photos, from LEGO statues to mega lines. If you see someone in a cool costume and you want a photo with them, just remember to ask politely first.
8. Check out an in-person or virtual panel you know nothing about. You might learn something cool and leave as a fan of someone new.
9. Visit Artist Alley and come home with a small souvenir from a local artist. You'll be supporting someone's comics career, and you'll never forget your first con.
10. Many cons have a Kids' Day. There are tons of fun activities—I've seen everything from wand dueling to comic creating. Kids' Days tend to be on Sunday, the final day of most cons, which is also a less busy day on the floor and when lots of booths are trying to get rid of the rest of their goodies. You might even get something cool for free!

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