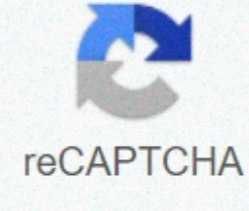




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## Sam and suzy moonrise kingdom costume

Moonrise kingdom couples costume this year for Halloween my husband and I are going as Sam and Suzy from the movie Des Anderson Moonrise Kingdom. I've always been a big fan of Wes Anderson. His films are a great mix of quirky visual interest, deliberate camera photos and beautifully stylized sets. The moonrise kingdom is no exception. I first saw it in 2012 and loved it right away. Not only does it have a stellar cast (Bruce Willis, Frances Mcdormand, Bill Murray, Edward Norton) but it also stays true to Wes Anderson's signature style. Set in the 1960s with an incredible vintage backdrop, Sam Shakusky and Suzy Bishop are a teenage boy and girl who form a bond as outcasts between their peers. They become pen friends, fall in love and eventually run away together. Sam armed with skills as a khaki Boy Scout (a fictional Boy Scout) guides them through the desert while Suzy follows with his books, record players and kitten in tow. The story is captivating, but eccentric and slightly disturbed. My first thought while watching the movie over a year ago was that great Halloween costume idea! The characters and super specific, but still easy to create. And one wouldn't make sense without the other = double fantasy. Here's what you need: Sam Shakusky 1. Coonskin cap 2. Top Khaki, and shorts 3. Yellow scarf 4. Patch raccoon I found a DIY tutorial to do the patch [HERE](#). 5. Pipe 6. Canteen 7. Optional rifle: 8. 9. Brown socks Troop 55 patch on arm Suzy Bishop 1. Pink shift dress with collar and cuffs I found a pink long sleeve dress and added the white collar and handcuffed me. You can also buy one [HERE](#). 2. Red Beret Suzy only wears the red beret in the second half of the movie BUT considered Halloween falls in October, why not include it for extra warmth? 3. Binoculars 4. Kitten 5. Rattan Basket 6. Saddle Shoes (called Sunday school shoes in the movie) 7. White Knee Socks Hair style: half ponytail makeup: black eyeliner and heavy blue eyeshadow After coming up to that plan and doing a little research online I realized I wasn't alone! I even found a great article on Buzzfeed documenting all the people who dressed up as Moonrise Kingdom last year. I loved to see the interpretation of other people's characters. What are you going to be for Halloween? Any great fantasy ideas? Halloween is coming! If you don't have your fantasy ideas cemented by this point, surely you're at least looking for ideas, right? I thought I'd share one of my favorite couples fantasies that my husband and I used a few years ago: Suzy and Sam from moonrise Kingdom. It's a somewhat obscure reference if you're not familiar with Wes Anderson's films, but it's a very cute idea and not too cheesy if you're looking for something a Different. If you haven't seen Moonrise Kingdom (what you owe!), the story story set in the mid-sixties and follows Suzy Bishop and Sam Shukusky, two twelve-year-old misfits on the island of New Penzance, who flee to be with each other. (The photo below is from the movie, check out more here.) My husband and I saw the movie in theaters, and the man who could take a flying ride on Halloween leaned over and said we should be Suzy and Sam for Halloween later that year. I probably yelled YES at the movies or something of excitement. All year long, I kept an eye on fancy items, but I didn't find much. With less than two weeks to go until Halloween, I finally had to take it very seriously in my quest only to find out that there were no pink dresses, oxford saddle shoes or raccoon fur hats where we live or that they could ship on time at a reasonable price. Believe me, I've looked everywhere. This meant sewing, improvising and sewing more. Yes, sewn a fur hat of guaca of furry fabric! Something I never thought I'd do in my life. I made the dress I wore and it was the first time I did something of a pattern and not to deconstruct other clothes or use existing pieces as a guide. Talk about a learning experience. Like when the lady at the fabric store emphasized that I should go by my measurements and not size, which put me in eight sizes larger than I usually use. So I trusted her, but when I actually put on the dress for the first time, it was like a big tent. I had to improvise and reduce my measurements several times, but in the end, it was whole and looked like a real dress! That's the idea, I guess. After a week of work and a lot of pin bites afterwards, I couldn't be happier that I had gone for it or more thrilled about how it turned out. Then a few final touches of binoculars (which Suzy pretends to be her magical power), insect earrings that Sam made for her (and pierced her ears), bold blue shade (purposely with the finesse of a 12-year-old), long time with a dryer and hair spray to put my short bangs in place, and the socks and proper shoes... I was the spitting image of Suzy (besides being 12 years old and taking my hair off, ie). When all was said and done, in addition to our good friends, only a few people we saw that night recognized who we were. My husband was asked if he was Davy Crockett more than once and even asked me if I was a sexy pilgrim (I can't invent these things, folks). But we loved them and it was worth it to the few people we didn't know who approached us and told us how absolutely perfect the costumes were. If you're putting together costumes, here are the essentials you'll need for each character (I've called which pieces I've used below). Suzy: Pink dress with white collar White Saddle Shoes Oxford Insect Earrings Optional Binoculars: Wicker Bag Cat Stuffed Animal Books Suitcase Sam: Sam: Khaki Shirt Shorts Black Glasses Yellow Bandana Coonskin Cap Brooch Patches Optional: Canteen Tube Backpack Do you make your own costumes? It sure is a lot of work, but I think that makes them a lot more special. What are your Halloween costume ideas for this year or favorites from years gone by? In Molly: Dress: Made from the standard simplicity 3833- Dress A (collar and freehand handcuffs) by JoAnn Fabric, Earrings: Homemade plastic insects, socks: Walmart, Shoes: Urban Outfitters On Andy: Coonskin hat: homemade with furry fabric from Hobby Lobby, Glasses: Walmart, Shirt: Your grandfather from 1951, Brooch: Homemade vintage jewelry, Pants: The Gap, Shoes: ASC I wanted to quickly share my moonrise Kingdom costume i wore last weekend for Halloween. My boyfriend and I dressed up as Sam & Suzy for Halloween because we went to the Gladstone Hotel for the Grand (stone) Budapest Hotel Wes Anderson themed party! It was completely surreal, seeing hundreds of people dressed as the Tanenbaums, Sam & Suzy, or Fantastic Foxes. The event was so cute, and I loved the live band and the DJ providing the soundtrack. Halloween is always a success or miss for me, so I was happy to have such a cool theme to build our night around. As for building the Moonrise Kingdom Halloween costume, I took my pink cotton dress from Gap, and added a felt collar and cuffs that sew carefully. I added white knee socks to Forever 21, and i wore my favorite pair of clark's oxfords. I also carried a handmade leather bag from Mexico (similar bag here) to mimic Suzy's kitty basket during the event. For a finishing touch, I also wore Forever 21 beetle earrings! I hunted little plastic beetles in every dollar store, but I realized I already had a pair of insect earrings. For these photos, I carried my grandmother's vintage chest. I've seen similar ones at Goodwill or Kensington Market. I was too lazy to carry it all night and I'm very glad I didn't! For my boyfriend Sam Moonrise Kingdom's costume, he wore his old Boy Scout shirt (visit his local thrift store to find one), khaki pants, and a fur hunter hat I picked up at a souvenir shop at Ottawa's Byward Market. I also wore a pink wool coat for the party and this red beret to complete the outfit! I hope everyone has an amazing halloween weekend, I personally can't wait to have a themed party or ugly Christmas Service party to have an excuse to dress up again! Right now, it's probably no secret that we're big Fans of Halloween. I've always been one to want to build my Halloween costumes. I have a thrift store burst buying, sewing, pasting, and working together our look. we decided to be Suzy and Sam from the moonrise kingdom, I knew we'd have fun putting this together. My fantasy was less difficult to see that I already most of these items in my closet and it was just a matter of styling them the right way. What it really did for me, however, was the fox mask i happened to find in Party City while I was buying decoration for our party. It was perfect and I decided to nix the binoculars and wear the mask instead. Mike's costume was a little more involved. We went to a local thrift store and ended up finding a long-sleeved Khaki button up and khaki pants long. So the first thing we did was cut off the arms of the shirt and legs of the pants to change them in a Boy Scout uniform. After pseudo-altering both the pants and the shirts, we roll the cuffs to the right length. Mike created the felt stains, paint, glue and buttons and I'll sew them on his shirt. He went through Sam's patches and tried to match them in the best possible way. We ordered the raccoon hat and glasses on Amazon and bought michael's a yellow bandana. We found this in a Surplus Army store on the street. Yesterday for Halloween, we finished the costumes, decorated for our Halloween reunion, and then our good friends Jason and Tyler came. We decided we needed to take a walk through Central Park before the party. Halloween in New York is wonderful. The leaves are spinning and everyone is in costume. I also can't help but love the Halloween fairs on the Upper West Side that feel they're out of You've Got Mail. So we definitely wanted to go out and experience Halloween day around town. Jason and Tyler's costumes were amazing! And believe it or not, both costumes were homemade. Halloween is one of those days that I remember how creative and talented my friends are. Tyler is obviously Spider-Man and I can't begin to tell how hot it was to see all the kids get excited to see him. And Jason was the Trump Card. Brilliant. So naturally, we had to walk through Central Park and go to Trump Tower to take some pictures. We had so much explosion, going out and fantasizing. We ended up stopping at our good friend Brian's restaurant to grab some sandwiches before returning to our spooky Halloween meeting. Put it together.

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