

# CRYO - Makeup and Costuming Technical Guide

## Makeup

Cryo are a **makeup-heavy** species.

At minimum, all visible skin should be covered in bluish-silver or pale blue makeup. Cryo lips are paler in color than human lips, but for the most part they can be left uncovered. Blue, white or red contacts are suggested, but not required. Players can also minimize the areas they need to put makeup on by wearing gloves and long sleeves - in fact, it would be in character for a Cryo to cover as much of their body as possible when in an unfamiliar, foreign environment. Arm-stockings and tights are also suggested for players whose costumes show arms or legs.

Three colors of makeup are suggested for Cryo makeup: **pale blue**, **dark gray**, and **white**. For the example to the right, we have used Cameleon Magic Star (silver-blue), Cameleon Payne's Gray (a dark blue-gray) and Tulip White. These are all water-based face paints, applied with large and small paintbrushes.

### Process:

Cryo wear their hair slicked back or otherwise neat and out of the way; you'll want to do this and put on shirts that you need to pull over your head before you begin applying makeup. If applying moisturizer or barrier spray, do that at this point. If you're wearing contacts, put them in and apply eyeliner if using it. Fixative spray can be applied throughout the process, or just at the end, according to your preferences.

- These instructions are meant as only one way to do this - You can improvise with other materials to find something that works well for you.
- Define the Cryo's sharp cheekbones by drawing a line with the gray and blending it downward. Water-based paints blend well while wet, make sure the paint is not dry when blending (if it is, add more wet paint). Fill in around the eyes with the dark gray.
- Over the rest, lay down a base coat of light blue. It is acceptable for the makeup layer to be thin in places, but it should cover your entire face and any visible portions of your neck. Flesh showing might indicate that a Cryo is in poor health.
- Blend the gray into the blue and add shadows to further contour your face - this is largely by your preference and face shape: areas we shaded were the temples, under the bottom lip, between the eyebrows, under the nose and along the jawline. (These are masculine shadow areas, female Cryo may want to shade less dramatically).
- The white will be used to highlight and add frost details. Blend small amounts of white with the light blue on any areas that are prominent - the ridge of the nose, cheekbones right above your dark defining lines, chin and forehead. You don't want to use a lot of paint, just enough to lighten the blue up a bit. If you apply too much, you can paint over it with more of the light blue.
- Add the frost effects last. Use the white and dark gray to create traces of ice and dark patches on your face. It's best to use a light touch with a mostly-dry brush. Start with just a little and build up; you can always add more. We applied this to the forehead and cheekbones, with small trails on the rest of the face.
- Once you're happy with the results, apply a makeup fixative to your face, and you should be good to go! (If you're not wearing gloves; don't forget your hands!)



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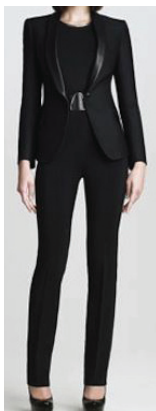
## Costume

With the exception of their life support equipment, the Cryo wear clothing that is relatively simple and utilitarian; streamlined and efficient. The palette is solid black and dark grays; it would be unusual for a Cryo to wear other colors.

Something to keep in mind when selecting garb for your Cryo - the Cryo are very safety-minded. Most would prefer close-fitting clothing over anything baggy which could get caught on something. Hooded overcoats are common; a Cryo might draw up their hood if made uncomfortable by a situation or person.

**Suggestions:** Long coats with or without hoods, suits, high-collared shirts or turtlenecks, gloves, long pants or leggings. Skirts are considered a unisex garment.

**Popular Reference:** Gothic Industrial fashion. Equilibrium. Dark City. The Matrix.



Players may consider using light blue tights or arm socks to cover their arms and legs instead of painting their body with makeup.



## Key Accessories

An essential piece of Cryo costuming is their **Cooling Unit/Life Support Apparatus**.

While this can be indicated with something as simple as a light-up collar, players are encouraged to put their creativity to work and create an interesting piece of costuming to represent this item.

**Suggestions:** Partial facial masks such as police whistlers and gas masks. A backpack with hoses and cooling tanks. Collars with hoses running out of them. Blue LED lights to indicate cold. (Players should take care to make sure their hoses are secured and not hanging loose, for safety reasons).

**Popular Reference:** Mr. Freeze (Batman). Abe Sapien (Hellboy)

