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JASON DUMBAUGH'S

Spider-Man/ Venom

While the latest Spider-Man film was met with mixed reviews, Jason Dumbaugh's Spider-Man/Venom mod is a must-see blockbuster. Sporting a multitude of spiders—both inside and out—as well as a tangle of webs and ooze, this rig captures the feel of the film.

Jason, who wrote a step-by-step tutorial on how to create this mod at Techwarelabs.com, built the case for his roommate, a Spider-Man superfan. He explained that apart from a few minor missteps, the process was pretty straightforward. Great job, Jason, we'll be watching for your Iron Man mod in the summer of '08!

Jason first created a stencil in Photoshop and then cut the spider image out of a piece of 26-gauge zinc sheet metal. After wiring up and epoxying 26 LEDs, Jason realized that in such a configuration, each light would need its own resistor. The final design features five lights.





The spider motif carries over to the interior of the rig, which also sports a red LED fan.

For his winning entry, Jason wins a \$500 gift certificate for Buy.com to fund his modding madness! See all the hardware deals at www.buy.com, and turn to page 108 for contest rules.

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By applying eight layers of clear coat after affixing the webbing and ooze, Jason ensured this rig could take some abuse but continue to shine.

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