This is an updating list, if you see any examples you're aware of that are missing, please let me know and I'll update the list appropriately. This list was made primarily by a Death Battle fan in hopes to see the show improve. It's fair to speak for most fans at large when saying that none of this can be assumed to be malicious behavior from the Death Battle staff who are intentionally trying to avoid crediting fan works. Especially with corporate bureaucracy in mind, it's most likely a lot more difficult than you might think to make certain changes retroactively and add credit. That's not mentioning the talented animators and production crew who bring the fights to life in the first place, and all the effort they go through. Ultimately though, Death Battle has consistently struggled to credit fan works appropriately across its entire history, and it continues to be a major problem all the way up to the most recent episodes. We as a community believe that something has to change, and that this is a problem that can be fixed. The hope is that the production of this document encourages the team to fix things now and do better in the future by both the fans and the creators in question whose works are used.

# Fanart in thumbnails

## Death Battle

Credit to Redrunner for [curating and compiling the bulk of this section](#)

- **Zitz**: theCHAMBA
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/thechamba/art/BattleToads-21040607](https://www.deviantart.com/thechamba/art/BattleToads-21040607))
- **Spawn**: flavioluccisano
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/flavioluccisano/art/Spawn-324739223](https://www.deviantart.com/flavioluccisano/art/Spawn-324739223))
- **Bomberman**: hextupleyoodot
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/hextupleyoodot/art/Bomberman-Smashified-Transparent-548179210](https://www.deviantart.com/hextupleyoodot/art/Bomberman-Smashified-Transparent-548179210))
- **Vegeta**: VICDBZ
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/vicdbz/art/Colored-046-Vegeta-011-210786002](https://www.deviantart.com/vicdbz/art/Colored-046-Vegeta-011-210786002))
- **Mai Shiranui**: BCCP
  ([https://www.pixiv.net/en/artworks/4277645](https://www.pixiv.net/en/artworks/4277645))
- **Ivy Valentine**: Antuniey (note, both this and Orchid's render were previously uncredited, but had their images swapped out for official ones in 2021)
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/antuniey/art/Ivy-Soul-Calibur-Fanart-349818056](https://www.deviantart.com/antuniey/art/Ivy-Soul-Calibur-Fanart-349818056))
- **Black Orchid**: Ganassa
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/ganassa/art/killer-Instinct-Orchid-330801491](https://www.deviantart.com/ganassa/art/killer-Instinct-Orchid-330801491))
- **Fulgore**: ImmarART
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/immarart/art/Fulgore-349609941](https://www.deviantart.com/immarart/art/Fulgore-349609941))
- **Godzilla**: Virus-91
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/virus-91/art/Godzilla-Returns-in-Color-313635838](https://www.deviantart.com/virus-91/art/Godzilla-Returns-in-Color-313635838))
- **Gamera**: Grimbro
  ([https://www.deviantart.com/grimbro/art/Gamera-is-really-Neat-191933481](https://www.deviantart.com/grimbro/art/Gamera-is-really-Neat-191933481))

- **Ragna** (on preview thumbnail): Tansan Otoko
  (https://www.pixiv.net/en/artworks/6427536)
- **Tifa** (on preview thumbnail): borjen-art
  (https://www.deviantart.com/borjen-art/art/Tifa-Lockhart-Fight-Stance-490560216)
- **Pinkie Pie**: Ocarina0fTimelord
  (https://www.deviantart.com/ocarina0ftimelord/art/Pinkie-Pie-4th-wall-279458561)
- **Megazord**: Naochika Morishita
  (http://pinktentacle.com/2010/09/mecha-art-by-naochika-morishita/)
- **Metal Sonic**: Nibroc-Rock
  (https://www.deviantart.com/nibroc-rock/art/Eggman-Sends-in-Metal-Sonic-562903243)
- **Twilight Sparkle**: Godoffury
  (https://www.deviantart.com/godoffury/art/Twilight-Sparkle-Magic-408986015)
- **Daredevil**: MayDayPayDay
  (https://www.deviantart.com/maydaypayday/art/Daredevil-Comic-Edit-598623707)
- **Captain Falcon** (on preview thumbnail):
  (https://www.deviantart.com/nibroc-rock/art/Captain-Falcon-Render-Smash-Alt-599577628)
- **Might Guy**: Mekanel
  (https://www.deviantart.com/mekanel/art/Naruto-Manga-667-Gai-Sensei-Coloreado-438429664)
- **Black Canary**: AnubisDHL
  (https://www.deviantart.com/anubisdhl/art/I2-Black-Canary-v2-721925792)
- **Sailor Galaxia**: rmmr111
  (https://www.deviantart.com/rmmr111/art/Power-and-control-379099132)
- **Steven Universe**: TheOffColors
  (https://steven-universe.fandom.com/wiki/Steven_Universe_(character)?file=StevenUniverse16+-2-+By+TheOffColors.png)
- **Black Adam** (on preview thumbnail): Edit made by Gasa979
  (https://www.deviantart.com/gasa979/art/Black-Adam-Dwayne-Johnson-Transparent-background-699477489)
  Face used in edit from Bryanzap
  (https://www.deviantart.com/bryanzap/art/The-Rock-as-Black-Adam-544850545)
- **Sauron**: Andrey Pankov
  (https://www.artstation.com/artwork/9NZ6Wq)
- **Megatron** (on preview thumbnail): Tim Shinn
  (https://x.com/TimShinn73/status/1622000737793314816)
- **Rick Sanchez** (on preview thumbnail): Mario1999562
  (https://www.deviantart.com/mario1999562/art/Rick-and-Morty-S03E06-Non-Toxic-Rick-Sanchez-740808853)

**Raiden** (vs Excalibur) uses, from memory, a Steam workshop SFM upload render in the thumbnail of the episode, but best efforts still can't dig up the actual link anymore, so reach out if anybody finds it.

## DBX

- **Jon Talbain**: KyuubiCore
  (https://www.deviantart.com/kyuubicore/art/Jon-Talbain-526855823)
- **Bomberman**: Nibroc-Rock
  (https://www.deviantart.com/nibroc-rock/art/Smashified-Style-Bomberman-Render-of-1-4-553799789)

On fraud watch (probably fan-art but can't find a source): Gaara (preview thumbnail), Mega Man (thumbnail for his preview against Astro Boy), Metal Sonic (preview thumbnail), Zuko (episode thumbnail)

Of note is that Deadpool's render in both his preview thumbnail against Deathstroke and the thumbnail of vs Pinkie Pie is fanart, but has been spread around and reused so much over the years that the original artist may just be lost.

# Uncredited sprites/models

**Also note that none of the re-uploads in the recent fight only videos on the Death Battle channel feature any credit to the original sprite artists, so every one of those videos needs to be edited to feature credit all the same.**

This document will be providing links to the best of its ability to some kind of site proving that the original sprite artists created the sprite in question, such as a mugenarchive download page or a wiki page/forum post describing the original author and giving a download link. Mugenarchive can be unreliable even at the best of times and is itself a controversial site when it comes to crediting (not helped by its wars against other MUGEN warehouses), so it can be difficult to tell when a person listed is just making an edit or doing gameplay adjustments as opposed to actually being involved in producing the sprite art. I've tried my best to place the original artists and provide adequate links, but reach out if you spot anything wrong with this list.

## Death Battle

It's worth noting that in Haggar vs Zangief, the first use of a fan-made sprite in the show, the end credits specifically verbally shouted out Acey, the co-creator of the sprite, while also linking to their Youtube channel. The same occurred with Mario vs Sonic 1, Eggman vs Wily, Thor vs Raiden. Early Death Battle also credited even the people who ripped sprites from official sources and also listed the sources used for footage in the credits. Occasionally, later episodes like Black Widow vs Widowmaker will make a distinction between official models and community-made models, alongside crediting where all the assets come from. These examples are a more ideal way of handling such cases, but as can be seen, it's inconsistent.

- **Starscream**: Omega Supreme
  (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=13730-starscream-omega-supreme)
- **Rainbow Dash**: Urimas
  (https://www.deviantart.com/urimas/art/MLPonline-Sprite-Sheets-341840400)
- **Peach**: Originate from an early version of Super Smash Flash 2 by Greg McCleod
  (https://www.supersmashflash.com/play/ssf2/)
- **Thor** (vs Raiden): Correctly credits Loganir and even links his site, but doesn't credit
  BlackDragon, who also worked on the MUGEN character. Later episodes using this Thor
  sprite would credit both, albeit without the site links
  (https://loganir.blogspot.com/p/thor_6270.html)
- **Ryu Hayabusa**: Sprites by G.M.Spectre, character by chuchoryu
  (https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t1794-ryu-hayabusa-nes-up-11-sep-2013)
- **Scorpion**: SeanAltly (he's credited in the end credits of the fight, but his name is
  misspelled as "Sean Atly", not the first time this will come up)
  (https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/cvtw-scorpion-released-cvtw-subzero-updated-seanaltly-153261.0.html)
- **Iron Man** (vs Lex Luthor):
  Mark 3 model is difficult to find the exact origin of, it's available for sale on several 3D
  modelling sites so it's clearly not original, but none of these credit the original production
  team and all are dated after this episode came out
  Hulkbuster model made by Tyler Fermelis (https://www.artstation.com/artwork/bPEE)
  The wiki claims that the Endosym model comes from a rip of Marvel Contest of
  Champions made by X-N-A
  (https://www.deviantart.com/fredrickfirst/journal/Looking-For-Superior-Iron-Man-Model-775269786), but comparing the two models, while they are similar, the one in the fight has
  some small differences that make it likely it might be a custom model, unsure though
- **Beast**: Acey
  (http://www.infinitymugenteam.com/infinity.wiki/mediawiki2/index.php/Beast_(Acey))
- **Hawkeye**: Original sprite by Bradern666, edit by Fron and Jawajedi. For some reason,
  the episode's credits only list the former and not the latter
  (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=15162-hawkeye-bradern666-fron and
  https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=6026-speedy-edited-by-jawajedi)
- **Koopa** (Bowser vs Ganon): Koopa sprite made by mitsame (here's her complaining
  about the lack of credit)
- **Goomba** (Bowser vs Ganon): Cybershadow
  (https://www.spriters-resource.com/custom_edited/mariocustoms/sheet/17764/)
- **Shadow** (vs Mewtwo): Cylent-Nite
  (https://www.spriters-resource.com/custom_edited/sonicthehedgehogcustoms/sheet/95705/)
- **Erza**: Sprites ripped by Fernandinho_FM, which specifically ask for credit if used
  (https://spritedatabase.net/file/11907)

- **Pinkie Pie**: Sprites ripped by Arique from the fan-game My Little Pony: Fighting Is Magic (https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/my-little-pony-fighting-is-magic-evo2k-build-complete-sprite-rip-143819.0.html)
- **Venom** (vs Bane): While primarily derived from his Marvel VS. Capcom sprite, Venom's sprite in the episode seems to also borrow from T.O.P.S, spaceman, and Angelus's MUGEN character (note that Venom vs Crona later credited all three of these for the use of the Venom sprite in that episode) (https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Venom/T.O.P.S,_spaceman_%26_Angelus_Silverhead%27s_version)
- **Bane**: Jmaxximus and ALEXZIQ (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=9997-bane-jmaxximus-alexziq)
- **Captain Marvel** (both episodes): Ultraroboninja and ZVitor, edits by Abnerrse4 (https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t4833-captain-marvel-by-ultrarobninja-zvitor-and-quickrandy)
- **Metal Sonic** (vs Zero): Base Metal Sonic sprite made by the Mod. Gen Project Team (https://www.spriters-resource.com/custom_edited/sonicthehedgehogcustoms/sheet/77455/), Metal Overlord sprite made by Medaforcer (https://www.spriters-resource.com/custom_edited/sonicthehedgehogcustoms/sheet/18194/)
  The Neo Metal Sonic sprites may also be fanmade, but none of the Neo Metal Sonic sprites seen from a look-up are an exact match for it
- **Absolute Zero**: FXFreitas (https://www.deviantart.com/fxfreitas/art/Absolute-Zero-473318848)
- **Shredder**: Dcat (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=29038-dcat-shredder-dcat-power)
- **Batman Beyond**: ALEXZIQ and SPIDERBAT (the link below misspells his name as ALEXIQ, here's his mugenguild profile for reference) (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=191651-batman-beyond-1-2-alexiq-spiderbat)
- **Spider-Man 2099**: Medrops and Magus (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=1677-spiderman-2099-medrops-magus)
- **Batman** (vs Black Panther): Magus and Alucard (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=10925-batman-rmh-alucard)
  Since this Batman sprite is used in many videos, it's worth noting that there's a lot of MUGEN specific history about the sprites used and who exactly made what, involving other creators like the Unlimited Team, which makes crediting it specifically slightly more complex
- **Black Panther**: Arkady, with assistance from Z999, HyperVoiceActing, nicotinefist, and alan joestar (https://www.infinitymugenteam.com/Forum_345/index.php?topic=43762.0)

- **Twilight Sparkle**: Sprites ripped by Arique from the fan-game My Little Pony: Fighting Is Magic ([https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/my-little-pony-fighting-is-magic-evo2k-build-complete-sprite-rip-143819.0.html](https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/my-little-pony-fighting-is-magic-evo2k-build-complete-sprite-rip-143819.0.html))
- **Spyro**: Morganicism (credit to GumballViking for pointing this one out, turns out the model was actually created by a fan for a Skyrim mod. As the creator points out in the comments, it was likely the show got it from either DeviantArt or Sketchfab). Note that the creator specifically requests credit in the second link ([https://www.deviantart.com/morganicism/art/Spyro-Looking-Over-a-Cliff-483934980](https://www.deviantart.com/morganicism/art/Spyro-Looking-Over-a-Cliff-483934980) and [https://www.deviantart.com/morganicism/art/Spyro-3D-Model-Download-484976566](https://www.deviantart.com/morganicism/art/Spyro-3D-Model-Download-484976566))
- **Carnage**: Carnage's sprite is credited to Xasor, but the MUGEN character in question is an edit of an earlier character. The original sprite was actually made by T.O.P.S and theFuTuR3 ([https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Carnage/T.O.P.S_and_theFuTuR3%27s_version](https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Carnage/T.O.P.S_and_theFuTuR3%27s_version))
- **Green Lantern**: The credits mention several of the people who worked on the Green Lantern MUGEN character, but fail to credit McCready, another important person involved in making the sprite and significant member of the MUGEN community ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=1830-green-lantern-hal-jordan-enzo-buyog2099-arque-and-mccready](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=1830-green-lantern-hal-jordan-enzo-buyog2099-arque-and-mccready))
- **Fire Hydrant**: Obviously a funnier example, but the fire hydrant sprite used in Ben 10 vs Green Lantern was made by Lisnovski for their Pac-Man character, a fact noticed by themselves on Twitter. As they put it, "Still thinking about how one of my dreams finally became a reality but as a creditless background prop"
- **Aang and Edward Elric**: Both sprites are made by Gameinvader247, the episode solely attributes credit to Planeptune, the person who made MUGEN characters out of these sprites ([https://www.deviantart.com/gameinvader247/art/Aang-JUS-636302762](https://www.deviantart.com/gameinvader247/art/Aang-JUS-636302762) and [https://www.deviantart.com/gameinvader247/art/Edward-Elric-JUS-712895938](https://www.deviantart.com/gameinvader247/art/Edward-Elric-JUS-712895938))
- **Sasuke**: Sasuke's sprites are a whole lineage of edits and re-uploads which are difficult to find the origin of, but the episode seems to be missing a credit for a user named AC (note this link isn't the exact Sasuke sprite used, but everything I'm seeing seems to point to it being derived from the same sprite, compare the credits in the link to the credits in the episode) ([https://www.deviantart.com/dantewreckmen-999/art/Hawk-Sasuke-Sprite-Sheet-548742396](https://www.deviantart.com/dantewreckmen-999/art/Hawk-Sasuke-Sprite-Sheet-548742396))
- **Mob**: Missing a credit for Gameinvader247, who the Mob sprites in the episode seem to be derived from ([https://www.deviantart.com/gameinvader247/art/Shigeo-Mob-Kageyama-JUS-657614476](https://www.deviantart.com/gameinvader247/art/Shigeo-Mob-Kageyama-JUS-657614476))
- **Static**: Static's sprites are mostly custom, but may be derived from a MUGEN character by Erick Tarzia ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=2735-staic-shock-erick-tarzia](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=2735-staic-shock-erick-tarzia))

- **Sindel**: Missing a credit for Mathri, who co-created the sprite (https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t9984-queen-sindel-edit)
- **Esdeath**: Puppet sprite is directly based on the Esdeath summon featured in AnTor_M's Akame MUGEN character, animations compiled here for reference. Thanks to user T0m for pointing this out, would never have noticed this otherwise
- **Booster Gold**: Missing a credit for Rena1ss4nce, who edited the Captain Marvel sprite made by Acey and Eskro of the Infinity Mugen Team to create the Booster Gold sprite seen in the episode (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=19178-boostergold-eskro-acey-edited-by-rena1ss4nce)
- **Wally West**: Missing a credit for Team ScruffyDragon, who co-created the sprite alongside Buyog2099 (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=22659-the-flash-wally-west-team-scruffydragon)
- **Sabrewulf**: Missing a credit for Nexus Games, and also for some reason lists "Gartanham" and "Lessard", the two primary creators of the MUGEN character, as a single person, "Gartanham Lessard", in the credits (https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t12256-sabrewulf-by-gartanham-and-lessard-updated) (Nexus Games's personal YT channel is linked here)
- Several sprites in **The Seven Battle Royale** are edits of sprites made by SeanAltly, who received no credit or compensation and gave no permission. SeanAltly has previously complained about the lack of proper credit during season 2 on the mugenguild forums, which Chad had earlier written a post on addressing the issue
- **Shadow** (vs Ryuko): The sprites in the episode are a mixture of sprites including Shadow's Sonic Battle sprites and the custom sprites made by Cylent-Nite, who is mistakenly credited as "Clyent Nite" (https://www.spriters-resource.com/custom_edited/sonicthehedgehogcustoms/sheet/95705/)
- **Lex Luthor** (vs Doctor Doom): Episode credits Ghost Rider, but doesn't credit LoganSam (whose custom War Machine sprites served as the base), Enzo who did Luthor's head, and Chuchoryu who lent some of the programming from his CVS Ultron character (https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t13654-lex-luthor-new-52-style)
- **Heihachi**: Heihachi's sprites are credited to Lessard, but the sprites in question are edits of previous sprites made by Chuchoryu, who goes uncredited and is the primary artist behind said sprites (https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Heihachi_Mishima/LESSARD%27s_version)
- **Batman** (vs Iron Man): Batman's base sprite is once again credited to Alucard, but unlike previous episodes fails to credit Magus, from whom the base sprites are derived (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=10925-batman-rmh-alucard)
- **Goku Black**: While the primary sprite created by Heal The World is credited, another Goku Black sprite is briefly used in the episode, edited by Cybaster from Balthazar's Goku, which goes uncredited

(https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=50016-goku-black-z2-balt hazar-cybaster)

- **Reverse-Flash**: ImmaJadenYuki, edited from Sic-1's Flash character. The episode itself credits Buyog2099, who co-created the aforementioned Wally West Flash sprite alongside Team ScruffyDragon, said sprite featuring a Reverse Flash palette (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=28741-reverse-flash-sic-1 )

- **Alucard**: The original sprites were created by Akimoto, who is credited, but the episode specifically uses a later remake by Jawsmon, who is uncredited. The sprites themselves, according to Akimoto, were all made by the user Goutetsu, who is also uncredited (https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/alucard-small-update-101909--106959.0.html)

- **Popeye**: 3D model created by vansk-kohli03 (https://www.cgtrader.com/3d-models/character/fantasy-character/popeye-d191c909-a06 6-4896-bd7b-03751dfb96da)

- **Thor** (vs Vegeta): Mostly fine, again crediting to Loganir and BlackDragon, but misspelled axellord's name as "axelord". Axellord didn't work on the actual sprites, only fixing some bugs on the MUGEN character itself, so your mileage may vary there (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=65994-thor-loganir-blackd ragon)

- **Black Adam**: Dr.Doom and Trexrell (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=4773-black-adam-dr-doo m-and-trexrell)

- **Apocalypse**: RobiWanKenObi, Cravd, MMV Team, and Ax (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=8183-apocalypse-robiwan ken0bi-mmv-team and https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=60231-apocalypse-marvel)

- **GT Kid Goku** (cameo in Trunks vs Silver): deviantarter1236 (https://www.deviantart.com/deviantarter1236/art/Kid-Goku-GT-Sprite-Sheet-814966081)

- **Superfriends Aquaman**: Sprites edited from the original Aquaman by Zvitor, Dark Luigi, and Ghost Rider, who are all uncredited (https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=73418-aquaman-with-han d-and-trident-zvitor-dark-luigi-ghost-rider)

- **Ant-Man**: Arkady (https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Ant_Man/Arkady%27s_version)

- **Atom**: AngelusEcks (original forum post here http://www.infinitymugenteam.com/Forum_345/index.php?topic=35529.0, download link here https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=80523-the-atom-angeluse cks)

- **Phoenix**: Blade (https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t11952-dark-phoenix-jean-grey-phoenix-new-re leases-october-22nd-2018)

- **Raven** (vs Phoenix): Chuchoryu
  ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=67174-raven-edited-chuchoryu](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=67174-raven-edited-chuchoryu))
- **Martian Manhunter**: Efrencortes
  ([https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t9543-martian-manhunter-v0-95-update-by-efrencortes](https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t9543-martian-manhunter-v0-95-update-by-efrencortes))
- **Silver Surfer**: T.O.P.S and Ax
  ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=27125-silver-surfer-tops](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=27125-silver-surfer-tops))
  This one is a bit more ambiguous, since there are multiple MUGEN Silver Surfers made by different creators. [Origin has mentioned the sprites in the video are edited from the MUGEN characters for rigging](#), but it's unclear which one specifically was used as the base, the T.O.P.S and Ax one is just a guess based on how it looks, so reach out if there's anything more specific
- **MLP Cast** (Bill Cipher vs Discord): Sprites ripped by Arique from the fan-game My Little Pony: Fighting Is Magic
  ([https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/my-little-pony-fighting-is-magic-evo2k-build-complete-sprite-rip-143819.0.html](https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/my-little-pony-fighting-is-magic-evo2k-build-complete-sprite-rip-143819.0.html))
- **Megatron**: Model ripped from Transformers Devastation with edits by Akuago220
  ([https://steamcommunity.com/sharedfiles/filedetails/?id=1750562889](https://steamcommunity.com/sharedfiles/filedetails/?id=1750562889))
- **Goku vs Superman 3 sprite cameos**:
  Goku Black - Heal The World
  ([https://mugenfreeforall.com/topic/30306-goku-black-by-heal-the-world-updated-112116/](https://mugenfreeforall.com/topic/30306-goku-black-by-heal-the-world-updated-112116/))
  Ultraman - Original MUGEN character by Angelus_Silverhead and JARRO77, custom palette created by rodowood
  ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=122281-ultraman-dc-angelus-silverhead-and-jarro77](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=122281-ultraman-dc-angelus-silverhead-and-jarro77))
  Super Saiyan 4 Goku sprites [ripped from an official game](#) by DARKBOLT99. It's unclear whether the Electric Blue Superman sprites are also fan-made or whether they're custom sprites created by someone on the team.

Both the Death Battle wiki and [the TVTropes trivia page](#) list the original creators/sources of every sprite or model used in the show, so they're both useful resources in this regard, especially the latter (though it does get the source of Silver Surfer's sprite wrong and is missing a lot of others)

# DBX

- **Ronald McDonald**: Kishio
  ([https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Ronald_McDonald/Kishio%27s_version](https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Ronald_McDonald/Kishio%27s_version))
- **Colonel Sanders**: Peg
  ([https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Colonel_Sanders/Peg%27s_version](https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Colonel_Sanders/Peg%27s_version))

- **Silver**: Cylent-Nite, Shock Rabbit, Nebula, and Daniel Sidney ([https://www.spriters-resource.com/custom_edited/sonicthehedgehogcustoms/sheet/95803/](https://www.spriters-resource.com/custom_edited/sonicthehedgehogcustoms/sheet/95803/))
- **Marshall Law**: Chuchoryu ([https://mugenfreeforall.com/topic/48404-tekken-series/](https://mugenfreeforall.com/topic/48404-tekken-series/))
- **Kenshin** (vs Zoro): Aoshi24 and Warner ([https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/himura-kenshin-update-050110-115159.0.html](https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/himura-kenshin-update-050110-115159.0.html))
- **Greninja**: CS x TBM, James1971, and Mattfv ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=31483-greninja-cs-x-tbm](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=31483-greninja-cs-x-tbm))
- **Espio**: miszi, Ashura, Zach "Zin" Fur, and Vortex ([https://www.deviantart.com/miszi/art/Espio-Heroes-sprite-sheet-107540660](https://www.deviantart.com/miszi/art/Espio-Heroes-sprite-sheet-107540660))
- **Link** (vs Meta Knight): Originate from an early version of Super Smash Flash 2 by Greg McCleod ([https://mcleodgaming.fandom.com/wiki/Link_(Super_Smash_Flash_2)](https://mcleodgaming.fandom.com/wiki/Link_(Super_Smash_Flash_2)))
- **Paul Phoenix**: Chuchoryu ([https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t3508p240-tekken-chuchoryu-proyect](https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t3508p240-tekken-chuchoryu-proyect))
- **Doomsday**: Ax, Gargantham, Colosse ([https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t1587-doomsday-v2](https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t1587-doomsday-v2))
- **Cloud**: YAMAKICHI and Infinite ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=12708-cloud-strife-infinite](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=12708-cloud-strife-infinite))
- **Guts**: Oggy ([https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Guts](https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Guts))
- **Sasuke** (vs Killua): Sprites from Jump Super Stars ripped by Bonzai ([https://www.deviantart.com/sorosoro/art/New-PTS-Sasuke-JSS-266154622](https://www.deviantart.com/sorosoro/art/New-PTS-Sasuke-JSS-266154622))
- **Mario and Luigi**: Edits made by KratosGoji91 ([https://www.deviantart.com/kratosgoji91/art/Ultimate-SMBHotS-Mario-Sprite-Sheet-485916197](https://www.deviantart.com/kratosgoji91/art/Ultimate-SMBHotS-Mario-Sprite-Sheet-485916197) and [https://www.deviantart.com/kratosgoji91/art/Ultimate-SMBHotS-Luigi-Sprite-Sheet-491536350](https://www.deviantart.com/kratosgoji91/art/Ultimate-SMBHotS-Luigi-Sprite-Sheet-491536350))
- **Iron Fist**: carpa5 ([https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t6029-iron-fist-by-carpa5-released-for-mmv-birthday](https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t6029-iron-fist-by-carpa5-released-for-mmv-birthday))
- **Oni**: Chuchoryu ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=59718-cvs-oni-chuchoryu](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=59718-cvs-oni-chuchoryu))
- **Blaziken** (vs Ken): Sprites ripped by Đshiznetz from Pokemon Type: Wild ([https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Blaziken/%C3%90shiznetz%27s_version](https://mugen.fandom.com/wiki/Blaziken/%C3%90shiznetz%27s_version))
- **Wii Fit Trainer**: Goodaldo and Jtp768 ([https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/blue-mary-koopakoot-color-separation-patch-goodaldo-atp-153166.0.html](https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/blue-mary-koopakoot-color-separation-patch-goodaldo-atp-153166.0.html))
- **General Zod**: Edited from MUGEN character by ZVitor ([https://www.andersonkenya1.net/files/file/7688-general-zod/](https://www.andersonkenya1.net/files/file/7688-general-zod/))
- **Captain Falcon**: GMSpectre ([https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/captain-falcon-snk-style-open-source-sprite-sheet-108771.0.html](https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/captain-falcon-snk-style-open-source-sprite-sheet-108771.0.html))

- **Goku Black**: Edited by Cybaster from Balthazar's Goku, the former of which is uncredited ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=50016-goku-black-z2-balthazar-cybaster](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=50016-goku-black-z2-balthazar-cybaster))
- **Tifa**: Yamakichi ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=9745-tifa-lockhart-yamakichi](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=9745-tifa-lockhart-yamakichi))
- **Thor** (vs 100 Pikachus): Loganir and BlackDragon ([https://loganir.blogspot.com/p/thor_6270.html](https://loganir.blogspot.com/p/thor_6270.html))
- **Natsu**: The episode credits StormEX, the primary artist, but doesn't credit the other artists involved with the project, those being Tsao-ri, Graphicus, Artchell, and Deddy95 ([https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/stormex-natsu-dragneel-fairy-tail-original-sprites-142580.0.html](https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/stormex-natsu-dragneel-fairy-tail-original-sprites-142580.0.html))
- **Batman** (vs Scorpion): Batman's base sprite is once again credited to Alucard, but fails to credit Magus, from who the base sprites are derived ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=10925-batman-rmh-alucard](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=10925-batman-rmh-alucard))
- **Sasuke** (vs Ichigo): Credits two of the sprite artists involved, but not the base artist, Nightmare ([https://www.deviantart.com/aagus/art/sasuke-hawk-266059940](https://www.deviantart.com/aagus/art/sasuke-hawk-266059940))
- **Alucard** (vs DIO): Goutetsu, Akimoto, and Jawsmon ([https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/alucard-small-update-101909--106959.0.html](https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/alucard-small-update-101909--106959.0.html))
- **Catwoman**: ZVitor and XFields ([https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t767-catwoman-release-by-xfields-and-zvitor](https://mugenmultiverse.forumotion.com/t767-catwoman-release-by-xfields-and-zvitor))
- **Black Cat**: Sprite art made by Beja and XFields, coding done by [O Ilusionista](), Mauteck, and Eclipse ([http://www.infinitymugenteam.com/Forum_345/index.php?topic=32037.0](http://www.infinitymugenteam.com/Forum_345/index.php?topic=32037.0))
- **Rider Medusa**: Rioriot ([https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/rider-rioriot-updated-10232018-185138.0.html](https://mugenguild.com/forum/topics/rider-rioriot-updated-10232018-185138.0.html))
- **Batman** (vs Iron Man): The sprite used was created as a group effort by the Infinity Mugen Team contributors. The episode credits multiple of the people involved, but doesn't mention Acey, the main contributor who led the project in the first place ([http://www.infinitymugenteam.com/Forum_345/index.php?topic=18141.0](http://www.infinitymugenteam.com/Forum_345/index.php?topic=18141.0))
- **Sans**: Sumin ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=48434-sans-update-gramparson-sumin-](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=48434-sans-update-gramparson-sumin-))
- **Apocalypse**: RobiWanKenObi, Cravd, MMV Team ([https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=8183-apocalypse-robiwanken0bi-mmv-team](https://mugenarchive.com/forums/downloads.php?do=file&id=8183-apocalypse-robiwanken0bi-mmv-team))

An important point isn't just the credit existing, it's how the credit is given. In a lot of cases, DB's form of credit takes the form of the original artist's name coming up for a very small window of time in the credits in minor text at the very end of the video. For the Krillin vs Tien vs Yamcha DBX for example, [you can find a MUGEN forum thread with the original sprite artist where it was](#)

directly pointed out how leaving the credits out of the description and flashing them on screen so quickly is still harmful (alongside mistakenly giving credit to someone not involved in making the sprites). Other examples of this have come up plenty, such as Mr Fantastic's DBX appearance listing Darkwolf'13 and Walruslui as "Sprite Artists" despite the fact that they only translated the MUGEN's character gameplay, while ZVitor is the original sprite creator. In general, it's rather inconsistent, the Thunder Megazord's sprite ripper Grim is credited but plenty of other cases where the person who ripped the sprite isn't.

It's definitely better than nothing, but a vague "Original Sprites" credit which appears very briefly in the end credits is never going to be ideal, and DB is vague in many cases on which sprite artist made what sprites, and how said content was used for the video. Especially given Death Battle frequently gets major sponsorships and revenue while using community-made work without explicit permission, it's understandable why certain artists may argue that the form the credit takes isn't given enough emphasis. As mentioned before, early DB provides a good example of this. The difficulty of providing credit in an appropriate manner has definitely increased over time as the YouTube algorithm has changed and Death Battle itself has massively increased in scope, so there's definitely a lot to consider, but a lot of room for improvement.

# Gameplay footage (where identifiable)

This list is obviously largely incomplete since these things are a lot harder to identify, these are just the examples presently aware of, please send something if you identify any more.

- **Mario vs Sonic 2:** Uses footage from multiple content creators, all linked here on the Death Battle wiki
- **Ganondorf vs Dracula**:
  13:24 - RopeDrink (https://youtu.be/DpQYwttfHrc?feature=shared&t=51)
- **Sauron vs Lich King**:
  Majority of footage taken from Villainpedia's Lich King analysis and Nobbel87's Lich King story rundown
  This example in particular is notable because the videos used for footage were huge labors of custom footage and Machinima by other content creators, yet neither is mentioned at all anywhere in the video.
- **Cole vs Alex**:
  3:20 - Sir Isaac Fortesque (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ECQr1b0_BXA)
  Note the video description specifically requests that anybody using this footage give credit in the video and put a link in the description, which the episode does not do

# Research sources/Misc.

- **Haggar vs Zangief:**
  **1:30** - Haggar piledriving a shark fan-art made by jnkboy
- **Mega Man vs Astro Boy**:
  This is blurring the lines a lot, but the scene where Mega Man is pinned to a wall by the Metal Blade and subsequent shot with the time stop is essentially a 1-to-1 recreation of the 2004 Newgrounds animation Mega Man vs. Quick Man by El-Cid. The short and its creator aren't referenced anywhere in the video directly
- **Hercules vs Sun Wukong**:
  The entire basis of Wukong's research was aided by and frequently refers to the Journey To The West Research Blog by anthropologist Jim R. McClanahan. This blog is listed in the suggested media for the matchup, but is not mentioned or referred to anywhere in the episode as a source. In spite of the fact that said blog did an analysis of the Death Battle after it came out, and explicitly requested some form of credit, the video has still not been updated.


On the note of fan-art, early episodes frequently used fan-art as footage filler at various points, even ending up as the reason Ragna vs Sol was copyright struck due to lack of credit. At least from a look through each episode, these seem to largely go credited (though there might be something I'm missing, in which case please let me know and I'll add it), but the credit is completely separate from the fan-art itself, such as tokyozombie's episode fan-art being featured at the very beginning of episodes with no indication of who made it, and their name only being featured in the credits at the very end of said episodes with no indication of what their art was, which needless to say is pretty unideal for crediting fan work. This can be seen in other episodes as well, such as BladeofGoth's Sol vs Ragna fan-art being featured in the intro of the episode while credit is only featured briefly at the end, and has caused issues in the past, so it's something to keep in mind for all forms of fan works.