



# Tips for Building a Float

## Combine a Team

It's a good idea to have teams doing specific tasks to spread the workload. Get a 1) Trailer Team, 2) Creative Design Team and 3) Construction Team. Because this isn't a project that comes along very often, involve as many people as possible. Ask your close by neighbors or gather a group of friends from other towns or neighborhoods to help.

## Appoint a Head

Someone's got to be the bottom line. There has to be a coordinated effort for the group. When things don't go according to plan, and that will happen, then someone has to be able to make a decision about what to do next.

## Enjoy the Experience

It's hard when you haven't done something before and don't know how it's going to turn out or even if it's going to turn out, but try to remember to have fun along the way. By nature, parade floats are about fun and celebration. It should be that way through the whole process.

With a big group, you're likely to have a wide range of interest and skill levels. To make it look good and like everyone worked together keep a 1) limited color palette, 2) repetitive shapes, and 3) easy to accomplish tasks.

These are some useful parade float building materials and tools although there are others and often the most successful parade floats are created from materials meant for the trash, recycled items and everyday household materials.

Glue Gun	Fabric
Chicken coop wire fencing	Paint
Foam sheets	Glitter
Scissors, knife, wire cutters and staplers/staple gun	Crepe Paper
Newspaper	Wood

You can be creative and use materials which have been recycled to build your parade float as well as any interesting and colorful arts and crafts materials you find in your local stores.

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# Local Resources

## Trailer Rentals

Home Depot, Louisville, CO #1506, 1200 W Dillon Rd, Louisville, CO 80027, 303-661-9600

A & J Time Rentals Inc., 11401 W 44th Av Wheat Ridge, CO 80033, 303-423-7448

Taylor Equipment Rental, 130 S. Main St., Longmont, CO 80501, 303-651-3100

## Free Paint

Boulder County Household Hazardous Waste Center, 1901 63rd St, Boulder, CO 80301

## Recycled Materials

Resource-Center for Resource Conservation - 6400 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder, CO 80303

## Decoration Supplies

Michaels - 410 Marshall Rd, Superior, CO 80027

Party City - 550 Marshall Rd, Superior, CO 80027

Target - 400 Marshall Rd, Superior, CO 80027

# Online Resources

## Decoration Supplies

Oriental Trading Company - [orientaltrading.com](http://orientaltrading.com)

Parade Float Supplies Now - [www.paradefloatsuppliesnow.com](http://www.paradefloatsuppliesnow.com)

Parade Float Stuff - [www.paradefloatstuff.com](http://www.paradefloatstuff.com)



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# Past Superior neighborhood parade floats

2009 4th of July float



**Building a float is about friends, family and community.**

Floats don't have to be elaborate, they can be simple, use materials you have around.

Get the kids involved, they love to help and plan.

Floats can be made by neighbors in the cul-de-sac, your street or just a group of friends.

You can plan weeks in advance or simply plan to design and build the weekend before the event.

2012 4th of July float



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2014 4th of July float



**2017 Parade theme:**  
Great American  
Pastimes



# Register Your Float

## Town of Superior 4th of July Neighborhood Float Contest – Get Started Now!

The Superior 4th of July Parade and Pancake breakfast is coming up quickly, so it's time to start thinking about what your group of friends and neighbors would like to enter into the contest! Whether you put your float on a trailer or a truck or a boat - all are welcome in the parade.

**2017 Parade theme:** Great American Pastimes

There are wonderful prizes:

First Place - \$100 gift card

Second Place - \$75 gift card

Third Place - \$50 gift card

**New this year:** People's Choice Award

### July 4th Parade Float Contest Entry Form – 2017

Group Name.....

Contact Person.....

Phone Number.....

Email Address.....

Mailing Address.....

Name of Float.....

Type of Float: trailer (how long) \_\_\_\_\_ car/truck \_\_\_\_\_ walkers \_\_\_\_\_  
other \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up today and be entered to win one of (4) \$50 gift cards to put toward float building supplies. Must sign up your float by **June 30th** to be eligible for supply gift cards.

Please return to Superior Town Hall - 124. E. Coal Creek Drive - Attn. Katie