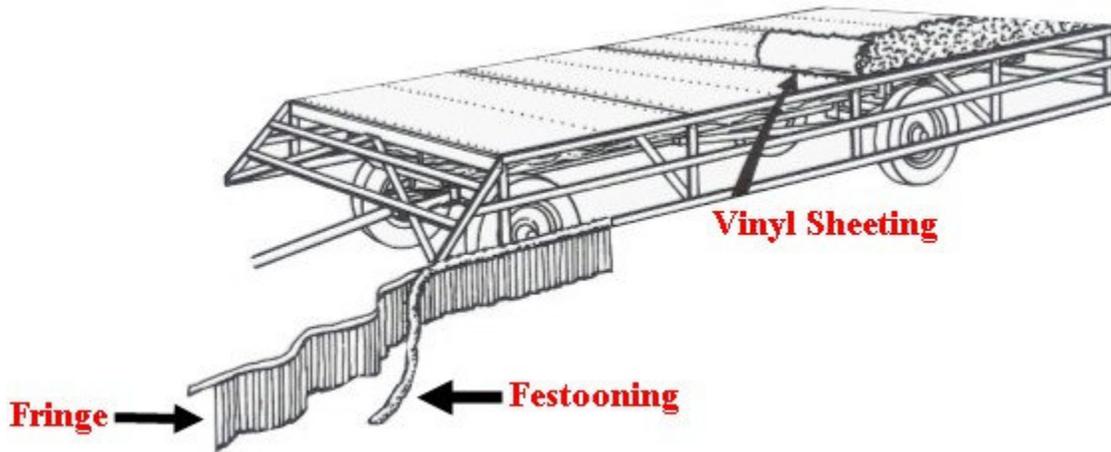




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Decorating your parade float...

Find a trailer platform that is sturdy, safe and legal to tow, the platform should be covered with plywood for durability. Hay-rack trailers at least 12' - 16' long are recommended with their level trailer deck, low-boy trailers also work well...



Decorations for a parade float can be done in many different ways, using floral sheeting, festooning and fringe for your parade float is the most consumer friendly approach when it comes to the amount of time spent decorating and the overall professional appearance of the finished parade float. The only tools you really need are some staplers, scissors, a hammer and nails, and a few decorating volunteers.

STEP #1 The Vinyl floral sheeting is stapled to the trailer platform and the sides.

Note: You can save on sheeting materials by not covering areas that will have signs or props displayed.

STEP #2 Apply the fringe along the bottom of the float bed, allow approximately 15" from the bottom of the float bed to the ground.

Note: Fringe does not travel well at speeds over 10 mph. When traveling to parade destinations fold fringe up against float bed and hold into place with 1" x 2" x 10' strips lightly attached to sides with nails or screws and remove when you reach your destination.

STEP #3 Festooning is applied last over the top of the fringe to hide the border of the sheeting and fringe. It can also be applied around borders of signs and displays.

Keep your riders and float driver safe... Build stanchions for your riders to hold onto, many parades require seatbelts for children who ride the parade units. Make sure your driver can see all the riders and have clear visibility of the parade route. If you are running a generator for lights and sound make sure it is properly ventilated and always have a fire extinguisher nearby, and make sure your decorating materials are fire retardant.

Remember when creating a parade float is that it should be fun for all involved from your organization participants to the parade viewers on the street.