



CANADA DAY 2024
**MORE
ABBY**



PARADE DECORATING TIPS

- 1. Plan Ahead:** Start planning your float decoration ideas at least a few weeks before the parade.
 - a. Give yourself enough time to plan and organize, this depends on the extent of your decor.
 - b. Create a decorating committee with skilled, resourceful, imaginative, and creative people.
 - c. Have a meeting so everyone can agree on a design.
- 2. Choose A Theme:** Brainstorm regarding “More Abby”, which represents celebrating Abbotsford and things that represent our community. This gives you the opportunity to focus on the part you play in our community and use symbols & props in your float associated with your organization. Additionally, you can focus celebrating Canada Day using Canadian flags, shades of red, and other Canada Day decorations.
 - a. Have people participating or walking with your parade entry wear outfits that reflect your organization or dress up in things that reflect Canada to further create excitement.
- 3. Use Bright Colours:** Use bright and eye-catching colours to make your float stand out. Your goal should be to get the attention of your captive audience of thousands of people along the parade route. We recommend that your parade entry be 75% decorated.
- 4. Add Signage:** Use banners and signs to convey your message or promote your cause.
- 5. Incorporate Props:** Props can be used to enhance your theme and add a fun element to your float. For example, if you’re doing a beach-themed float, add beach balls or surfboards.
- 6. Split Up Work if Needed:** Decorating a parade entry or float is a team effort, so make sure everyone understands their part in building it. One group can be in charge of props or costumes, another group can be in charge of lettering or signage.
- 7. Get Creative With Materials:** Don’t be afraid to think outside the box when it comes to materials.
 - a. Consider using recycled materials or repurposing items in an unexpected way.
 - b. Try to use flame-retardant materials to decorate and do not keep combustible materials near exhausts or hot areas.
- 8. Practice Safety:** Make sure your decorations are securely attached to your float, and that you have a plan to ensure safety of everyone on board.
- 9. Find a garage or “out-of-the-weather” location to store your parade entry.**



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