



12 EASY STEPS
**HOW TO BUILD A
PARADE FLOAT**







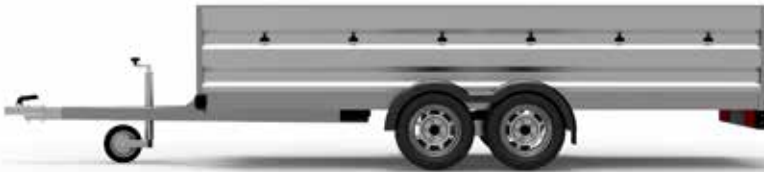
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Form a team/group/volunteers who can assist with the design and build. Choose a theme for your float.



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Go to Hendersonrotary.co.nz, read through the requirements and fill in the float entry form.



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Choose your platform. You can hire a trailer to use as your platform or hire a flat deck truck.

Trailer hire starts from just \$45 each (3 days hire). Make sure you have a car and driver that can tow the trailer.



TRAILER/TRUCK HIRE

- [Kennardshire.co.nz](https://www.kennardshire.co.nz)
- [hirepool.co.nz](https://www.hirepool.co.nz)

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Work out the list of materials you will need. You can build and create your own props, hire or buy these.

Get your team involved in collecting, buying, borrowing and creating items.



PRINTING

You can have a range of boards printed for your float and customise your design.



Contact Cube printing, they can design and print your items.

Cube.org.nz

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Mention that it is for the Westgate Santa Parade and get a 15% discount.



PROP HIRE

Hire a range of props to decorate your float.



- Firstscene.co.nz
- partyfun.co.nz

SET BUILDERS

Have a complete set built for your float.



- Tanemahuta.co.nz
- uniquecreative.co.nz
- bootleg.co.nz



LARGE BALLOON

Have a large custom made balloon created just for you.



- Take a look at balloonblitz.co.nz
- or purchase a large themed balloon at heliumballoons.co.nz

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Assign a specific work area to get all your props ready.

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Get your team together. Schedule work times and get commitments from your volunteers who sign on to help. This is where good leadership will come in handy.



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Skirt it. Ensure the float is covered with a skirting and is fully decorated. You can use fabric or fringing or anything else that may work well. Ensure it is a colourful design as this attracts the most attention. You can also use this area to spell out certain messages.



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Decorate the towing car. Don't forget to cover the car in the decorating theme as well.



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Set up lights or sound. Using a wireless speaker, or having live music will always attract a lot of attention. You can also purchase or hire a range of battery powered lights if you desire them.

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Find a covered space before the parade. Find a garage or covered space in which you can use to do your actual installation on the float. Ensure this is not too far from the parade start location. You can always do the final put together onsite (before the parade starts).



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Take it on a test run. This will give you a chance to see if all of the decorations are securely attached (cable ties are great to use to secure loose decorations).

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Your float should now be ready to head to the parade and show off your awesome, new float!

Just make sure you arrive early so you have time to do any last minute adjustments.



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