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Tip: Canopy accessories: Free standing banners will get you notice

One of your large sources of income is selling at flea markets or farmer's markets but you seem to have trouble getting the throngs of people to stop at your booth. Do not get discouraged as there are a few simple marketing techniques you can do to make your booth stand out. Adding a banner on trade show booths is a nice complement to your canopy. They are versatile and can also be color coordinated with a drape you may have chosen for your table. They are available in many fabric types including vinyl, mesh, satin and more. The banners are adjustable in height and some have a quick snap that allows you to set them up in minutes.

Tip: Canopy accessories: Protect your canopy

After putting some good money into your new canopy you will want to keep it protected when it is being transported. One accessory that is available for canopies is a commercial roller bag. The bag has a hard plastic bottom with wheels attached so you can roll the canopy instead of carrying it, possibly hurting your back. The bag offers some pockets and slots to help transport more of your belongings. There are other options for protection of your canopy. A regular roller bag without all the doo-dads will cost less or you could opt for just a 'dust cover' available from dealers. All of these will cover your canopy and keep it fresh between uses.

Tip: Canopy accessories: Table covers will accent your display

There are a variety of table covers that you can obtain to match your canopy. They can be custom ordered with your business name, logo or club message. The table cover completes a professional look for your exhibit booth if you are using the canopy for shows or sales. The addition of the table cover, along with your beautiful canopy will be sure to attract an interested crowd. The table covers are available in several sizes, fabrics and colors. Most canopy companies offer these accessories.

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Tip: Commercial canopies: Advertising printed on your canopy

Have you thought of selling advertising to be printed on the commercial canopy you take to flea markets and farmers markets? The paid advertising could more than pay for

the printing as well as your canopy and maybe give you an additional income. It also benefits the advertiser with a wide exposure to a varied crowd. After your commercial canopy is printed you could continue to sell advertising by using free standing banners. They are versatile, attractive and those passing by your booth will surely see them. Be creative and you'll be making more money than you expected this season.

Tip: Commercial canopies: Buildings can be extended with canopies

A wise choice to expand the size of a building temporarily would be to purchase a large canopy to assist with overflow. The community center board will find 1,000 uses for the commercial canopy from separate dining area, to providing a place for the children away from the adult function. It is possible with the help of the distributor, to design a way to attach the commercial canopy tent to the building using a side door opening and another canopy or joiners. The community center will become more active and donations will most likely pour in for the remodel and update.

Tip: Commercial canopies: Canopies make great signage

Canvas-type commercial canopy signs have become very popular on store fronts not only because they are economical but they are functional and very attractive as well. If you own a business and you've wondered how to make that business stand out, you might want to consider a commercial canopy or an awning over the front door or the length of the front of your store. You can choose any color of the rainbow and not only that, you can print whatever you want on the canopy, making it your business sign. Your customers will praise you for giving them a place to stand or walk during a cloud burst and you'll find your sidewalk outside your door will stay cleaner longer.

Tip: Commercial canopies: Get a good commercial canopy to attend many flea markets

Before you invest hundreds of dollars into a canopy you might want to make sure that flea markets are going to be an ongoing thing for you. Go to your first one, making sure the sponsors are going to let you show with just a table or provide a shelter for you. If you go to a few this way, you can make a better decision on purchasing your canopy. One low cost, but effective way to protect your products in the interim is to use a "picnic tent" to cover your booth. While they won't last very long in rough weather, they can provide your display booth with adequate protection from the elements when conditions are mild. Once you've decided that you want to purchase a canopy shelter, you need to get a good sturdy commercial grade canopy that will last a long time. Getting a pop-up shelter will be advantageous as they go up and come down in minutes with no help... you can do it yourself. There are a lot of accessories and signage-type help you can receive from the canopy manufacturers, so take some time to make your choice.

Tip: Commercial canopies: Parks and recreation departments need canopies available

It is almost a must these days for parks and recreation departments to have a large commercial outdoor canopy available for use. Sizes start at about 25 square feet and go up to over 1300 square feet or more in most companies. These commercial canopies are perfect for outdoor concerts, plays, gatherings. The acoustics are wonderful when used as an instant band shell. With a high grade commercial canopy the parks department can compete for corporate meetings with an outdoor flare.

Tip: Commercial canopies: Tented fashion show can direct guests to the store using canopies

Consider using a tent canopy located near the store to keep the fashion show separated but still close enough to cash in on the effects of the show on those attending. The fashion show could be in a tent about 50x150, large enough for a runway and about 500 guests, including the models, agents, stylists. A clear vinyl roof could allow a nice view of the city skyline if the tent is situated in the right place. If you want to go a step further, you can create a walkway directly to the store out of long walk-through canopies.

Tip: Commercial Canopies: Unique Star canopy is perfect for business

A unique commercial canopy on the market today is in the shape of a star. When erected, the star design of this outdoor tent is very aesthetically appealing as well as functional. The tent is supported by a single center pole and is anchored at the star points with stakes. The commercial tent can be set up in only 15 minutes. The 800 square foot tent will seat 88 people and is easily entered from any point. The unique design of this canopy draws more attention than the conventional commercial canopy and with graphics extending down the arms of the star you'll have people coming from all directions to your site.

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Tip: Attach banners to your canopy at a sidewalk sale

If you're using a canopy at your company's sidewalk sale, attach a banner for added exposure. The banner you choose should be bright, but not so covered with graphics that they detract from your message. Look for a banner that is machine washable for easy cleaning, and durable so that it can be used again for your next successful sidewalk sale.

Tip: Bring a canopy to the driving range

Your afternoon at the driving range doesn't have to be cut short by drizzle or scorching heat. Bring your canopy with you to the driving range for protection from the elements. Call ahead to make sure that canopies are allowed, and to find out if there are size restrictions in place. Also, ask about the terrain so you can choose the best weights. In general, it's best to use a smaller canopy at the driving range to avoid encroaching on another golfer's space.

Tip: Canopies for beginning arts and crafts show sellers

Because the best arts and crafts shows are outdoors, you are going to need a high quality canopy to withstand heavy wind and rain. These are well worth the cost because of the added durability, but may not be realistic for your beginning crafter's budget. If you aren't sure whether you'll be sticking with arts and crafts shows or aren't ready to invest in a high end canopy for whatever reason, consider partnering with another beginning crafter to buy a canopy. You can alternate canopy use, or share the space at the same shows. If you need all the space to yourself and you want to show every weekend, ask around for someone who is willing to sell their lower quality canopy to you at a discount. When you make enough money to buy a better quality canopy for yourself, return the favor by selling your canopy to another beginner.

Tip: Create an outdoor workshop

Nobody wants to be stuck inside a stuffy garage or shed during a nice day, but if you have a building project that you need to get done quickly it may look like that is your only answer. If you want to get your project done and enjoy the outdoors at the same time, set up your canopy in the yard or driveway and work there. You'll benefit from the fresh air, but still be able to check your project off your to-do list.

Tip: Lemonade relaxation station

Turn your kids' lemonade stand into a refreshment oasis by setting up a canopy and lawn chairs behind the lemonade stand. Customers can sip their lemonade in the shade while reclining comfortably on the chairs. By getting them to stay a little longer, you may even be able to sell them an extra cup of lemonade. Don't forget to provide a garbage can for the empty paper cups and napkins.

Tip: Properly weight your canopy

Because a sudden gust of wind can disrupt your canopy even in sunny conditions, you should always properly weight your canopy when outdoors. A number of commercial canopy weights are available for purchase. If you choose to make your own canopy weights, follow a few rules to ensure safety and effectiveness. 1. Make sure your homemade weights and the cords binding them to your canopy are easily visible to

people walking by. 2. Never use sandbags or cinder blocks as they are notorious for causing scraped legs and sprained toes. 3. Never use cords that stretch, as people can get tangled in them. 4. If you use tent stakes to secure your canopy, cover them with brightly covered foam and make sure they aren't sticking out in the common walkway. The foam will draw attention to them and lessen the impact if someone accidentally walks into them.

Tip: Put a canopy over your hot tub

There's nothing quite like sitting in your outdoor hot tub on a cool night. To ensure that rain doesn't interrupt your relaxation, place a canopy over your hot tub. This will keep the rain out, but allow you to continue enjoying your outdoor spa.

Tip: Show team pride with your canopy

If you do a lot of tailgating, you need to look into getting a canopy that is printed with your team logo. These ultimate tailgating accessories are available for both professional and college teams. If you can't find exactly what you want, you can have a canopy custom made for your team. You will be the envy of every other tailgater at the stadium, park or neighborhood where you put up your canopy.

Tip: Use a canopy at your yard sale

Anything you can do when hosting a yard sale to make customers more comfortable while browsing will bring you more success. A great idea is to place a group of similar items under a canopy. Set up tables so that your customers won't have to bend over to inspect your items, and arrange the items attractively. The canopy will make people more likely to spend a few extra minutes outside of the scorching heat or the rain and looking through your well-organized items. Those few extra minutes may be all it takes for them to find something they have to have.

Tip: Use caution with your canopy in a storm

When in doubt, don't put up your canopy during a windstorm or when a storm is approaching. Even if you have the best weights available for your canopy, the canopy will still be vulnerable to gusts of wind during set up and take down. If picked up by the wind, your canopy will become a serious hazard that can cause injury to people and property.

Category: Custom Canopies

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Tip: Custom canopies: Have a custom canopy made for tailgating parties

Tailgating is a popular way to party, especially in the sporting world or the college aged groups. One of the problems encountered with tailgate parties is inclement weather. There are custom canopies available now to help enjoy your party even more. Companies offer customizing of these canopies to fit your particular pick-up or vehicle, even trailers. You tell the company the make and model of your pickup and what you want in your new custom canopy and in most instances, they will have your canopy made and ship it within a few weeks. You can extend the party into the parking lot with further customizing using extensions.

Tip: Custom canopies: More is offered these days to customize your canopy

Great strides have been made in the canopy and tent industry and the sky is the limit when it comes to ideas and design. The old square design is still available, and coincidentally, still the most popular. But now you have a choice. You can choose a hexagon shape, one that looks like a house with gable-looking windows... there is even a star shaped canopy available now. You can get a canopy with a flat roof or a sloped roof pointed in the middle. And if you don't see what you want in the company's catalog or Web site, talk to the canopy company about creating custom canopies that fit your needs. Maybe you want a barn look or a hut. Chances are good they will be able to engineer and custom build a tent to your specifications.

Tip: Custom canopy: Animate your canopy for even more attraction

If your eye catches something moving, you look that direction. It is normal. It is possible now days to have an object installed on your custom canopy that will rotate, wiggle, jog to grab customer attention. Ask your dealer if they offer this service or if they can refer you to a place that does.

Tip: Custom canopy: Cover a variety of issues with a custom canopy

A long canopy designed to cover a long walkway into a business can be made into a beautiful guide for customers, one that makes them feel special and safe. Material used on your custom canopy can be translucent making the cover not only beautiful at night, but effective in lighting your entryway. Graphics on your custom canopy can be screen printed or feature digital printing on fabric with whatever you decide you'd like to see from plain lettering to complex logos or photos. The supports for the canopy do not have to be plain metal posts they can be made to dress up the entry as well.

Tip: Custom canopy: Use a canopy for a changing room poolside

A nice custom canopy can be made to compliment your pool and provide a small changing room or even a little cabana for shade or privacy. The canopy you choose for

a cabana can be customized with traversing full curtains to offer an elegant look, protection from the sun as well as privacy.

Category: Event Canopies

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Tip: Event canopies: A family reunion will be more successful with one or more canopies

If you get a large, oblong-shaped canopy, it would work well to use it for house buffet tables for your family guests. You can have the buffet line quickly if you use both sides of the tables for people to move through. You might want to consider another large canopy to put tables out for sitting in case of inclement weather. You can get runners to hook a walkway up between the canopies for people to move between the two without getting wet in the rain. After dinner and after the food is cleared, these areas can be used for games or visiting, or for a talent show. Getting one or more canopies for a family reunion will help insure the success of your event.

Tip: Event canopies: Canopies are designed with your wedding in mind

When it comes to weddings, specifically Jewish weddings, canopies have been used for centuries. However for non-Jewish weddings, using a canopy is more than just standing under a piece of cloth. It might have been considered "tacky" to use a tent some years ago because there were few options - and, face it, a green army tent isn't very romantic. The tent and canopy industry has really diversified in the last couple of decades and choices today are enormous. Weddings from "simple" to "elegant" are held in canopies designed with the wedding in mind. Custom tents that are designed to look like cathedrals, large enough to house an army (no pun intended on the army tent statement). You are only limited by your desire to search out the best design for your particular wedding. Don't be afraid to ask questions of the manufacturer or dealer. They will be happy to assist you and direct you to the best tent or canopy for your once-in-a-lifetime event.

Tip: Event canopies: Consider the unique star canopy for your next event

A unique canopy that has come out recently is the perfect structure for a large event, corporate meetings, banquets - the list could go on and on. When erected the star design of the tent is very aesthetically appealing and functional. The tent is supported by a single center pole and is anchored at the star points with stakes. The unique design, and variety of sizes, of this canopy makes this particular tent perfect for even more formal occasions as well as a community dinner.

Tip: Event canopies: Create a tree house effect with several tents and caopies for an unusual wedding

Visualize a tent on a hillside perch built out between the trees with a platform bringing the tent up off the ground about a foot at one end and about 10 feet at the other. The interior of the tent can be swagged and decorated with pepper or other type trees. Another tent is put on another level and a cocktail area on even another ... giving a "tree house" effect. The guests can step down into a sunken dance floor. If the site has a river near or, better yet, running below, include a background noise of croaking frogs and waterfall sounds. With your guests in mind, stash some nice chenille throws behind chairs and in other convenient locations for their use against the night chill.

Tip: Event canopies: Fun run rest stops

A traditional, simple canopy has so many uses it would take a book to list them all. Consider using yours to set up a rest area when you organize the next 10k fun run for your bicycling group. If you add an awning-type canvass you can give riders some much needed shade as well as a cool drink and good "adda-boy!" from you. If your club has the funds and can purchase a canopy exclusively for club use, you can advertise for possible future members by having the canopy printed with your club's logo and name.

Category: Military canopies

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Tip: Military canopies: Modular canopies can be made any size

There are a variety of portable canopies made for the military that are modular... they can be added on and on by attaching more of the modular units. With two end modules and any number of center modules, the size of the tent is limited only by the land it is placed upon. These modular tents can be made into hospitals, mess tents, or barracks depending on the needs of the military.

Tip: Military canopies: Some military shelters are designed for ultimate safety

There are a few very versatile canopies that can be deployed in a variety of climatic conditions. The advantages are the ability to be provided in virtually any configuration to suit the special deployment conditions and requirements. They have been tested to tensile strength, elongation, tearing strength, bursting strength, coating adhesion, resistance to flexing and flammability. One very special configuration is that the structure can be supplied with an inner skin of polyethylene or polypropylene which can meet requirements of nuclear, bacteriological and chemical containment. The roof/ceiling is thermally bonded-laminated to fire retardant high-density polyethylene on

both sides. The insulation helps keep the canopy cool in the heat and warm when it is cold outside. The design is more of a dome than a pointed tent.

Category: Outdoor canopies

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Tip: Outdoor canopies: Make yourself visible on the track

Racers make a wise choice when they opt for a small outdoor pop-up canopy to either shade their vehicle or provide shade and advertising in the pit. The pop-up canopies are designed with ease of erection in mind and can be put up and taken down in a matter of minutes. With a variety of bright colors and the racer's name and their sponsor's advertising screen-printed on the tarp, the racer will stand out and definitely be noticed on the track.

Tip: Outdoor canopies: Take your canopy or tent camping in the wilderness

If you decide to take your outdoor canopy or outdoor tent camping in the wilderness you'll be able to camp in places an RV or camper can't go. But if you take your outdoor canopy or outdoor tent into the wilderness, you might want to consider the effect it could have on other campers or hikers. Be considerate when you place your tent or canopy as it can block some great scenic beauty and get you a few angry words from other campers or hikers.

Category: Party Tents

Subcategory: Party Tents

Tip: Party tents: A floor is not necessary for party tents

In most cases you don't need a floor in your party tent, especially if you have a really nice lawn of grass - why cover that up? Sometimes you might want a floor other than grass for dancing on and flooring is available if needed. The best for a temporary floor is snap-lock floor with black or marble being the most common. Snap-lock floor works great on hard surfaces such as asphalt parking lots for display shows or any special event. For rough areas including grass, gravel or construction sites, plywood subfloor must be used.

Tip: Party tents: Backyard barbecues will be easier with a party tent

For your next backyard barbeque, use a canopy to provide shade, warmth and a rest

area for guests. Canopies and shade tents come in a variety of sizes and you can choose the best size for the amount of people you're having. For a group of 30 people or less, choose a 10 x 20 canopy. For 40 people you need a party tent that is about 20x20. There are a variety of types available. You should allow for about 10' around the perimeter of the tent so you'll need about 30x30 for proper set up. A smaller area will work but you'll need to make adjustments. Be sure to check for trees that might be hanging low branches or any home fixtures that would interfere with your set up.

Tip: Party tents: Join several tents together for larger parties

You can join different size party tents together with a special gutter/joiner system that work with both frame tents and pole tents to join them all together for walkway canopies, catering tents or reception areas. They work great and are seamlessly integrated into the whole line of tents. This also includes clearspan structures as well.

Tip: Party tents: Large party tents require proper installation

If your wedding, party, or backyard barbecue requires a large tent for your next event, know that proper installation and maintenance must be taken into consideration for safety reasons. Normally steel stakes that are 20" to 48" long are driven into the ground to anchor your party tent. The actual number of stakes and the size of them will vary depending on what size of party tent it is, how much wind load they may be subjected to and the length of time they will be set up. There are other things that can be used depending on the situation.

Tip: Party tents: Party tents can be invaluable for large wedding parties

One would not think a "tent" would be nice enough for a wedding but party tents today are as nice and as elegant as any wedding hall and they can be set up in your yard, the park, or any place you need to have the space. If you search around you'll find party tents made to look like castles, grand ball rooms most anything you can think of. White of course is perfect for a wedding but if you choose a different color, it is most likely available. If your wedding party is small or very large, there is a party tent that will fit the bill.

Tip: Party tents: Stakes, concrete anchors are used to anchor your party tent

Stakes won't damage asphalt. It will make a hole about 3/4 to 1 inch in size which can be repaired if needed with special asphalt plugs. If you have a concrete patio or sidewalk area concrete construction anchors can be used that use bolts and washers to take the place of stakes. These are permanent once installed but are very clean and a hex nut can be put into them flush with the ground if you want to use them again some time later.

Category: Portable canopies

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Tip: Get a custom designed pop up canopy

If you really want to stand out from the crowd or if you have an unusually shaped object to cover, you may want something more than the standard shape, color and size of pop up canopy. Contact the canopy company and ask about their custom canopy options. Chances are, they'll be willing and eager to work with you to develop a custom canopy that is just right for the task you need it for.

Tip: Pop up canopies for large and small events

For large events that require many canopies or for very small events where you won't have a lot of help setting up, pop up canopies are a great choice. Pop up canopies can be set up by as few as two people in as little as 30 seconds each. This will save you time that you can spend arranging your wares or relaxing and enjoying the scenery in the shade.

Tip: Portable canopies: Designs vary on portable canopies

There are several unique designs for your portable canopy. Manufacturer's engineers have really tapped into their creativity to make these small shelters appealing to the eye as well as functional. One lovely design for a backyard is a gazebo design. It is a hexagon and if you purchase the "walls" they will come in handy when the weather throws you a curve. The sides roll up or come off whenever the occasion warrants it.

Tip: Portable canopy: Link several portable canopies together for a carnival

You can, of course, get different pop-up portable canopies. But, it might make more sense and look better if you used several of the same type of pop-up tents and connect them together with a gutter or runner. The gutter assembly (could be called different things by different companies) attaches the canopies at the side, linking them together to form a line of booths. This makes for a very nice looking carnival mid-way.

Tip: Portable canopy: Mobile car detailing work easier with a portable canopy

There are several portable canopies that would work for operating a business on the road. The portable canopy "umbrella" is an instant shade machine. It is designed to swivel when set up to make working around an automobile easier, yet still provide the shade and overhead protection from the elements. Set up and take down of this small canopy is done by one person in minutes and it follows the sun with a simple

adjustment. It swivels right and left at the base, telescopes up and down and rotates 360 degrees at the top of the mast. It angles in multiple positions and folds up easily for transport. Can you imagine over 500 sq. feet of protection from the sun and rain right behind your vehicle? It is a detailer's dream.

Tip: Portable canopy: Permits would generally not be required for this type of tent

It is always a good idea to check with city hall in the town where you are planning to put up your structure. "Ignorance is no excuse" is a motto to live by. Cities and towns that would require permits will have the regulations and size limits available for you. However, it is highly unlikely a permit would be required anyplace for this type of canopy. It is not a permanent structure and normally small, temporary structures (tents, canopies, etc) will not need a permit.

Tip: Portable canopy: Pop-up canopies are the most popular

There are a lot of portable canopies on the market but the pop-up canopy has become the one that is purchased most often. It is economical, lightweight and convenient. It can be put up in minutes with one or two people, depending on the size. It is equally well-suited for the family outing or the family business. That flexibility is making this shelter a very enduring product.

Tip: Portable canopy: Portable canopies are popular with car enthusiasts

Pop-ups go up to at least 10x20 and larger which is plenty big enough for any normal sized automobile. Many classic car enthusiasts purchase these canopies to protect their prized automobiles while they are on the road going to shows. They often add graphics to help draw attention to their automobile.

Tip: Portable canopy: Portables mean it can be moved

To be a portable canopy it just has to have the attributes that allow you to take it down, move it and put it up again. There are many sizes, shapes and colors of canopies that fall into this category. One portable canopy in particular is an RV canopy which measures 12' x 33' x 14' at most manufacturers. These shelters can be just a cover or sides can be added for more protection.

Tip: Portable canopy: There are other easy open canopies on the market

When you are looking for a portable, easy to put up canopy, you need to read the descriptions provided by the manufacturers. There are canopies on the market without the pop-up designation, but are also made with the folding-type frame that allows one person to put it up in minutes.

