

Balingup Medieval Carnivale Style Guide

Stall Decoration Guidelines

This style guide provides specifications for decorating stalls at the Balingup Medieval Carnivale to immerse visitors in a vibrant medieval atmosphere. Stallholders are encouraged to use creativity while adhering to these guidelines to maintain a cohesive theme.

General Theme

The Balingup Medieval Carnivale celebrates medieval life with a rustic and festive ambiance. Decorations should reflect elements of the Middle Ages, including historical accuracy blended with imaginative flair.



Structural Setup

- 1. Stall Coverings:**
 - Use canvas drop cloths or old bedsheets dyed in earthy tones.
 - Repurpose burlap sacks or coffee bean bags for a rustic touch.
 - 2. Framework:**
 - Use wooden poles, pallets, or repurposed fencing to create the structure.
 - Hide any modern metal frames with cloth or wood panels.
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Decorative Elements

- Banners and Flags:**
 - Cut old fabric into pennant shapes and paint medieval symbols using craft paint.
 - Use twine to hang banners across the stall.
 - Signage:**
 - Write on scrap wood or cardboard with black or brown paint in a medieval font.
 - Age the sign with sandpaper or tea staining for a rustic look.
 - Lighting:**
 - Use battery-operated LED lanterns or wrap fairy lights in parchment paper to mimic torchlight.
 - Place candles in glass jars for a flickering medieval vibe.
 - Props:**
 - Use crates, barrels, or old baskets to display goods.
 - Borrow hay bales from a local farm or use rolled-up straw mats as substitutes.
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Fabrics and Textures

- Table Coverings:**
 - Layer burlap or plain brown fabric over tables.
 - Add a smaller tapestry-style cloth or patterned fabric for accents.
 - Drapery:**
 - Hang fishing nets or repurposed mosquito netting for texture.
 - Use ivy, vines, or faux greenery to frame the stall.
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Product Displays

- Food Stalls:**
 - Use wooden boards or cutting boards for bread and cheese.
 - Fill clay pots, ceramic bowls, or rustic baskets with products.
 - Craft Stalls:**
 - Showcase items on simple wooden shelves or handmade displays from driftwood or sticks.
 - Use straw or shredded paper as a natural filler in display boxes.
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Costumes for Stallholders

The Balingup Medieval Carnivale as vast array of costumes for hire prior to the event. Please contact our Costume Hire Coordinator for further information. If hiring a costume is not possible, please consider the below suggestions:

1. **Outfits:**
 - Layer plain-coloured tunics or oversized shirts with belts.
 - Repurpose scarves as head wraps or cloaks.
2. **Accessories:**
 - Use leather belts, pouches, or satchels as accents.
 - Borrow boots or simple sandals for footwear.

Additional Tips

- Collaborate with local artists or community groups for shared resources.
- Visit thrift stores, farms, or second-hand shops for affordable materials.
- Foraged greenery or repurposed items like wine barrels or old furniture add authenticity.

These ideas will help create a cohesive and authentic medieval aesthetic using materials you can find or make easily!