

# CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART

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Thank you for downloading the [inspirtartandcraft.com](http://inspirtartandcraft.com) craft tent comparison chart.

This chart was designed to help people who are in the researching stage of buying a craft tent. It provides a structure for organizing all of the information that you need to compare different brands and models of craft tents and different stores that sell craft tents. Simply fill out the relevant data on the craft tent comparison chart to create a simple, visually organized way to compare craft tents and stores that sell craft tents.

Please note that this document contains a total of 10 pages. You will find the **CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART** on page 2, and pages 3-10 include instructions and resources to help you use the chart effectively.

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### Page 2 - CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART

This page is the main page of the document. It contains the chart you will use to enter the relevant information about the craft tents you want to compare. Use one chart for each model of tent you would like to assess.

Print as many copies of page 2 as you need based on the number of tent models you want to compare. For example, if you would like to compare 4 different tent models, print 4 copies of page 2, and use one sheet for each tent model.

### Pages 3-6 - INSTRUCTIONS

This sheet includes detailed instructions for using the comparison chart. Refer to the information on this sheet if you have any questions about how to use the Craft Tent Comparison Chart.

### Pages 7-9 - SAMPLE COMPLETED CHART

This sheet includes three sample completed charts with information about three popular models of craft tents. If you are not sure about how to use the Craft Tent Comparison Chart, refer to the sample completed charts sheet to see examples of completed charts.

### Page 10 - RESOURCES

This sheet provides links to more information to help you research and find places to buy craft tents. There are also links to information about selling at craft shows and creating an effective craft show display.

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|                                   |                |                |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Brand                             |                |                |                |
| Model                             |                |                |                |
| Color                             |                |                |                |
| Size                              |                |                |                |
| Leg Style                         |                |                |                |
| Weight of Tent                    |                |                |                |
| Dimensions When Folded            |                |                |                |
| Frame Material                    |                |                |                |
| Canopy Material                   |                |                |                |
| Availability of Replacement Parts |                |                |                |
|                                   | <b>STORE 1</b> | <b>STORE 2</b> | <b>STORE 3</b> |
| Special Features                  |                |                |                |
| Are Side Walls Included?          |                |                |                |
| Type and Number of Side Walls     |                |                |                |
| Wheeled Bag Included?             |                |                |                |
| Other Accessories Included        |                |                |                |
| Accessories that Are Not Included |                |                |                |
| Name of Store(s)                  |                |                |                |
| Return Policy/Warranty            |                |                |                |
| Price of Tent                     |                |                |                |
| Price of Additional Accessories   |                |                |                |
| Total Shipping Cost               |                |                |                |
| Total Cost                        |                |                |                |
| Notes                             |                |                |                |

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART

On page two you will find the Craft Tent Comparison Chart. Use one chart for each model of tent you would like to assess.

Print as many copies of page 2 as you need based on the number of tent models you want to compare. For example, if you would like to compare 4 different tent models, print 4 copies of page 2, and use one sheet for each tent model.

I have also included three sample completed charts (found on pages 7-9) to give you an idea of how the charts will look when they are finished.

You can review these charts for more guidance if you are not sure how to fill out your own charts.

Please note that the information about the tents included in the sample completed charts was accurate at the time of completing this document. However, store prices and policies change and companies sometimes redesign products, so please do not rely on the information about the tents included on the sample charts. *Please do your own research to ensure the information you have is current and accurate.*

If you need information about researching craft tents, please visit the following web page:  
<http://www.inspirt-art-and-craft.com/portable-canopies.html>

## EXPLANATION OF SECTIONS WITHIN THE CHART

The definitions below provide information about the type of details you may want to add under each section of the craft tent comparison chart.

Do not feel obliged to complete every section of the chart. If something is not relevant to you, simply omit that section.

For example, if you drive a minivan, and cargo space is not an issue, then the dimensions of the tent when folded may be irrelevant. Simply skip that section if it is not a factor for you when choosing a craft tent.

Once you have completed the chart for all of the tents you are considering, use the charts as an easy visual reference to compare each craft tent and determine which brand and model is best for you and where you will buy your tent.

### Sections Within the Chart

#### Brand

There are several companies that sell portable canopies that are suitable for use in craft shows. Compare a few popular craft tent brands to see which company offers a product that best suits your needs. For information about popular brands of craft tents please see the following web page:  
<http://www.inspirt-art-and-craft.com/portable-canopies.html#brands>

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART (continued)

### Model

Some companies offer a few different models at different price points. You may want to compare models to assess the differences between each.

### Color

I always recommend buying a white canopy. Think very carefully about your decision if you are considering buying a colored canopy just because it is slightly cheaper than the equivalent white canopy. For reasons why a white canopy is preferable please see the following web page:

<http://www.inspirt-art-and-craft.com/craft-show-canopy.html>

### Size

Note the dimensions of the craft show canopy you are thinking of buying. Standard craft booth spaces are 10 x 10, so a 10 x 10 canopy is ideal. It will fit in your allotted space and allow you to make full use of that space.

### Leg Style

Notice whether the tent you are considering has straight legs or splayed legs. Straight legs are preferable because they make better use of the space you are given at outdoor craft shows and the angles created by splayed legs make it difficult to use sidewalls or create any kind of vertical display along the outer walls.

### Weight of Tent

Check the weight of the craft tent you are considering to ensure you will be able to lift the tent. There is a big difference in the weights of different tents. Often light weight tents are less sturdy than heavier tents, but lighter tents are easier to maneuver. Also, tents with aluminum frames are lighter than tents with steel frames.

### Dimensions When Folded

This information is particularly important if you drive a small vehicle. Ensure that the craft tent you buy will fit in your vehicle when the tent is fully folded up.

### Frame Material

10 x 10 canopy frames are generally made from steel, aluminum or some combination of the two. Aluminum is lighter, but steel frames are generally sturdier.

### Canopy Material

Ensure the canopy material is fire retardant. You may also want to note the denier of the canopy fabric. Denier is a measure of the density of the weave of fibers. Canvas canopies with a higher denier are better quality than those with a lower denier.

### Availability of Replacement Parts

Some companies provide replacement parts for their craft tents, which can save you a lot of money if you can replace a broken part instead of replacing an entire canopy. Check the company's website. If they provide replacement parts, they will provide that information on their site.

# CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART (continued)

### **Stores that Sell the Tent**

Note each store that sells the tent you are considering. If you are planning on buying your craft tent online, note the URL for the site.

### **Special Features**

Note whether the tent offers any special features. Some have an awning or a pocket to insert a banner with your logo or business name.

### **Are Side Walls Included?**

Determine whether side walls are included. When you compare the prices of different craft tents, a cheaper tent might not seem like such a bargain if you realize you will have to buy side walls separately.

### **Type and Number of Side Walls**

If side walls are included, note how many and whether they are velcro, zippered, or a combination of velcro and zippered. Also notice whether they are fabric side walls or mesh side walls; fabric side walls are far more useful for craft shows than mesh side walls. Check whether the side walls include a window. While a window can bring in extra light, it can also detract from your craft display.

### **Is a Wheeled Bag Included?**

Determine whether a wheeled bag is included. A wheeled bag will make it easier to transport your craft tent from your vehicle to your booth. A bag will also keep your tent clean and in good condition when it is stored and help it last longer.

### **Other Accessories**

Determine whether there are other accessories included in the package. Occasionally a craft tent package may include weights for the tent, or an extra wheeled bag.

### **Accessories that Are Not Included Which You Will Have to Buy Separately**

Note whether there are any must have accessories that are not included. If you have to buy these accessories separately, that may make a difference in terms of which tent is the best deal.

### **Return Policy/Warranty**

Determine the return policy for the store or any warranty on the tent so you will know if you will be able to return the tent if there is a problem. Some of the big box stores that sell craft tents have excellent return policies.

### **Price of the Tents**

Note the price of the tent

### **Price of Additional Accessories**

Note the price of any additional must have accessories that are not included in the package. For example, if you want side walls and they are not included in with the tent, determine how much it would cost to buy the side walls separately.

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## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART (continued)

### **Total Shipping Cost**

Note the total shipping costs if you are planning to order your craft tent online. If you are ordering from a company in a different country, keep in mind that you may have to pay duty as well. If you are not going to order your 10 x 10 canopy online and you will have to drive a long distance to the store that sells the canopy you want, consider the cost of gas for the drive when comparing the cost of delivery.

While you are looking up shipping costs, ensure that the company ships to your location, and notice shipping times if you need to get your craft tent quickly. You can note this additional information about shipping in the Notes section if it is relevant to you.

### **Total Cost**

Add up the total cost of the tent, any additional accessories and shipping costs. Please note that the total costs do not include tax because that amount will vary depending on your location, but you can make note of the cost of taxes and/or duty and import fees on the sheet if you like.

### **Notes**

Make note of any other important considerations. For example, if the tent you are interested in is sold on a site that offers customer reviews, list any notable comments made by customers.

# CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART

## THREE SAMPLE COMPLETED CHARTS

|                                   |  |                                    |                |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Brand                             | EZ Up Instant Shelters   |                                    |                |
| Model                             | Enterprise II  |                                    |                |
| Color                             | white  |                                    |                |
| Size                              | 10 x 10  |                                    |                |
| Leg Style                         | straight   |                                    |                |
| Weight of Tent                    | 51 lbs (from Amazon shipping info)   |                                    |                |
| Dimensions When Folded            | 62 x 8 x 8.5 inches (from Amazon shipping info)  |                                    |                |
| Frame Material                    | steel  |                                    |                |
| Canopy Material                   | professional grade polyester   |                                    |                |
| Availability of Replacement Parts | yes  |                                    |                |
|                                   | <b>STORE 1</b>   | <b>STORE 2</b>                     | <b>STORE 3</b> |
| Name of Store(s)                  | amazon.com   | dickblick.com                      |                |
| Special Features                  | n/a  |                                    |                |
| Are Side Walls Included?          | no   | no                                 |                |
| Type and Number of Side Walls     | none   | none                               |                |
| Wheeled Bag Included?             | yes  | yes                                |                |
| Other Accessories Included        | n/a  | n/a                                |                |
| Accessories that Are Not Included | side walls   | side walls                         | none           |
| Return Policy/Warranty            | 2 year limited warranty from EZ Up   | 2 year limited warranty from EZ Up |                |
| Price of Tent                     | \$480.00   | \$430.00                           |                |
| Price of Additional Accessories   | \$80.99  | \$71.96                            |                |
| Total Shipping Cost               | \$0  | \$0                                |                |
| Total Cost                        | \$560.99   | \$501.96                           |                |
| Notes                             | <p>dickblick.com adds shipping charges on checkout; shipping appears to be \$0 based on information on the website. Returns at both sites 30 days but subject to special policies for heavy or factory direct items.</p> |                                    |                |

# CRAFT TENT COMPARISON CHART

## THREE SAMPLE COMPLETED CHARTS (continued)

|                                   |  |                                    |                |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Brand                             | EZ Up Instant Shelters   |                                    |                |
| Model                             | Express II   |                                    |                |
| Color                             | white  |                                    |                |
| Size                              | 10 x 10  |                                    |                |
| Leg Style                         | straight   |                                    |                |
| Weight of Tent                    | 52 lbs   |                                    |                |
| Dimensions When Folded            | 62 x 10 x 7.5 inches (from Amazon shipping info)   |                                    |                |
| Frame Material                    | aluminium  |                                    |                |
| Canopy Material                   | 210 denier polyester   |                                    |                |
| Availability of Replacement Parts | yes  |                                    |                |
|                                   | <b>STORE 1</b>   | <b>STORE 2</b>                     | <b>STORE 3</b> |
| Name of Store(s)                  | amazon.com   | dickblick.com                      |                |
| Special Features                  | n/a  |                                    |                |
| Are Side Walls Included?          | no   | no                                 |                |
| Type and Number of Side Walls     | none   | none                               |                |
| Wheeled Bag Included?             | not clear  | yes                                |                |
| Other Accessories Included        | n/a  | n/a                                |                |
| Accessories that Are Not Included | side walls   | side walls                         | none           |
| Return Policy/Warranty            | 2 year limited warranty from EZ Up   | 2 year limited warranty from EZ Up |                |
| Price of Tent                     | \$211.00   | \$194.89                           |                |
| Price of Additional Accessories   | \$80.99  | \$71.96                            |                |
| Total Shipping Cost               | \$0  | \$0                                |                |
| Total Cost                        | \$291.99   | \$266.85                           |                |
| Notes                             | <p>dickblick.com adds shipping charges on checkout; shipping appears to be \$0 based on information on the website. Returns at both sites 30 days but subject to special policies for heavy or factory direct items.</p> |                                    |                |

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## THREE SAMPLE COMPLETED CHARTS (continued)

|                                   |  |                |                |
|-----------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|
| Brand                             | Caravan  |                |                |
| Model                             | Alumashade II  |                |                |
| Color                             | white  |                |                |
| Size                              | 10 x 10  |                |                |
| Leg Style                         | straight   |                |                |
| Weight of Tent                    | 68 lbs   |                |                |
| Dimensions When Folded            | Information not available on company site  |                |                |
| Frame Material                    | aluminium  |                |                |
| Canopy Material                   | 600 denier polyester   |                |                |
| Availability of Replacement Parts | yes  |                |                |
|                                   | <b>STORE 1</b>   | <b>STORE 2</b> | <b>STORE 3</b> |
| Name of Store(s)                  | costco.com   | none           | none           |
| Special Features                  | n/a  |                |                |
| Are Side Walls Included?          | yes  |                |                |
| Type and Number of Side Walls     | 4 zippered   |                |                |
| Wheeled Bag Included?             | yes  |                |                |
| Other Accessories Included        | n/a  |                |                |
| Accessories that Are Not Included | none   |                |                |
| Return Policy/Warranty            | Can be returned to any Costco store  |                |                |
| Price of Tent                     | \$229.99   |                |                |
| Price of Additional Accessories   | \$0  |                |                |
| Total Shipping Cost               | \$0  |                |                |
| Total Cost                        | \$229.99   |                |                |
| Notes                             | <p>dickblick.com adds shipping charges on checkout; shipping appears to be \$0 based on information on the website. Returns at both sites 30 days but subject to special policies for heavy or factory direct items.</p> |                |                |

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## CRAFT TENT RESEARCH RESOURCES

Below you will find links to information that will help you make decisions about buying a craft tent and creating your display booth.

### POPULAR CRAFT TENT BRANDS

[Overview of several popular craft tent brands](#)

[EZ Up Tent](#)

[More EZ Up Tent information](#)

[Caravan Canopy](#)

[Quik Shade Instant Canopy](#)

### GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT CRAFT TENTS

[Things to consider when comparing craft tents](#)

[How to decide if you need to buy a craft tent](#)

[Why white craft tents are better than colored canopies](#)

[Features to look for in a craft tent](#)

### DEALING WITH WEATHER

[Dealing with rain and your craft tent](#)

[Dealing with wind at outdoor shows](#)

[Tent Weights - How to anchor your craft tent](#)

### CRAFT DISPLAYS AND CRAFT SHOWS

[Beyond craft tents - How to plan the other aspects of your craft booth](#)

[Tips on selling at art and craft shows](#)

### WHERE TO BUY CRAFT TENTS

[Overview of several places that sell craft tents](#)

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