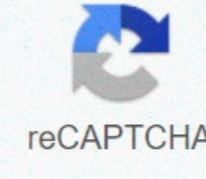




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## How to build a dance floor for a wedding

7 great ways to create a dance area at the reception without breaking the bank. Regardless of the outdoor dance floor you create, you must also: Mark the area that is for dancing Offer guests in the heels of alternative shoes Make sure the floor is safe, even on a flat surface Do not blow too much of your budget to rent the floor, if this is a vital aspect of your day. Whether the reception is in a tent, outside on the lawn or on the beach, you have to decide if there will be dancing. But as everyone knows, if there's the right music, people will want to dance. Dancing is, after all, a time-honored way to celebrate around the world and has been for thousands of years. So here are some great ways to make room to dance without spending too much. Dancing on the beach or grass This is the cheapest option and favorite option today when weddings are less formal. There's no point cordoning off a special dance area for a wedding on the beach. People will kick their shoes and just take to the sand once the mood is right. People naturally get closer together while dancing, so there will soon be an informal dance area marked by the first few dancers. If it's a rustic wedding or backyard wedding then many people will love to dance on the grass. But it might be a good idea to mark the space for dancing. How to mark the dance area Find the area at grass level, and if possible make it shorter the day before. Don't forget to rake away any grass cuttings. Then hammer in some wooden, metal or strong plastic rods around three sides of this space. Look at the hardware stores, but also in the garden centers for these. Solar lighting for the road and dance floor from Sursun to Amazon Hang lights or lanterns between the poles. Most dances start at dusk, so it makes sense to use cheap colored lanterns that store daylight and automatically come when it turns dark. If putting them in safe poles is difficult, then just plant sun-activated lamps in the grass around three sides of the square. You can use these cheap lights to mark your way into the dance area too. Check out some solar lights Amazon.com here. A little fun flashing lights here on Amazon.co.uk. What will the dancers have on their feet? You will need to warn guests in advance that the dance will be on sand or grass. You can't dance on these surfaces in heels. You may also mention that flip flops will be available for those who don't fancy going barefoot. Buy hoops of them in different sizes and pop them in a big basket at the dance area. Pinterest has some beautiful ideas for this, including cute signage. Once guests know that the dance will be out in an open place, they will probably choose to wear more casual and fun clothes. Most of you decide on sandals or flat shoes too. This will give the right atmosphere Celebrate and help avoid anyone twisting their ankle on or off the dance floor. But if barefoot or flip flop dancing is more casual than you want, you'll need to build a dance floor. Make dance areas with carpeted grass can soak as the evening draws, so you may prefer to throw the rug over the outdoor dance area. Look online for cheap floor coverings made of jute or bamboo. Some cotton or synthetic woked carpets are also very cheap. Either get a large area of carpet or get the length to cut off the roll. Be careful not to simply lay a few carpets down all over the space. While you can use tent pins (with lights next to them) to secure the outer edges of the carpet, it's dangerous to make it to the edges where they meet inside the dance area. Even with flat shoes you will have accidents. And if you don't provide cover there will be a ruck into the crease, which is even more dangerous. You should still offer espadrilles or flip flops for dancers wearing heels though people in flat shoes will be fine. If the area is concrete or deck for example, it will be an excellent foundation. The wooden deck can be used as it is, but the carpet will improve the appearance of bare concrete and make it more comfortable to dance on, even in shoes. While solar string lights strung around the carpet area will look fun, the carpet itself will mean a dance floor, so poles are not necessary. Reuse the dance floor Many people buy a wooden dance floor for their wedding then never use it again. Don't be complacent with just scouring local small ads to be active and put out a challenge everywhere on the dance floor second hand. This months in advance, because you need to attract the attention of couples before their wedding, because most will simply get rid of their floor with all the other detritus from the reception. So 'book in' to collect and pay for it expensive flooring couple considering buying. Your willingness to take it then can push them to buy instead of rent. For a rustic wedding DIY wooden floor looks perfect Build a dance floor - full instructions If you have someone to help you, this option may not be a lengthy task. Just remember to start all right in advance in case you run into minor problems. Your floor needs a solid and flat surface attached to the supporting structure underneath to keep it off the ground. This structure will make the area even. It will look best on concrete or deck, but will also sit happily on short grass. Decide on the size of your finished floor then buy sheets of 1/2 inch plywood to fit this size. The store will cut them to the exact size for you, so don't even think about it yourself! Plywood is often sold in 4x8 foot sheets, so a floor of 16 x 12 feet can be made using only 6 whole sheets. This is a solid top surface for each of the 6 'blocks' that will make the floor. To support below you need to create a structure of the box under each sheet of plywood. You can make them from lengths of 2x2 inches of wood. These are often sold at 8 feet in length. You will need a piece of wood to go around each side of each plywood 'block'. Then add two more pieces to each block to strengthen them. For each block you will need two pieces of 4 foot wood (2x2 inches) for short edges plus four pieces of 92 inches each for long edges (they are shorter than the side because they need to be screwed or nailed to the wood along each short edge.) Use two additional lengths of 92 inches to fix it lengthwise inside the block to spread the load when people are dancing. Explain to the store how you will use 2x2 inch reinforcing wood, so the person cutting them knows why some are shorter. Nail or screw the reinforcing structure together so you have a box shape with two extra struts inside. Once you have the blocks in position on the lawn nail plywood on top all around the edges and down the track where there are reinforcing struts. You can get small fastenings or fixing metal plates with gripping teeth on them, which you can hammer through the joints between the blocks to hold together. The last of them all, because they start to come out if you pick up or move the floor a lot. Make sure the nails on the top surface are very flat against the plywood, so no one catches the heel on one. Finish plywood with two layers of floor paint. Then the third coat of paint can only be for decorative effect, such as circles or name. If you want to have a chequerboard effect then use paint tape (masking tape) to make a crisscrossing design and paint alternative squares with top coats. Use the same method of tape to make stripes or other straight-edged patterns. You can also buy fun imprints then varnish over them. DIY simple dance floor If building flooring looks too much work, you can simply lie flat boards over a flat area of short grass to make quickie floors. You will need a 3/4 inch thick MDF, which all builders dealers and most hardware stores sell. But be careful, MDF is very difficult, so you gave it up. Never leave wood and never let MDF sit where it can get wet. Buy a sheet or thick waterproof cover, not just a decorator roll thin plastic sheet. Cover the MDF completely if you cannot store it indoors until the day. MDF can be painted or stained and finished with a transparent PVC glaze to help it stay looking good all evening. You can use gorgeous imprints on a super flat surface too. It won't take very long as it will probably be a little damp from the grass, but it's a cheap and quick solution. Make sure you use as flat a surface underneath as you can. Create good looking wooden floors for inside a tent or awning your tent may have sheet as a floor or hessian or just plain grass. Not one of them are perfect for dancing in heels. But you can put down a sheet of plywood or MDF and cover it with a wooden laminate effect. These thin sheets of wood or wood-effect plastic click together to make a solid surface. They will need to be glued or nailed down to plywood. If the plywood sits on a hard surface, such as concrete, you can put a layer of foam, carpet substrate or carpet under the plywood. You may find that your tent floor is flat enough for you to lie laminate right on top. If you do, you need to use heavy tape around the edges to hold the dance floor on the floor of the tent. Build decking space for dancing It may not be well finished at the edges - which is usually the most time consuming part about creating a garden deck. Just buy boxes of floorboards that click together and place them in the straightest place that you can find. They will be finished, dyed and smooth, so there is no need to paint or glaze. You may be able to reuse blocks for the garden or advertise them for others to use. Here are the top rated decking blocks on Amazon.com. And wooden tiles for Amazon.co.uk. Gadget spec URL could not be found After reading the title of today's post you may have thought - I will never have to build a dance floor. I thought the same thing. But you can and when and if you post this on How to build a dance floor comes in a good way. Make sure and pin it so you know where to find it when you need it. I shared with you in a previous Wedding Carnival post the story of our dance floor. When we decided to book a live band for the wedding carnival, I thought we needed a dance floor. My husband didn't do it. We have a big yard and a lot of grass and he thought dancing on grass would be cool. I'm not easily discouraged or discouraged. I got online and immediately started pricing dance floor from rental companies. They're not cheap, between \$700-800 for the size we needed. It wasn't on a budget, so I decided I had to be creative. If you want a little long, 5 month long story, short, I had a dance floor and then I didn't have a dance floor, I had a dance floor and then I didn't. In fact, I thought I had a dance floor until the Sunday before the wedding carnival. It fell through - five days before the event. Remember, I'm not easily discouraged, so I decided that we would build a dance floor. Or rather my daughter Cali and her boyfriend Hannah were going to build me a dance floor (with some help from dad of course.) By this time I had completely smashed Jim down and he agreed, so we headed to Home Depot on Monday night (The wedding carnival was Friday). Stocks needed for 12x16 Dance Floor 6 sheets 1/2 plywood 30 eight feet long 2 x 3 - cut 18 of them into two 45 pieces (you'll have pieces leftovers) it leaves 12 plates 8' long. They cut them free for you at Home Depot. Floor paint and painting vans Dance floor measured 12 x 16 and was created from 6 sections that were 4 x 8. The size of a sheet of plywood. The whole neighborhood got involved or enjoyed watching the process unfold in front of our house. The above photo is about how involved Tessa got - she held a hammer to the photo, but she worked full time so we have to cut her a little slate. From 2 x 3 they created 6 images that measured 4 x 8. They then added four support pieces to each frame. The next step was nailed a sheet of plywood to the top of each frame and nailed it along the edges and through the supporting pieces. Moms have been involved in this step of the process. He must have brought big muscles! The next step was the painting process. I decided that I wanted the floor was a lady board to go along with the carnival theme, so I bought a black and white floor paint. First we drew the plates, and then we added a layer of white to each part. After it was dry, yes, I sat in a chair and watched it dry! I like to look at the color drought. The girls used blue painter's tape for square tape. The squares measured 24 x 24, so each 4 x 8 section had 2 x 4 squares. Using small foam rollers the girls rolled the black color into taped off squares. We waited for the color to dry out, remove the tape and we had a dance floor! Then we numbered the pieces so that we knew how to put it back together as soon as we moved into the backyard. Can I tell you something? It was perfect and it was a wonderful addition to our carnival and YES, we needed a dance floor. Even my husband admits that now. That sounds such a fun element to the carnival and really got people dancing. Total cost of the dance floor (including color, but not work) Approximately \$ 300.00. Who wouldn't want to dance on the black-and-white dance floor with the ladies!!! For more Wedding Carnival posts check out these: Carnival Picture can be found here Wedding Carnival)Food Part One Wedding Carnival)Food Part Two Wedding Carnival) Carnival Games Wedding Carnival) Music, Dancing and Flash Mob Hi - I'm Leigh Anne! I've been a homebased mom for 30 years since my first baby boy was born! I love working with women and helping inspire them to achieve their goals and dreams while keeping motherhood and family as their number one priority. I blog about everything I enjoy - creating treats and eating in my kitchen, spending time in my garden, fun and party planning, reading, self improvement and tips and ideas on style and fashion. Tea Party Hats, Bows Hats, Royal Wedding, Giants Bows, Candies Bows, Ascot Hats, Derby Hats, Big Bows, Kentucky Derby Nicole tea party hat designbyannalisa giant bow hat received an invitation to the royal wedding? It looks like something Princess Beatrice could choose... 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A wall of lights would be an amazing backdrop for the dance floor, plus I love this photo idea. Light Standards, Ideas, Portable Lights, TravLin Lights, Diy Dance, String Lights, Diy Dance Floor, Diy Lights, Diy Off the Dance Floor Diy Lights... wondering how I wanted to pull it off! Portable Light Standard for String Lights Diy Ideas, Parents Pools, Diy Dance Floor Floor

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