

# Simple Sukkah by Mickey Seigel

You can turn [your 10x10 pop-up canopy](#) into a Sukkah with just three ingredients. (No tools required.) You can probably borrow a pop-up from a friend who tail-gates at the Rose Bowl or Coliseum. They won't be using it in October.

## Materials:

### Reed Fencing Roof (2):

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Backyard-X-Scapes-6-ft-H-x-16-ft-L-Reed-Fencing-HDD-BIN-RF01/100661555>

### Tarp Walls (3)

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/Everbilt-8-ft-x-10-ft-Blue-General-Purpose-Tarp-HLD0810M/303679818>

### Velcro Ties

<https://www.homedepot.com/p/VELCRO-Brand-8-in-x-1-2-in-Reusable-Ties-50-Pack-90924HD/202261940>

## Steps:

**Structure:** Open the pop-up roof structure fully without extending the legs. This lets you add the mat roofing from the top down. After the mat is on, extend the legs and add the walls.

**Roof:** Drape the reed roofing over the top of opposite sidewall crossmembers. One mat is 6' wide so overlap the two to cover the 10'. Secure one side with the Velcro ties. Pull the fabric taught and secure to the other crossmember. It's best that the Velcro go around a few of the reeds and over the wire connecting the reeds. The excess length of the reed mat can hang down into the Sukkah to hold decorations or you can flop it back on top of the roof and secure it with the Velcro.

**Walls:** Hang a tarp on each of three walls and secure them with the Velcro ties.

## Enhancements:

**Lights:** There are a number of lights that you can add, such as festoon strings lighting, clip-on spots or trouble lights. They can all be attached with the Velcro ties.

**Decorations:** Small decorations can be suspended from the reed mat. Heavier decorations can be supported from the metal frame by threading the line through the mat and tying it to the rafters. You could also add a bamboo pole or two as ceiling joists.

**Tie-Downs:** If your Sukkah is not in a sheltered spot, be sure to secure it with stakes into the ground or weight at each corner if it's on pavement.

**Alternate Roofing:** If you have palm fronds or small branches, you can use them as decorations or to replace the reed mats entirely as the roof. You may want to support these with bamboo poles as ceiling joists.

**Alternative Walls:** The requirement is to have at least 3 walls. One could be from a standing building as in a lean-to. The walls don't have to be canvas. You could even use picket fence sections that are at least 32" high for that open-concept Sukkah.

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