

First Show? Shopping Tips To Improve Your Experience

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Is this your first show? Here are 10 ideas of what to bring with you to make it a more enjoyable experience.

- **Cash**

Some vendors are not set up to take credit cards and many don't accept checks

- **A list of what you hope to find.**

Bring samples of paper or fabric you hope to match

- **Measurements of room or items**

(if you are looking for a bedspread, how big is the bed?)

- **A ruler to check the size of an item, if fit is important.**

- **A note pad and pencil or pen**

- **Your return address labels**

If you are placing special orders this will save the vendor time by not writing out all your contact information. They can just stick one of these to the order form.

- **A tote bag**

some shows will not allow shopping carts or strollers. Ask before you go.

- **Dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes.**

You WILL be walking and some places can be very warm inside when it is cold outside.

- **A camera**

Be sure to ask for permission before taking photos of vendors' work. Some will be happy to allow you and others will want to protect their designs.

The *exhibitors*, however, want and expect their work to be photographed

- **Magnifying glass**

Some vendors will supply a magnifier on their tables, but not all.

Some items have exquisite detail you can only appreciate if you can see it.