

Accessorizing a Maclaren Clan Tent Or How to Get More Colour in Your Maclaren Clan Tent

When one is trying to find “accessories” for one’s Clan Maclaren Tent at a Games event, there are some easily acquired items available. The simplest are flags. Of course, one should always have a United States Flag to which one can add the Saltire (Flag of St. Andrews/National Flag Scotland) and the Royal Standard (the Queen’s Standard with the rampant lion). One only has to go to his local flag store/shop and purchase these flags for as little as \$10.00 for lightweight polyester flags. Heavier nylon flags are about \$20.00 each or higher depending on the size. Also, one can use the naval signal flag for the letter “M” as a substitute for the Saltire. This flag can be purchased individually in a range of sizes (in inches, 12x18, 18x24, 24x24, 36x36, 48x48 and 48x72); prices should range from about \$10.00 to about \$40.00, respectively, depending on the size chosen.

When one considers the heraldic colors of the Arms of Maclaren, one finds that the principal colors in the arms are red (gules) and gold (or). The non-metallic equivalent of “gold” in heraldry is yellow.

Look at the pictures of the naval signal flags. The 26 letters of the alphabet are basically square or rectangular flags and there are also 10 numeral pennants. Your choices in letters are: “O,” “R,” and “Y.” For the numerals, you have: “7” and “zero.” All of these flags and pennants are red and yellow only.

The letter “O” is divided diagonally and is red over yellow. The letter “R” is a yellow cross on a red field. The letter “Y” is diagonally striped with the stripes alternating red and yellow. The preferred one here would be the simplest and is the letter “O.” The sizes available for these letter flags are, in inches, 12x18, 18x24, 24x24, 36x36, 48x48 and 48x72.

The pennants are basically triangular in shape. The numeral “7” is split lengthwise with yellow over red. The numeral “zero” is divided into three sections vertically with the middle section red and the two ends yellow. Sizes for the pennants, also in inches, are: 8x24, 16x36, 24x54, 32x72 and 32x108. Costs of these flags, per each depending on the size, range from approximately \$10.00 to \$40.00.

The use of these naval signal flags and/or pennants will give an additional colorful effect and, yet, remain correct from the heraldic standpoint.