

Modern Shade for a Classic Beauty—Yachtsman’s Canvas

Main Fabric: Top Gun Vision, Marlen Textiles

Secondary Fabric: Ktex

Hardware/Findings: YKK

Hardware/Findings: Menax Fasteners

Uniquely Different



WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

This project consists of cockpit shades for a 1988 classic 36 Sabre sailboat. The client was looking for additional shade with ease of use for installation and storage. Although cockpit shades themselves are not a unique or new product, design and materials makes this one stand out. The project utilizes Top Gun Vision fabric as the main fabric giving it a unique look and feel from “tradition” shade fabrics. The scalloped design and use of Ktex PVC facing also provide a modern look to a traditional shade product. Hidden interior and exterior zippers provide a clean finished look and use. Utilizing menax (non-traditional) fasteners make the shades simple and easy to install for the client.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

This project takes a very traditional and sometimes not so exciting product and utilizes modern materials, design and fasteners to make it uniquely different from other cockpit shades. The project introduces the use of newer materials (top gun vision), design style (scalloped edges) and unique fasteners (menax) making it stand out from alike projects.



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Clear Dolphin Day—Oyster Creek Canvas

Window: Strataglass 40 Smoke, Strataglass LLC

Main Fabric: Proof 502, Serge Ferrari North America Inc.

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WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

This project was for the forward viewing area of a dolphin and whale watch boat that is going to operate out of Hawaii but built here in Washington State. The customers wanted to have something that could block the wind in the forward viewing area, be tinted to block a bit of sun, and also look good and match the lines of the boat. Working with the builder of the boat, All American Marine, we designed the framework for the cover to lace on to.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

This was a bit different from what we usually make for boats here in the Northwest as sun protection was a factor. We also had to design something that was going to look good and be a very predominant feature of this boat. I also think that it looks really great, pulls really tight, doesn't flap in the wind, and the builders and client were really happy with the finished product as well!



Piper needs a new coat—Rick's Custom Marine Canvas & Sail Repair

Main Fabric: Sunbrella Solid, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

Secondary Fabric: Weather Max SG, Safety Components Fabric Technologies Inc.

Webbing/Narrow Fabric: Dacron

Webbing/Narrow Fabric: Webbing 2"

Webbing/Narrow Fabric: 2" Side Release Buckles, J Ennis Fabrics

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The customer contacted us to see if I had ever made a cover for an airplane. We had not, but would entertain the idea. The existing cover was an off the shelf cover that fit many aircraft of that style, but none of the antennas or instruments on the aircraft fit any of the pockets on the cover. He had indicated that the underside liner was also failing and it did not protect the aircraft surface or the windows. He wanted something that would hold up to the harsh weather of an open tarmac at the airport.

We selected Sunbrella as the exterior fabric because of the harsh environment. The fabric for the underside of the cover to protect the aircraft was Weather Max SG. That provided a soft surface for Aircraft surface as well as the Lexan windows. We used a 2" Dacron Tape folded over the edge as a binding and for the re-enforcement points for the webbing. A V92 thread was used for the assembly of the cover.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

Projects like this is outside our norm of Marine covers and Shade Products. We are not opposed to taking on a new challenge and this could open up a new customer base that is different for marine industry. I would see this as a niche market and customers (Aircraft Owners) want to add bling to their toys just like the marine customers. This project was not much different than other covers we make, but did challenge us to work the patterns due to the contours of the aircraft. Due to the sensitivity of the instruments sticking out from the aircraft we had to make sure the pockets fit easily and not apply strain or additional weight to them. We don't view ourselves as just Boat Cover Makers. We make covers for many different objects, outdoor kitchens, lawn furniture, portable smokers, and airplanes.



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“He Shed”—Drinking Bar—Lake Shore Boat Top Company

Main Fabric: Stamoid Top—Snow White, Serge Ferrari North America Inc.

Window: AR2 Polycarb, Manart-Hirsch Co. Inc.

Hardware/Findings: Solar Fix Thread, The Miami Corp.

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WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

My neighbor wanted to upgrade his shed that was falling apart. After he rebuilt the ultimate man “He Shed”, he asked us to create an enclosure design. He wanted the outdoor feel year-round, something that would knock down the wind so he can entertain in any weather. He ultimately wanted something that would be easy to remove and something that would match with the rest of the esthetics of his “He Shed.”

This project was created out of Stamoid Snow White Marine Fabric and built out of 60 Mil Rigid Polycarbonate. We built this panel with a fabric hinge so that when the client removed the panel it would be easy to fold up and put away. We created a felt-liner storage bag for the customer so he can protect the window while not in use.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

We wanted to be part of this project as it isn't everyday you get to do a cool design like this. It was a fun change of pace from working on boats, and commercial projects. Doing something for a friend and creating a design that you would do as if it were your own. He basically gave us some ideas, but told us to have fun with it and we did! Everyone had fun providing the final touches to this year-round party space.



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Sleek Chaps & Engine Cover—Yacht Canvas, Inc.

Main Fabric: WeatherMax 3D by WeatherMax

Secondary Fabric: Horizon Sunbrella, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

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This customer approached us with a specific request for dinghy chaps, a project considered the nemesis for some and a labor of love for others. We proudly place ourselves in the latter group, embracing the intricate craftsmanship and attention to detail required for this unique endeavor. It's as close to dressmaking as a canvas person gets, involving detailed form-fit sewing. After years of crafting dinghy chaps, this year we experimented with Weather Max 3D by WeatherMax.

One of the significant challenges is how to attach the chaps to the dinghy. We've explored various methods, from Velcro to Snads, D-rings, drawstrings, and dinghy hooks—you name it, we've tried it. For this project, we employed a combination of techniques. During templating, we took our time to ensure we captured every contour accurately. In construction, omitting any seam allowance proved beneficial for achieving the perfect fit. We constructed the canvas body and later aligned the various cutouts and reinforcements with Horizon by Sunbrella. The registration numbers were added to both port and starboard bow with a vinyl heat press. To attach the chaps to the dinghy we opted for an outer bungee drawstring under the rub rail, secured with pad eyes. Internally, we incorporated a drawstring with D-rings, snaps, and pad eyes, enhancing both the fit and final appearance. We also created a running engine cover for the outboard with appropriate vents and fittings, the customer's request to protect from UV damage.

While we are not entirely convinced that a drawstring is the ultimate attachment method for dinghy chaps, it seems to be the best option so far. Velcro, with its challenges on a boat, has made us hesitant—further study is needed. Nevertheless, these chaps couldn't have turned out better and the customers were over the moon excited to take their newly dressed dinghy to the Bahamas.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

We have been working to innovate crisp and clean dinghy chaps. As a project that only comes around a few times a year, we have limited opportunity to experiment. And an experiment gone wrong can be costly in both time and materials. We believe dinghy chaps don't have to look sloppy and are excited to continue to improve.



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Back Porch Paradise—Mike's Marine Custom Canvas

Main Fabric: Patio 500, Trivantage LLC

Window: Strataglass 40 Gauge, Keyston Bros.

Hardware/Findings: YKK Zippers, Trivantage LLC

Hardware/Findings: Aluminum Track, Keyston Bros.

Hardware/Findings: Costa Track, Keyston Bros.

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The customer wanted to enclose their porch for use in the winter months. They also wanted to keep their tropical theme of their backyard. The 7 piece enclosure easily slides in to track along the top and can be rolled up. There is easy access at the stairs because the zippers are inside of the grab rails so you don't have to mess with any snaps to get in and out of the porch.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

We worked with a local print shop to add a vinyl wrap on the Strataglass and the adjoining glass porch. The wrap is perforated so you can see through the windows like a screen.



New 4-wheeler Enclosure—Bev's Canvas Covers

Main Fabric: Black Sunbrella Marine Grade, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

Webbing/Narrow Fabric: Top Gun Marine, Marlen Textiles

Webbing/Narrow Fabric: Centerfold Sunbrella Binding

Tenera Thread

Window: 30 gauge Clear Vinyl

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Customer wanted a complete enclosure so his Mom and Grandma could sit in the back seat comfortably and be protected during bad weather. We installed snaps, turnbuckles and awning rail to hang the doors, back window and to secure the tonneau cover over the back storage/cargo bed. There was a 3" bar across the middle of the back window so we put a reflector across the center as a safety feature for nighttime riding. Zippers separate the front door from the back door for easy access to front or back seats. Zippers allow the occupants to open windows for ventilation. Installing awning rail for the back window and tonneau cover was hard. For the window we had to do it from the inside of the vehicle where the space was tight/limited while working above our heads. Also for the doors we had to consider where the snaps and turn buckled should be installed for maximum protection and make it easy to use from the inside and out. My customer was extremely happy with finished product.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

It was an oddball request when he could have ordered one from the manufacturer for less money, however he wanted a better quality fabric and he had worked with us previously and liked our attention to detail. We never know what a customer walking through our door is going to request. Most of our work is boat or pontoon related, so it is a challenge and fun when working on something that is a change from the norm. Marine fabrication is what I call an "artform trade." Most people do not realize the ingenuity/thought, work and skills that our craft entails.



Igloo Spa Cover—Atlantic Coast Canvas

Main Fabric: Sunbrella Captain Navy, Glen Raven Custom Fabrics LLC

Secondary Fabric: 30 ga clear vinyl, Trivantage LLC

Hardware/Findings: 7/8 alum tubing

Hardware/Findings: textilene, Trivantage LLC

various zippers

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The igloo style provides an open atmosphere while protecting the spa from debris and inclement weather. The clear windows allow the sun to assist in warming the spa during the day. The cover breaks down into 4 metal sections. Each section has 4 pieces of tubing that snap together with spring pins. U shaped opening on all 4 sides for ventilation and easy access. The top has a mesh opening and a removable solid cover. The fabric component is slipped over the frame and attached with zipper pockets at the base and secured with standard pool anchors.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

I have never seen one before. Customer wanted to be able to get in and out without time consuming opening and covering of spa.



Vintage Lola—Boatman Marine Canvas

Main Fabric: Aqualon Edge Soft, Trivantage LLC

Hardware/Findings: Snaps, Trivantage LLC

Uniquely Different



WHAT ARE THE PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS?

Our client races vintage race cars as a hobby. Most of the time this “Go Speed Racer” is in an enclosed trailer. But occasionally its on an open trailer getting delivered to its next race. He wanted a cockpit cover that was trailerable and one that would keep out the outside elements. And it needed to stay on traveling 80 mph going down the highway.

WHAT IS UNIQUE OR COMPLEX ABOUT THE PROJECT?

It's not often that a 1/4 million dollar race car waltzes into your shop needing a custom cockpit cover. It's one of those jobs that looks small and simple but it's deceptively complicated. We had to start patterning this cover because the roll-bar is what made it a challenge. The roll-bar had a center support that added to the complexity of the build. We couldn't just cut around the roll-bar and call it good, because it had to be built to keep out rain, etc...while being trailered. And we had to boot the rearview mirror and the side mirror because we wanted the cover to be a streamlined as possible. We used Aqualon Edge Soft material to protect the car. We had to pay attention to the snap base placement. Every snap had to be drilled and bolted. We used directional snaps on the front and back of the cover to ensure the snaps would stay in place while being towed. The customer loved the cover and it trailers excellent! Go Speed Racer Go!



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