

Rules of the Sukkah

Dr. Seuss style
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You can build it very small¹
You can build it very tall²

You can build it very large³
You can build it on a barge

You can build it on a ship⁴
Or on a roof but please don't slip⁵

You can build it in an alley⁶
You can build it in a valley⁷

You can build it on a wagon⁸
You can build it on a dragon⁹

You can make the schach of wood¹⁰
Would you, could you, yes you should

Make the schach from leaves of tree
You shouldn't bend it at its knee¹¹

Build your Sukkah tall or short
But no Sukkah is built in the Temple Court

You can build it somewhat soon
You cannot build it in the month of June¹²

If your Sukkah is well made
You'll have the right amount of shade¹³

You can build it very wide
You can not build it on its side

Build it if your name is Jim
Or Bob or Sam or even Tim

Build it if your name is Sue¹⁴
Do you build it, yes you do!

From the Sukkah you can roam
But you should treat it as your home¹⁵

You can invite some special guests
Don't stay in it if there are pests

You can sleep upon some rugs
Don't you build it where there's bugs

In the Sukkah you should sit
And eat and drink but never spit

If in the Sukkah it should rain
To stay there would be such a pain¹⁶

And if it should be very cold
Stay there only if you're bold

So build a Sukkah one and all
Make it large or make it small

Sukkah rules are short and snappy
Enjoy Sukkot, rejoice be happy

