

Pegasus Knapsack



Up-Cycled & Hip

Skedaddle in sparkling style with our endearing Pegasus knapsack. Fast and fun, this DIY project features a pre-owned vintage canvas pack with an extra-large sequin patch. Bonus cuff designs can also be made from removed strapping.

Yugoslavian Small Canvas Backpack can be purchased for \$8.99 at [Swiss Link.com](http://Swiss-Link.com)

What's Needed:

Small Canvas Bag- Swiss-Link.com
Pegasus Sequin Patch- Sequin Appliques
Gold Stars 23mm Nail Heads- MJ Trim
British Gold Buttons- Swiss-Link.com

Super Fabric Adhesive- Aleene's
Tan or Clear Shoe Polish- Kiwi
Cotton Rag / Shine Brush
Tooth Picks

8" Razor Edge Scissors-Fiskars
Needle & Round Nose Pliers
Seam Ripper

How To Make It:

Step 1



Clean bag by wiping with warm water and mild soap. Due to the leather straps avoid machine washing. Let bag air dry.

Note additional feature: Convert to a shoulder bag by removing one strap and hooking the other strap to the side D rings.

Step 2



There is an extra pocket that is attached to the inside of the bag. We found the pocket cumbersome and detached it. *See Step 3*



Step 3

To remove the extra pocket, use the seam ripper to split the attaching threads. Pocket can remain inside the bag if desired.



Step 4

Rejuvenate leather with a clear or tan wax shoe polish.

Note: Our bag had the initials NM written in ink on several areas of the bag. We believe these were written by the previous owner. Finding the initials very endearing, we did not want to remove them.



Step 5

Place a bit of polish on a soft cotton cloth. Rub over leather straps. Let dry. Buff with a soft cloth to shine. Do not put polish on the canvas.



Step 6

Attach decorative military buttons to the top hole of each leather strap. Begin by poking each hole with a pair of round nose pliers to enlarge.



Step 7

Insert button into the hole to ensure fit. Remove button. Place a few drops of Super Fabric Adhesive in and around the hole. Place button back in the hole. Press leather against button to create the bond. Let dry.



Step 8

Place the Pegasus patch on the bag's front flap. Move the patch around to find desired placement. We centered ours. Turn the patch over and cover the back with Aleene's Super Fabric Adhesive. Use a tooth pick to spread the glue to the patch edge.



Step 9

Flip patch over and place on preferred area. Press down lightly with your hand to ensure a good bond. Let glue set. Attach the metal stars around the Pegasus. Poke each star through the canvas.



Step 10

With needle nose pliers bend each prong over to lock stars in place. Add additional stars on the inner pockets and canvas straps if desired.



Step 11

Locate the set of straps under the bag. We removed this set of straps to give a clean line to our bag. If you prefer the straps your bag is finished. Happy travels! If not, we will be cutting off these straps and up-cycling them into two unique cuffs.



Step 12

Using a pair of scissors make two cuts to remove straps. Each cut will be made at the end of the X stitched area. One above the X and one below. There will be a second buckle remaining.

Bonus Cuff Instructions



How To Make It:



Step 1

Determine the finished length for the cuff. Take the top piece of strap add 2" to the length and cut off excess. Make the cut from the blunt end leaving the metal tab in place.



Step 2

Take the second piece of strap. Cut the buckle off using scissors. Save the metal snap for future use or use to decorate a cuff.



Step 3

Thread the buckle onto the non-metal end of the strap. Bend over strap by 2". Place Super Fabric Adhesive on one side of the strap and press together. Hold in place to ensure bond.

How To Embellish It:



Cuff 1

Our carefree design features a single faux bone heart button. Simply sew button in the center of the cuff and go.



Cuff 2

Our eclectic design showcases a few of our favorite finds. The wooden circle beads are glued in place while the Czech glass beads are sewn on. The ankh is attached with braided floss and tied to the metal snap which is glued to the strap.