

Sofia Canvas Bag



Up-Cycled Style

Transform a pre-owned vintage military bag into a chic trendy purse. It's easy! Simply spray, iron, glue and bend. Embellish bag with new motifs or a special find from your latest global-trot.

Vintage Bulgarian bag can be purchased for \$12 at Swiss Link.com.

What's Needed:

Bulgarian Shoulder Bag- Swiss-Link
Gold Bullion Patches- Sequin Appliques
Gold Stars 23mm Nail Heads- MJ Trim
1/4 Yard Cotton Fabric

Super Fabric Adhesive- Aleene's
Stick (Double Sided)- Fairfield World
Off White Gloss Spray Paint
Blue Tape

8" Razor Edge Scissors-Fiskars
Needle Nose Pliers
Tooth Picks
Ruler
Iron

How To Make It:



Step 1

Embellishments- Select a design that fits your esthetic and budget. Vintage bullion patches will be higher in price and limited in quantity. We purchased several patches on-line from Sequins Appliques which quickly sold out.



Step 2

Machine wash or dry clean canvas bag if needed. Air dry bags that have been machine washed.



Step 3

To attach the fabric liner, begin by turning the bag inside out. Measure the flap side of the bag from the top to the bottom.



Step 4

Cut the fabric and Stick fusible interfacing to the measured size. Lay the piece of Stick on the bags flap side. Place the fabric (pattern side up) over the Stick. Tuck fabric under any canvas that has been folded over



Step 5

Fuse the fabric to the bag by heat setting with an iron. *For best results: Follow the fusing instruction on the Stick packaging.*



Step 6

Prep the bags hardware for painting by lightly sanding. Cover the straps with blue tape. Place hardware on a piece of scrap cardboard. Spray the hardware with paint in a well-ventilated room or outdoors.

Note: Buckles may have corrosion. Lightly sand then spray with color.



Step 7

Follow the drying time suggestions on the label. When paint has dried, remove blue tape and adjust strap.



Step 8

Determine placement of the patch. We placed ours 1" above the strap in the center of the bag.



Step 9

Run a bead of Aleene's Super Fabric Adhesive glue around the back of the patch. Use a toothpick to guide the glue into the fine detail areas and edges. This step should level out the glue and keep it from seeping under the patch and onto the canvas bag.



Step 8

Look at the glued area prior to placing patch on the bag. To ensure a tight bond add additional glue to missed areas. Smooth out again using the toothpick.



Step 9

Place patch on bag in the selected area. Lightly press on the patch with fingers and hold a few seconds. Keep bag on a flat surface to let glue set.



Step 10

Refer to the step 8 photo. Note the placement of the stars (three on each side of the buckle). To attach the stars, poke the star through the canvas bag. Using the needle nose pliers bend each metal prong over to secure.