



DIY Military Patched Jacket

Patches on jackets are trending. DIY for less by recycling a vintage army surplus jacket. Add bullion, sequin, beaded and artillery patches for a unique look.

What's Needed:

Romanian Wool Jacket- swisslink.com
Vintage Artillery Patches- popularpatch.com
Bullion & Sequin Patches- sequinappliques.com
Lion Bullion & Bee Patch- MJ Trimming
Metallic Woven Braid Trim (5/8" width) - MJ Trimming

8" Non-Stick Scissors- Fiskars
Super Fabric Adhesive- Aleene's
Fabric Fusion Tape 5/8"- Aleene's
Toothpicks



Vintage Jacket

Our vintage Romanian wool jacket was purchased online from Swiss Link Military Surplus for \$19.99.



The jacket was in excellent condition. The medium size is roomy as this is man's jacket. Swiss Link offers numerous vintage options that are perfect for creating a DIY embellished jacket, coat, sweater or bag.

Bullions & Patches

Cultivating a collection of bullions and patches can be costly. We paid \$3.95 to \$11.95 per piece (with the majority costing \$6.95 each.)



To keep our cost down, we used a mix of sequin, beaded, embroidered and bullion patches, purchasing new, on sale and closeouts items. We limited the number of patches used to start. Our plan is to continue adding unique bullions and patches as we find them.

How To Make It:



Step 1

Begin by laying the jacket on a flat hard work surface. Arrange the bullion, sequin, beaded, and embroidery patches on the jacket.

Note: Try different compositions. Move the patches around the jacket in different places and pairings.



Step 2

Adhere the patches to the jacket using the Super Fabric Adhesive and a toothpick.

Note: For iron-on patches follow the manufacturer's instruction for heat bonding.



Step 3

Cover the back of the patch with adhesive, spreading the adhesive to the edges of the patch using a toothpick. Place patch (glue side down) on the jacket. Press down on the patch using your hand. Hold for a few seconds to ensure a good bond.

Note: Apply adhesive neatly. Thick messy applications will cause the adhesive to ooze under the patch (edges or opening.)



Step 4

Continue adhering the patches to the jacket. Work one complete side (including the sleeves.) Let glue set a few minutes before adding another patch.



Step 5

Adhere patches to the remaining jacket side. Patches can also be added to the back of the jacket.

Note: For best results, let adhesive set 2 to 6 hours. Check patches to ensure all edges are stuck down. If an edge is not adhered, add additional Fabric Adhesive using a toothpick.



Step 6

Braid can be added to the cuffs, collar and bottom edge of the jacket. Use the following instructions to attach the braid.

Note: We added braid to our jacket cuffs only.



Step 7

Gather the braid, 5/8" Fabric Fusion Tape and non-stick scissors together.



Step 8

Measure the circumference of the cuff using the braid. Add 1/4" to the length and cut.



Step 9

Place the measured piece of braid to the 5/8" Fabric Fusion Tape by removing one side of the release paper. Stick braid on top. Trim braid end even with scissors.



Step 10

Peel back 1" of the Fusion Tape's release paper. Set the trimmed end of the braid in the seam of the cuff. Glue in place using a drop of Super Fabric Adhesive. Use a toothpick to push braid into the adhesive.

Removing the release paper 2" at a time. Position the braid around the cuff. Press down on the braid to ensure it bonds with the jacket.



Join the two ends of the braid together. Cut off excess braid if needed. Bond the two end pieces together using the Super Fabric Adhesive. Use a toothpick press bond into the adhesive. Let dry.

Once all the patches and braid have been adhered, let fabric adhesive set completely for 6 hours prior to wearing the jacket.