

# CUSTOM BAGS



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MARKET

*Create One-of-a-Kind*

BACKPACKS, PURSES,  
TOTES, AND MORE



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## ▼ STRAP IN

Promote a canvas zipper pouch to purse status by adding a suede strap. We secured ours with a few well-placed rivets (find them near the leather-crafting supplies).

*P.S.* The tag on the front is a metal connector from the Jewelry Department.

## ▲ TO DYE FOR

Tie-dyeing a canvas tote is an excellent beginner DIY—there's no wrong way to do it, and there are tons of styles to choose from. We went with a trend-forward crumple technique for the sky-blue bag and a box fold for the darker one.

## CANVAS ► CREATIONS

Are you an artist? Pick up some fabric paint, and try your skills on a canvas tote bag! Apply multiple coats (and let the bag dry between each coat) for deep, even color.

**Tip:** You can create sharp lines by tracing around the edges of the finished design with a small, thin brush.





## ◀ TOTE THE LINE

We gave this simple tote (it comes with the leather handles) some structure by lining it with stiff buckram fabric. Then we covered the buckram with chic striped duck cloth. The result? Easy, boutique-inspired style for less!

## ▼ EXPRESS YOURSELF

You can add instant personality to a basic canvas backpack with a bevy of enamel pins and iron-on appliques. When it comes to adding appliques, it's a good idea to iron the bag to get rid of any wrinkles beforehand—this will give you a smooth surface to work with.





## SO BEAD IT ▲

To bead or not to bead? There's no question when it comes to embellishing these black canvas wristlets. Try stitching on a collection of earth-toned beads to contrast against the dark fabric—but first, dip-dye one of the wristlets in bleach.

## STYLISH ▶ STITCH

Want to perk up your pouch's personality? Try embroidery! This two-tone pouch is made of sturdy canvas—an excellent material for stitching. We used a chain stitch for the flowers, a back stitch for the words, and running stitches across the bottom.





## ▶ MAKE YOUR MARK

Have a vision for your ideal bag? Make it happen with fabric markers!

**Our advice:** Draw your designs with tailor's chalk before going over them with the markers. The chalk washes right out, so you can doodle away without worrying about mistakes.

**On the Cover:**  
Canvas tote bag embellished with iron-on designs.

**Here's a tip:**  
Place parchment paper between the design and the iron to help prevent burning.

## POUCH ▶ PERFECT

Add a little extra storage to a basic canvas tote with handmade pockets. The DIY is as simple as cutting half-circles out of leather, dyeing them with a color wash tint, and hand-stitching them to the bag with crochet thread—it's stronger and more durable than embroidery thread.

