



Burlap Goes Beautiful

Often an overlooked and underappreciated textile, burlap can be a classic home décor fabric....it's all in how you use it! Here are some creative ideas that will get you hooked on burlap!

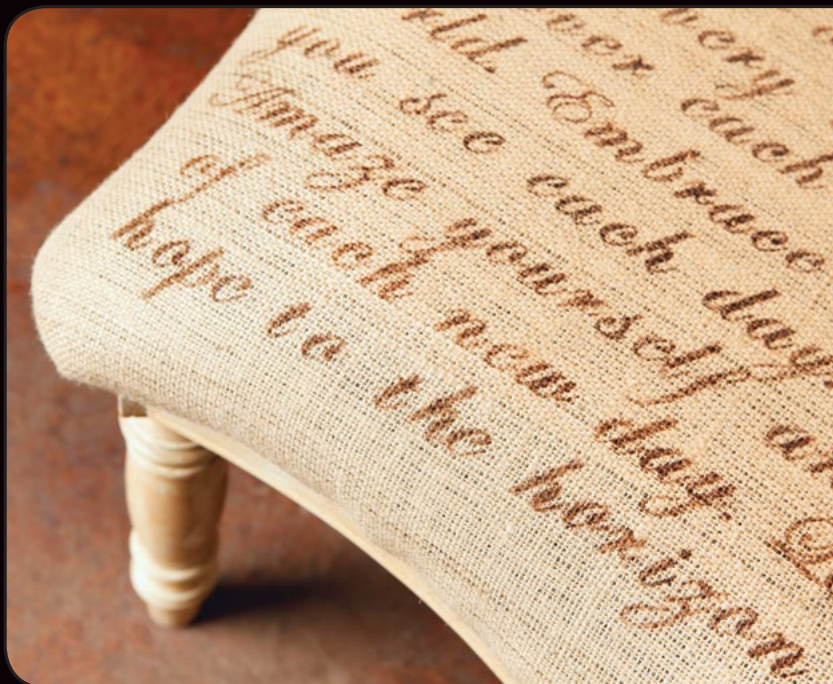


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On the Bench

Stencils are stylish on this gorgeous bench. We covered the cushion first—simply wrap and staple. Then we used alphabet stencils to transcribe a favorite quote. The beautiful script makes this piece elegant, while the burlap keeps it casually chic!



Soft Sell

This accent pillow is sitting pretty with a luxurious, larger than life rosette. And the best thing about it? You don't have to sew! Cut strips of burlap. Then work in a spiral, folding the fabric into gathers with your fingers and hot-gluing to the pillow as you go.





Chic Seat These cushions got a gorgeous dose of stylish, sophisticated burlap style! We applied the intricate pattern to the bleached burlap with the help of an ornate wall stencil and some stencil cream. Then we wrapped the cushions, securing the fabric with upholstery tacks. Voilà! Simple and oh-so-chic!



Vintage Vestige

Rustic gets just a little refined for these Parisian chair cushions. We went for natural burlap this time, playing up the primitive origins of the fabric by using stencils and stencil cream to mimic French scrollwork and old packaging labels. When we had the look we wanted, we wrapped the cushions and secured the fabric with upholstery tacks.



First Run Want a table that's très chic? Try adding a sweet burlap table runner. It's a project that doesn't require a pattern. Simply measure and cut fabric to the desired size. Then sew on a simple, gathered ruffle. Now the talk around the table is all about your boutique-worthy style!



» *Ring True*

Napkins look so much nicer when they're wearing rings! These no-sew napkin rings (hot glue was our adhesive) were made with strips of bleached burlap. We folded under the raw edges before adding some trim and a fancy gold button. Then we brought the ends together to form a ring, gluing to secure.

« *Table Treasure*

There's always a place for burlap décor. In this case, that place is on the dinner table! These simple burlap placemats are beautifully rustic and perfectly unique. And they're so easy to create! Just follow the step-by-step instructions on the next page.

supplies

- Burlap
- Alpha and Numeric Stencils
- Stencil Cream
- Stencil Brush
- Ruler
- Scissors

MAKE A SET OF RUSTIC BURLAP PLACEMATS. THEY'RE QUICK, EASY AND ABSOLUTELY ONE-OF-A-KIND!



1 Measure and cut burlap to desired placemat size. Ours are approximately 13" x 19".



2 To fray edges, grasp individual fibers and gently pull in the direction of the cut, as shown.

3 Using stencil cream (following the manufacturer's directions) and a brush, carefully stencil letters and numbers onto the fabric.



4 Let dry and you're done! Use the same technique to add sentiments, quotes, or even the names of your guests.





Door Divine

This two-toned wreath equals full circle style with layer upon layer of both bleached and natural burlap. The base is a recycled coat hanger, untwisted at the neck. Each strip of fabric is accordion-folded and then stacked onto the wire. When we reached the desired fullness, we shaped the wire into a wreath and secured the shape by wrapping jute around the ends. It may be helpful to reinforce both folds and closure with hot glue.





« *Bottle Beauty*

What's another way to bring burlap to the table? How about these pretty bottle covers? We didn't follow a pattern for these simple pieces. We simply made the bag to fit the bottle at hand—two colors of burlap were used for interest, natural and bleached. Then we tied them up with ribbon and some rustic jute twine.

» *All Write*

There's no wrong way to craft with our versatile burlap...but there's certainly a "write" way. We've covered a collection of inexpensive journals! Simply measure, cut, wrap and embellish. Hot glue will hold the fabric in place, and there's no need to finish the edges. Makes the perfect quick and easy gift!





Bag Belle

Since there's no pattern required, this pretty bag is perfect for beginners. It's made using two 15" x 19" panels. Simply line up the panels, sew along three edges, and add handles. . . ours are made of tan webbing. And for the frilly detail? We added layered rows of crisp and creamy ruffles. Sew sweet!



Thrown Together

Our no-sew throw was a cinch to pull together. It's made from a square of burlap. We hand frayed the edges for interest, and we attached the stylish pleated ribbon with hot glue. Imagine this piece draped over a sofa or chair! It's a simple way to add texture and interest to your burlap-embellished décor.



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