



DIY Busted Canvas Instructions

Supplies

- Stretched canvas
- Two different patterned scrapbook papers
- Printed photo
- Mod Podge
- Foam brush or paintbrush
- Hobby knife (adult supervision recommended)
- Optional embellishments (flowers, ribbon, gems, etc.)
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Before You Begin

Choose a canvas that is larger than your photo. For example, a 5" × 7" photo works well with an 8" × 10" canvas. This gives you enough room to create the "busted" opening around the picture.

Step 1: Cover the Back of the Canvas

1. Trim your first piece of scrapbook paper so it fits inside the wooden frame on the back of the canvas.
2. Apply a layer of Mod Podge to the back of the canvas.
3. Place the scrapbook paper onto the glued surface with the patterned side facing up (not face down).
4. Smooth out any bubbles and allow it to dry.

Step 2: Cover the Front of the Canvas

1. Apply Mod Podge to the front of the canvas.
2. Place your second scrapbook paper onto the front, again with the patterned side facing up.
3. Trim the excess paper around the edges, or fold it over the sides and glue it down for a finished look.
4. Allow the canvas to dry completely.

Step 3: Create the "Busted" Opening

1. Decide where you want your photo to appear.
2. Using a hobby knife, carefully cut a large "X" in the canvas.
3. Make the opening slightly smaller than your photo so the photo has enough surface behind the canvas to be glued securely.
4. Fold the four triangles created by the cut backward.
5. Leave them folded back, curl the edges for extra dimension, or glue them down if desired.

The folded triangles will reveal the patterned paper from the back of the canvas, creating the "busted through" effect.

Step 4: Attach Your Photo

1. Turn the canvas over.
2. Position your photo behind the opening until it is centered.
3. Glue the photo to the back of the canvas with the picture facing down so it is displayed correctly when viewed from the front.
4. Press firmly and allow the glue to dry completely.

Step 5: Decorate (Optional)

Once everything is dry, personalize your project with embellishments such as:

- Flowers
- Ribbon
- Buttons
- Gems
- Stickers
- Other decorative accents

Your DIY Busted Canvas is complete!