

MATERIALS

- pale-color canvas shoes
- fabric paints in various colors, e.g. Marabu Textil Plus
Ready-to-use Marabu fabric paints can be used as such or diluted with water. They can also be mixed together to create new shades. After heat-setting, Marabu paints withstand machine washing at 40 °C. The following colors were used for the shoes featured in the magazine: marine blue, cognac brown, olive green, rich green and white.
- gold fabric pen, width 3 mm, Marabu Textil Plus
- painting sponge or a piece of foam sponge for dabbing background color on the shoes
- thin paint brush for painting the pattern
- masking tape for protecting the shoes
- hairdryer for heat-setting the paint
- acetone or turpentine and cotton buds for removing paint stains

INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation: Wipe the shoes with a damp cloth. If the shoes have been worn, wash and clean them before painting them. Protect the rubber soles of the shoes carefully with masking tape, paying special attention to the area where the sole joins the canvas upper. Protect the insides of the shoes by stuffing them with paper towels.

Applying background color: Experiment with applying the background color and painting the pattern on a piece of cotton fabric first! Apply the background color by dabbing fabric paint with a sponge evenly on the canvas uppers of the shoes. Apply several thin coats using various colors to get good coverage and to produce a mottled finish. Allow each coat to dry for a short while before applying the next coat, and finally allow the background color to dry properly before heat-setting it. Set the dry paint by applying heat to the painted surface with a hairdryer. Take care not to apply heat to the masking tape, so that the tape won't get stuck to the shoe. Follow the paint manufacturer's instructions.

Painting the patterns: Sketch the patterns on the painted shoe uppers lightly using a pencil. Paint the patterns with a thin painting brush. Draw the gold twig motifs with a fabric pen. If you use several colors or paint the patterns in several coats, allow the paint to dry for a short while before applying another color or coat.

Finishing: Remove the masking tape. Remove any paint stains from the shoe soles using a cotton bud moistened with acetone or turpentine. Set the dry paint thoroughly by applying heat to the painted surface with a hairdryer.



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