

To Make Canvas Covered Panels

[I used Dawn Whitelaw's instructions. She now uses a different glue, the name of which I do not remember. But Yes Glue worked fine for me.]

You need:

Some kind of hard board panel cut to size. I used ampersand hardboards bought on sale.

Yes glue. Got mine at an online art supply store. It is very cheap.

A paint scraper.

A cheap brush.

A shallow pan or bowl to mix the glue with a very small amount of water until it has a dough-like consistency.

Primed canvas or linen.

Cut the fabric slightly larger than the panel you will be applying it to because the fabric may shrink. I cut mine ½ inch longer on all sides. This was more than ample.

The glue is very thick and stiff. Add an extremely small amount of water so that the glue is spreadable.

The glue should be applied to the back of the fabric, not to the board. I used the brush to transfer the glue to the back of the fabric. But I used the paint scraper to spread it around very thinly and evenly.

Stick the fabric on the board. Smooth from the center out. Roll with a rolling pin. I actually used a heavy cardboard cylinder instead to eliminate bubbles and possible wrinkles.

Weigh it down with books or such until it dries. Trim the excess fabric.