

GunSkins Vinyl Wrap: DIY Camo for Rifles, Pistols, and More – SHOT Show 2019



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Adding a camouflage finish to your firearms and accessories is an excellent way to give it that personal touch so that out of all of the ones like it, that one is yours. I caught up with a company named [GunSkins](#) that offers vinyl wrap products that can be applied at home with very little required in the way of tools or time. Their vinyl wraps are offered in 30 licensed camouflage patterns, in addition to other graphics, so there should be something to suit any style.



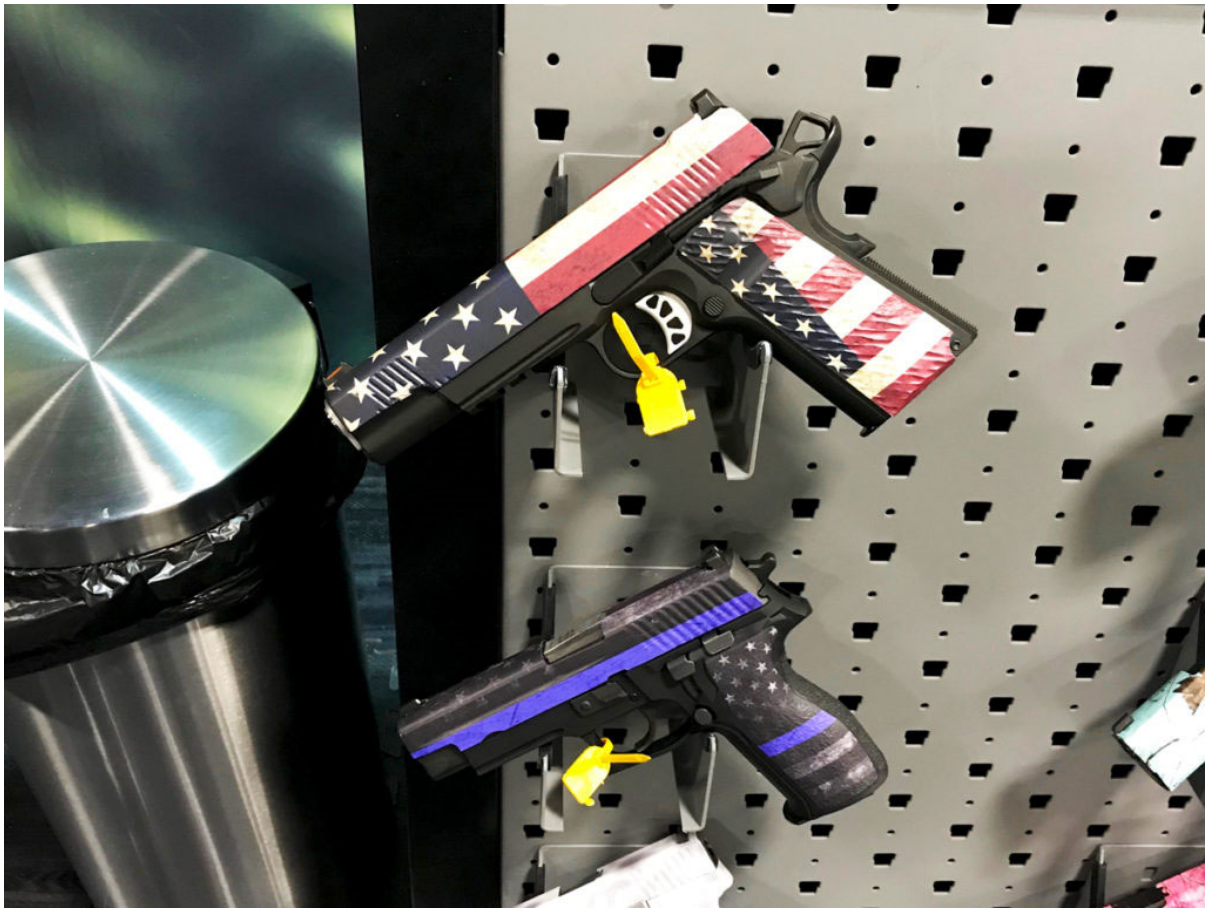
GunSkins has dozens of camouflage patterns from hunting camo to OCP to Kryptek, even the American flag.

I've seen other companies offer similar vinyl wrap products but I don't think anyone else has the options and patterns that GunSkins offers. Not only do they make their vinyl wrap in the USA, but they have also precut templates for rifles, pistols, shotguns, scopes, AR-15s, AK-47s, and magazines. If they don't make a template for it then they also offer their GearSkins product that is a large sheet of their vinyl material that you can cut and shape as needed.



Their rifle and shotgun templates look so good they could almost be mistaken for a hydrographic finish.

Applying their vinyl wraps is very simple and all you need is a cleaner/degreaser, razor blade, and a heat gun or hair dryer. Once you peel the backer off the vinyl and begin applying it, heat keeps it pliable and able to conform to the surface underneath. When done well, it could often be mistaken for a hydro-dipped finish.



Pistol accents give your pistol that personal touch.



The owner's wife did this Glock right in the booth at SHOT.

Not only do GunSkins give your firearms and accessories a good looking finish they also protect them from the elements as well. If you need a little extra grip then GunSkins has their Grip Assist, which can be applied over the vinyl wrap that won't peel off like traditional tape.

Due to the nature of the vinyl material itself it also won't chip or scratch like some spray-on finishes and should provide good longterm durability. If the wrap does need to be replaced, it can be removed pretty easily using heat in much the same way it was applied. Given that this product can go on without me having to wait for it to dry or worry about fumes means that it'll be my first choice the next time I want to give one of my rifles a camo finish.



Pistol Mag Skins come in a 6-pack to give your magazines that personal touch. (Photo: GunSkins)

GunSkins' products start at about \$10.99 for the pistol mag skins and go up to \$64.99 for the AR-15 precut template.

For more information on GunSkins visit www.gunskins.com.



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