

We're wrapping up the season with some simple painting and pinstriping. Well, pinstriping maybe isn't so simple, unless you've got lots of practice under your belt that is. For this month's how-to I started out by purchasing a sweet open face helmet from a swap meet. Okay... not a swap meet, but the world-wide-web. So now I have this new helmet but hate the color of it and I look like a nerd riding around in it. I still want to keep my head safe at all times so I'm going to show you how to turn your helmet from uncool to way cool and "ol' skool." For this job I found a friend, Jon Larson from Larsons Creative Concepts to help me with some pinstriping.

**Step 1:** Alright, first we need to clean the helmet and take off any materials(decals, emblems, etc.) you can. If you can't take anything off, it's time for the next step.

**Step 2:** Grab some masking tape and start taping off anything you don't want to get paint on.

**Step 3:** Once the helmet is all taped off, you are ready to scuff. Purchase a red scuff pad at your local home improvement store. If the helmet is already pretty smooth and you just need to have paint stick, scuffing should be good enough. In other cases, more sanding may be required.

**Step 4:** Once you are done scuffing the helmet, grab a tack rag and clean off all the dust from scuffing.

**Step 5:** Now this is an average joe paint job, so grab some rattle cans and get to work. You will want to purchase some primer and then a color of your choosing. Spray the helmet with primer and let it dry.

**Step 6:** Next grab your cool color. Mine is flat black because it's the most badass color you can make anything. Spray as many coats as you like. We stopped after 4 coats.

**Step 7:** When the paint has dried for over 24 hours, it's time for the next step. I tried to do my own artwork, but when you don't have the right tools, you can't do the right job. So we reached out to our friend Jon Larson from Larsons Creative Concepts and gave him full reign over the artwork. I gave him a few ideas and let him get to work.

**Step 8:** Of course before you know it, it was a day before we left for Sturgis and Jon was waiting 'til the last minute. No worries, Jon drew out the pinstripe and the artwork and transferred the artwork to the helmet. Once Jon placed the artwork on the helmet he got out his trusty pinstripe brush and started laying paint.

**Step 9:** Once all the paint was laid out, Jon had to add a little something. He told me to leave and then come back in 10 minutes. The little bit of accenting color he added made the helmet complete.

**Step 10:** Let the paint dry and put the helmet back together. Before you pull the tape up, you might need to cut around the tape where any paint has built up. Once you have it all together, throw the helmet on and hit the streets looking badass!





# Cool Blogs!

If you're like us you're gonna be stuck in the house quite a bit this winter. Hours in front of the TV and computer. Great. If you can't be out on the bike you might as well be looking at them on the computer and hopefully catching some new ideas from those more fortunate than us in the weather department. To help you get through those cold months, here's a list of some spots to check out on the world wide web. You'll find lots of links to other cool blogs through these. Before you know it, days will pass and you'll have not left the computer.

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