



How to Mud a Hunting Blind

- Supplies needed
 - Hunting Blind
 - 5 Gallon Bucket
 - Mud
 - Plastic Gloves (optional)



Step 1: The first step in mudding your blind will be to find mud or dirt to use. In an ideal situation you would get mud from the field that you plan on hunting in most often.

For example, if you are going to hunt in a field tomorrow, then you may want to stop out and get a bucket or two full of mud or dirt to use for this project.

However, if you do not have access to that field right away or if you are unsure where you will be hunting next that is ok. What is most important is that you take the time to mud your blind regardless of where you get the mud from.

When I mudded my blind, the only dirt that I had available was some extra dirt in my wife's vegetable garden and it worked fine. In fact, I actually used this dirt to mud my blind and two of my buddies blinds in the same day and we have successfully used those blinds countless times to shoot birds without issue.

I simply got a 5 gallon bucket about ½ full with the dirt and then used the garden hose to add enough water to make a pasty mud.

Step 2: The next step is to cover the blind completely with the mud. To do this simply grab the mud with your hands and smear it over every inch of the blind.

I recommend that you do this in very thick layers to ensure that your blind does not leave any shine behind for ducks or geese to see. You do not need to worry about covering the bottom of the blind as that will not be in view of the birds.

Outside of not covering the bottom, you should cover everything else including the zippers and the mesh viewing screen if your blind has one. Error on the side of having everything covered to avoid any unwanted flare-off from ducks and geese.

Step 3: After you have covered every inch of your blind with the mud you will want to allow the mud to dry for an hour or two. The drying time will depend on how hot it is outside when you mud your blind. You can tell when the mud is dry as it will turn a much lighter color than when you originally put the mud on.

After you have given the mud an opportunity to dry double-check the blind and look for any areas that you may have missed with the initial mudding. If you see areas where you did not mud your blind then use this opportunity to do some touch up work.

Step 4: The last step in the process of mudding your blind will be to brush off any excess mud that is on your blind. Since we put thick layers of mud on there are going to be some areas where the mud is clumped up.

To get rid of the excess simply take your hands and rub them all over the blind which will get the majority of the chunks off. Remember that the point of doing the mudding is to get rid of the shine but it is not necessary to leave pieces of mud on the blind. We simply want to dull the look of the blind for the birds.

One more step in getting rid of the excess mud is to shake off your blind. Many blinds have a handle near the top for carrying or backpack straps. Grab your blind by those straps, lift it up and shake. This should do the trick to get rid of the remaining clumps of mud.

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