Here is a topic that always creates some controversy.

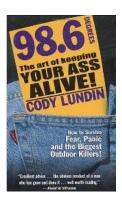


In my Bug Out Bag, and packed away in the family kits, are all kinds of camouflage clothes, from hats to gloves to full camo pants and jackets.

"Why?" They ask.

Well, there are many reasons to pack camo, each may be as individual as the person, but let's look at some key ones.

**Cody Lundin**, in his excellent book <u>"98.6, Your Ass Alive"</u> advocates carrying brightly colored items, orange hats, colorful lighters and tape.



The reason is simple, assuming you want to be found, this maximizes your visibility.



But the premise here assumes you wish to be found. As a prepper, trying to keep your head down and out of sight, these items would simply draw attention.

The prepper, in most cases, wants to remain as invisible as possible. This means blending in with your surroundings, whatever they may be.



Here, careful selection of your destination(s) is important in your choice of clothing coloration.

If you plan on spending much time in the woods, then woodland camo is a logical choice, but in the winter, it may stand out.

So for winter in the woods, either carry a snow poncho wrap, or switch to 'urban' camo which gives fairly good results as well.



In urban areas, 'urban' camo is a great choice, after all, it's what it is made for.

In the absence of going the camo route, you may wish to be a bit more conservative and use solid, dark colored clothing. Blacks, Browns and Greens will work well in summer, (or Gray in urbania), Light gray and off whites will work in winter.



Keep all items in a natural tone. Things you may have packed like towels and washcloths, underwear, socks, etc. should all be consistent with good camo coverage.

Nothing like washing by a stream in the woods with a white washcloth which looks an awful lot like a waving deers' tail!

This could easily attract some lead, if nothing else.



There is a disadvantage with 'real camo', as it may be associated (in other peoples' minds) with militants, guerillas, and paramilitary groups. This could be a problem in some situations.

This is where judicious use of solid conventional clothing may help.



Don't forget the face paint for good coverage. Pale skin shows up very well against a woodsy background. Charcoal or mud can be used as well, especially in the winter, as you will need to avoid snowblindness.





If you intend to bug out with a vehicle, purchase a few gallons of camo paint now, and pack them in a kit with brushes. If you need to cover a vehicle or shelter, these may be very handy.



Camo nets are another good choice for quick covering, especially if you are not in a hurry to paint up your car. They work best when placed over a solid background like a camo tarp.





Make sure any tents, sleeping bags, mats, and other camping gear is a suitable color as well.

Ghillie suits are extreme camo, but in reality, are for tactical use, not for simple camo. Great for sneaking up on something, not so great to live in.

