# 6 WAYS TO EVADE BORDER PATROL

## WHEN CROSSING THE US-MEXICO BORDER



Maintaining the US-Mexico border is a billion-dollar industry that is constantly growing and investing in new surveillance and policing technologies. Despite this, many people are able to circumvent these with just a few low budget and low-tech strategies to successfully make the border crossing.
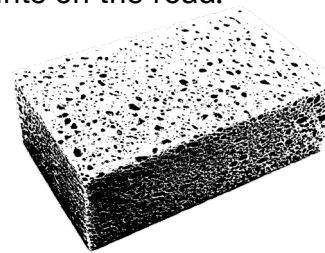
The author of this zine was able to spend some time with the people making this crossing and observe the technologies used against them while volunteering with No Mas Muertas in the Arivaca corridor south of Tucson. None of these strategies discussed here are secrets, and one can easily find evidence of their use strewn around major crossing points. While border patrol knows of these strategies, they are still difficult for them to combat due to their efficacy and widespread use.
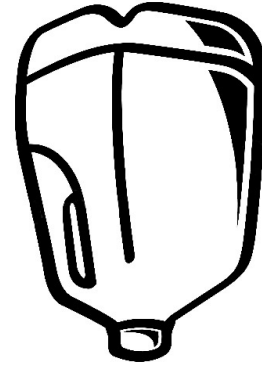
---

Head-to-toe camouflage is used to effectually blend in the the brushy Sonoran desert biome. Even if you know what you're looking for it can be very hard to spot when the wearer is standing still.



Bonus: Foam shoes!
This is typically used in sandier regions such as in the Chihuahua desert, but when crossing sand roads, people will slip thick pads made from car seat foam over their shoes in order to mask their footprints on the road.



Chinga La Migra!
And good luck to those making the crossing.

---

Clear plastic gallon water jugs tend to glow when searchlights pass over them. To circumvent this, people will paint them black, cover them with a black sock, or even use old chemical containers made of darker plastics to carry their water.



All roads leading in and out of areas near the border will typically have border patrol checkpoints. People will typically walk around these and get picked up on the other side.



---

Discarded makeshift ladders of infinite variety can be found at the base of the border wall. If not ladders, sometimes you can see repaired patches of the wall where people sawed their way in!



Guides who lead groups of people making the crossing often have access to a network of scouts that observe border patrol activity and communicate their current positions to guides.