

Vaya bags – Just in

While the days of ‘messenger bag cool’ are waning in some places, there are still a host of companies putting out quality and in some cases ‘craft’ cycling bags. These recently landed in our office: Vaya’s recycled Medi Messenger.

Vaya takes the traditional approach in terms of design and materials. Using classic, messenger-approved, heavy-duty vinyl coated fabric linings mated with robust structural fabrics like marine canvas and high thread count nylon.



Hard not to appreciate Vaya's 'made by the designer' construction

Vaya's Medi Messenger



No zippers here

While the Medi Messenger from Vaya is the most basic of the bunch– it surely has the most soul, and in the world of messengering, robust and simple almost always trumps feature packed and fragile.

For US\$165/£106 you get a bag crafted in Long Island, New York by the designer, Tianna Meilinger, or one of her close family members or friends. Like we said, soul – and that’s even before we mention that the bag incorporates recycled bicycle tubes and canvas to bolster that warm and fuzzy enviro feeling.

The Medi has a main pocket plus three organizational pockets of various sizes, which make up the bag’s 23-liter capacity. The coolest feature is the oversize quick-release buckle, which is mated to two metal D-rings. To cinch the pack down to your back for riding, pull the end ring, and to quickly loosen it, simply pull in the opposite direction. The system is super-fast and super-secure.



We love the D-ring quick-pulls on the strap