Halloween Fun with Twinkie Chan with CBTV Live

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Halloween Fun
- Hi everybody this Liana from Creativebug, and I'm here with Twinkie Chan. - Yay, hi. - Happy Halloween everybody, it is, what is it October 11th I believe is the date and it is officially time to really start thinking about Halloween. So here we are on our beautiful Halloween set. We also sent out an email today, I don't know if you guys saw it, but it's with our partners at Jo-Ann and we are offering you guys like this amazing deal it's like 30% off everything in the store for signing up for one month of creativebug. The Halloween email is beautiful. It's all filled with Halloween inspiration so we thought, let's do a live shoot today that is all Halloween. And Twinkie actually, so you guys may know her other work on creativebug. I have two of them here, a beautiful sloth and unicorn. This month Twinkie has made for us. - A little black cat. - A little, tiny, black cat. So what do you recommend doing with something adorable like this when Halloween season comes around? - I mean, he's just really great as your new best friend or your familiar if you will. - When you design little critters like this do you just kind of imagine like, just carrying them around with you? They're just cute little things? - Like um, around the house, I put it in the little nook like around the mantle, but if you know me at all, I put everything in my hair, so if they're small I'll think of how to make them in to little hair clip. - Everything can be worn. - Anything can be a hair piece basically. - That's right, even this sloth. - Sure, for the adventurous. - Sloth lady. - You. (both laughing) - So tell me some ideas that you have for using this crocheted cat and putting it into a costume setting. - Well, I mean I think the first thing that comes to mind with black cats is witches. - Yes. - So today I thought we would show a couple ways to use this cute cat to decorate your witch outfit. Personalize it. - I love it. - Use your crocheted goodies and stick them all over. Some of your head ware. - Awesome, what we have here kind of just like your standard, store bought. - Plain, black witch hat. - Plain, black witch hat which is just kind of boring on its own. Nobody wants a plain, black witch hat. So tell me what you have done with this and what you suggest. - So what we did was I grabbed some really pretty ribbon from Jo-Ann. This is two different ribbons, I picked like a thicker purple sparkly one, and this really cool plaid and just cut a length of it and tied a bow. I'm a terrible bow tier, but that's okay. It still looks pretty witchy. - It's a witch hat. It can be a little funky. - She's been flyin' around. - That's right. - Yeah. - [Leanna] So now how do you suggest attaching this because it looks like the could kind of slip off of this slippery fabric. - [Twinkie] All these materials are really slippery. So at first I wanted to hot glue but I felt like that would get messy. So what we're gonna do actually is just use a couple stitches around the hat here and there to tack it down, just so it doesn't go anywhere, but you don't have to sew it 100% all the way around. - [Leanna] All right, so just a few stitches. - Super easy. - And Twinkie's already done a few stitches 'cause you have things to do people you don't eed to see her. - It's TV magic. - [Leanna] Sew and entire ribbon down. - [Twinkie] So I saved a spot here where I want a little bit more stability. It's really easy, just bring your needle through the hat and all the ribbon. - [Leanna] And you tied a little knot on the back end. - [Twinkie] There's a little knot, yep. It's just maybe like two or three just really small stitches, super easy. I mean these materials are pretty delicate so you don't want to chew them up too much witch a lot of sewing. And if you can match your thread to the colors on the ribbon you just won't even notice it at all. - [Leanna] That's right, we like to put all of our effort into the crocheting of the cat. - Sewing not my specialty. - Worry less about sewing the ribbon on. - [Twinkie] So, just tie a quick knot back

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here to secure your stitches. And that's really easy, I just did it maybe like four times around. And I also sewed the back of the bow to the hat just so it's not going anywhere. - [Leanna] Perfection, easy peasy, anybody can do this. - [Twinkie] I'm really bad at sewing and that was really easy for me. - [Leanna] And then for our little kitty cat. - [Twinkie] So, I'm gonna make the cat sort of the center embellishment for the bow. So it looks like he is just sitting on your head keeping you company. (Leanne laughing) And if you wanna make this permanent you can use hot glue, but if you want to keep your kitty for later use, you can use some floral wire so it's easily removable. Maybe I'll use the green it's a little thinner. - [Leanna] So this is just like regular old floral wire that, you know, is typically used for making floral arrangements or wreaths. So just a little tiny bit. That's kinda the beauty of Halloween right? Is looking in your craft room, or in your junk drawer even. - It's DIY. - And getting creative with your supplies. - [Twinkie] So stick this wire into your cat kind of on his lower side and give it maybe like one and a half inches passing through him like this. And then give yourself enough wire to work with to attach it here and I'm gonna stick one end of this wire kinda low on the hat, through the ribbon also. And that just goes right through like that, super easy. - [Leanna] I's kinda nice how it just pierces right through all the layers. - [Twinkie] If you're having a tough time just go like one layer at a time, it'll pop right through. - [Leanna] It's like needle and thread built into one. - [Twinkie] True, handy. In here like this, then I'm gonna go on the inside of the hat. It's all a little floppy so sorry it's kinda like rustling around and kinda crazy. Just come back here. And give it a twist it can be ugly in here, no one's going in there except you. And then if you don't wanna get poked in the head with wires you can just, oh, where'd the wire cutters go? Trim this a little bit shorter, and I'll just pass the wire back through the cat and you can fish those out later when you want to use your cat for something else. - [Leanna] Good idea. - [Twinkie] We'll just poke that through so no one gets hurt, I mostly just do the end and you can sort of bend the rest of it if it's too long. - [Leanna] Awesome. - [Twinkie] You just don't want this to pop out and hurt you, so oh, it's so cute. - [Leanna] And I love how tiny the cat is. Because you can use it for things like this, like for putting on top of a hat. - [Twinkie] Yeah, it's not gonna get too heavy. I don't know if you want to, do you want model this. - [Leanna] Why don't we start on the next thing and I'll put the whole look together at the end. Doesn't everybody want to see me in a witch costume. - [Twinkie] So much in store for you all today. (Leanne laughing) So here we have your vehicle, a beautiful broom vehicle. - That's right. We put some matching ribbon on it, so your outfit is coordinated for your big day. We have another cute, black kitty and we just wired him with a little bit of black, I'm having a brain thing, yeah, pipe cleaner. And this is super easy, again, you can hot glue if you want to make more permanent, like if you're gonna ride your broom a whole lot, maybe. - [Leanna] If you have several Halloween parties to go to this year you might as well just commit a whole cat to your broom and hot glue it down, but for those less committal, pipe cleaner's the way to go. - [Twinkie] Like a one time like hour long thing, yeah. A pipe cleaner. - How long does it take you to make one cat? - [Twinkie] One cat, I mean it's gonna depend on you skill level, if you're advanced, you could probably bang one out in like an hour and a half. - [Leanna] Okay, so there is still plenty of time people to make your black cats for your Halloween costume. - [Twinkie] You can make a bunch of cats. - You can check out Twinkie's class on creativebug.com, she's got this really cute black cat and she also has some other projects like a sloth and a unicorn, but the black cat just released and we love it. It's made using Lion Brands Vanna's Choice yarn and just one little skein of it. Just one little skein. - Just part of a little skein. - Yes, and in just about an hour and a half, two hours, you can have your own little kitty, it's going for a ride. Should we put the whole look together? - I think so. - Oh God, okay. - [Moderator] We have a question. - Oh we do, we have a question. - [Moderator] So

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both Chris and Patricia are wondering, is there a pattern for the black cat? - Well as I just said, go to creativebug.com Twinkie has a whole bunch of classes on the site and on our home page you will actually see our black cat class, it comes with a video that shows you how to make it and a downloadable pattern. So, it's all in one and if you go to creativebug and you aren't a member, so you have to subscribe to our site, and you can use promotion code joann1, that's J-O-A-N-N number one and you will get 30 days of creativebug for free and you will get 30% off at Jo-Ann and I think that's pretty exciting. So you can actually go learn how to make this cat for free right now if you want to. That's pretty cool, that's pretty cool. OK, so I'm gonna start by putting on a little boa because I'm a fancy witch, right. Okay, let's see how this hat looks. - It's gonna be amazing. - Oh my goodness, do you suggest it on the side? - Yes, I do, and if it angles down a little bit. - It's kinda like a 1940's. - Stylish. - Yeah, so we can go flat, or we can go at an angle. OK, and then with my broom. I don't know how you carry this around at a party. - You're supposed to be riding it. - Okay, I'll ride it, there we go. See I don't even need a cloak, its perfect. - Instead of your Uber, this is your broom. I am fully accessorized as a witch now for Halloween. And this is a way to tell everybody I'm a crocheter and I love Halloween, so keep that in mind. So, should we move on to our next costume idea? - Yes, sure. - Actually before we do that, I'm just gonna take this off so you can actually see me. I want to tell all of you about something really exciting that we're doing right now, we have a giveaway. We are giving away 21 skeins of Vanna's Choice and crochet hooks and I believe this is all of the sizes all of the sizes imaginable, these are also Lion Brand, and we also have a copy of Twinkie's new book Crocheted Abode A La Mode, so full of lots of cute projects. So we're gonna give away this gift to one lucky winner. And so in order to enter to win, all you need to do is comment on this live broadcast and share it. We want you to share it with all of your friends. So we're gonna pick a winner in one week. So that's all you have to do to sign up. All right, what are we makin' next? - Next up we're gonna make tiny pumpkins. - That's so cute. So tiny pumpkins, another thing that could be either wearable, accessory, decor, all of the things right. - Yes, very useful, many uses. - [Leanna] So how did you come up with this pumpkin design? - So the pumpkin is actually a marriage of two patterns that are already on the creativebug website for making fruits and veggies crochet along. The body is the tomato pattern and then the little stem is actually the stem from the apple pattern. - [Leanna] Oh my God. - [Twinkie] Already live, you can make immediately. - So, in case anybody is just tuning in. Go to creativebug we have this crochet your fruits and veggies crochet along and this is a mashup of the tomato and the apple just the stem. So that's how you get to make this beautiful pumpkin. - So, it's cute as is, it very festive. - Very festive. - I put mine on my mantle I think. But the other thing you can do is turn it into a cute jack-o-lantern just by cutting out a face from black felt and gluing it right on. - Let's see how you do it. - We're gonna do that, we're just gonna free hand it. I think it's okay to have personality. - [Leanna] Yeah, totally. - [Twinkie] I don't really know what it'll end up looking like, but I'm just gonna do like, we're gonna keep it basic I think, and do two triangles, for the eyes. So that will go there. - [Leanna] Classic, I love it. - [Twinkie] You can also do circles or I don't know, you can go crazy with them, you can use googly eyes, I think that's cute too. - Oh that's such a great idea. - [Twinkie] That one's a little bigger but you know, I'm just gonna go with it. - Cute. - [Twinkie] I'm gonna also do a triangle nose. Lay these out before I glue anything down. And then for the mouth, what I normally do is I cut like a semi-circle, or as close to one as I can get, and then I cut into the semi-circle to give it sort of more of that smile shape. (Leanne laughing) Okay, that's super asymmetrical but you can just keep trimming it and perfecting it until it looks the way you want it to. And then we just cut some teeth into it. Or I guess some teeth holes, so just see if this is the size you want it. That's not bad. - That's actually really

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cute. (Leanne laughing) - [Twinkie] So I usually just cut out two little rectangles out of the top. Here's one and I'll get one on the other side. - [Leanna] And remember everybody, we're live so if you have any questions for Twinkie feel free to chime in. - [Twinkie] I put the one on the bottom a little off-center. You can do whatever you want with the mouth. You can give him fangs, there's all kinds of options. So just lay this here. - Okay that is perfection. - [Twinkie] See how that looks. And then I really like to use Fabri-Tac. The pro and the con is it dries super quickly so you kind of have a time limit for how tacky it remains on the felt. I like to clean the nozzle like it's kinda gooey sometimes. I kinda clean it after every time I use it, if it's looking drippy. And just squeeze out some glue. - [Leanna] And is Fabri-Tac something that makes its way into a lot of your creations? - [Twinkie] It does because it's washable. So if I'm making something wearable like mittens and I want some felt embellishments, it's still gonna hold up. - [Leanna] Oh, I didn't realize that, brilliant. - [Twinkie] And again, just the fact it dries really quickly works for me so I don't have to like, clamp things down, to wait for them to dry. They'll just dry like instantly. Push it down making sure it's making contact with the crochet. - [Leanna] So I have a question for you. If you wanted to make a really big pumpkin could you double up on your strand or use like a really chunky yarn, and just follow the pattern as is? - [Twinkie] Probably could, I don't know how big you could actually get, but you can definitely get bigger. - [Leanna] Different sizes. - [Twinkie] And you can switch up the colors too. There's all different colors of pumpkins. I've seen people post their projects with different colors and it looks really cool. Like if you get a variegated yarn. - [Leanna] Oh, that'd be really cool. - [Twinkie] Yeah, so you can have fun with it. It doesn't have to just be orange. - [Leanna] And how long did it take you to make this little pumpkin? - [Twinkie] If you're fairly used to crocheting, it's a really quick pattern, it's really easy. So like half and hour you could bang one out. I mean if you're a beginner and you're still kinda getting the feel for crochet, it might take you a little longer, but once you get used to it, you can become like a pumpkin making factory. (Leanne laughing) There you go. - Oh great. - [Moderator] Carolyn asks, is this a tomato pattern? She missed the beginning, so she was wondering if this was the tomato pattern. - Okay, so Carolyn wants to know, is this the tomato pattern from fruits and veggies and it is in fact, this little tomato, that was in the eat your fruits and veggies crochet along on creativebug you'll see they're suspiciously the same size but since tomatoes their little tops are not very similar to a pumpkin top, Twinkie ingeniously borrowed the stem from her apple project. So, it's a mashup of the two of these. But they're both made using the same yarn. - This is all Vanna's Choice, this orange is actually Red Heart Super Saver. - Oh great, so it's got that nice vibrant orange. - [Twinkie] Yeah, it's a great orange. - And I see that you put a little clip on this. - Yes, I just hot glued a little alligator clip on the bottom. - You know I have to put this on. - Yes, please do. - Okay, all right, you have to be my eyes though. Tell me if I've got it on right. - It's pretty good, his face is sort of. - [Leanna] Oh, should he be on the other side? - Oh, it's petty good, I can see his face, it looks good, stylin', Halloween style. - So when I saw this earlier I said this is like the perfect little accessory for like if you're the adult chaperone in a group of kids that are out trick or treating and you don't wanna go full-on Halloween, you just want like a little taste of it. - You don't wanna like, you know, take the limelight away from the kids costume. - But you still want to be in the spirit. So we've got this. - Good little accent. - And then for anybody who's just joining us I also wanted to mention again that we are doing this giveaway and we are giving away 21 skeins of yarn. So three each of all of the colors shown here, of which there are, let's see, we've got seven different colors, a gorgeous fall palette. We're also giving away crochet hooks in every size and a copy of Twinkie's book. So all you have to do to enter the contest is you need to share this live broadcast and comment on the post, that's all ya gotta do, and we're gonna pick a winner in a week.

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Oh, it sounds like we have one more question. - [Moderator] Destiny asks, any tips on how to make the cat bigger? - Oh, that one's all you. - How to make the cat bigger? I mean there isn't an easy equation for embiggonating the cat pattern. But if you use a bulkier yarn and the larger hook, it will get a little bit bigger. But ultimately, I think you would need kind of an entirely different pattern to get you know, a jumbo cat. - Yeah, so we're not gonna get a life size cat out of this. - Probably not, you could try. - You may need to find a bulky yarn and see how big you can get. - True. - Yeah. - And like double or triple stranding. You could try but. - And then with things like the legs, you could probably make them a little bit longer, just depending on. - Yeah it's a pretty easy pattern to adjust if you're familiar with crocheting. - So like extending the body, just more rounds maybe. - A couple more, some more increasing, then some more rounds, increase the stitch count increase the round count. - It's a bunch of tubes pretty much. I actually think that the real magic of Twinkie's classes are the very last chapters which are usually your embellishment. So that's when you learn how to like add the faces and any special details and it all kind of really comes to life. That's actually always my favorite part of watching you. So if you want, you could even just like go on your own and then tune in and watch how she finishes it. You might get some good ideas. - I have one more outfit for you. - One more outfit that is a cat idea actually. So, I couldn't resist. Thinking about a zombie cat lady. And it was inspired actually okay, we have this amazing bathrobe here, that has cats all over it. - Sleepy kitty. - We've got the sleepy kitty, but the best part of all is this whole thing was inspired by this amazing eye mask that Twinkie made. What do you guys think? Zombie cat lady? - My cat fell out. - Your friend died. - Where can they go to find this eye pattern? Well, actually, you don't have one with the eyeball falling out. - I have the basic sleep mask pattern available on my blog, blog.TwinkieChan.com, so just search for like sleeping mask and there's also a video tutorial on YouTube so you can just search Twinkie Chan sleep mask. - Perfect, if you feel like embellishing some eyeballs on to it more power to you. - [Twinkie] Yeah, these are just spheres. So if you just change the colors, then it turns into an eyeball, it's pretty easy. - Well I hope we've given all of you some great ideas for what to do this Halloween and how to incorporate yarn into your projects. All of the supplies that you are seeing here are available at Jo-Ann and we really encourage you to sign up for creativebug, get that one month for free and then you get 30% off all of your supplies. So you can use that coupon at Jo-Ann for your Halloween shopping, which is pretty cool. If you like what you're seeing here make sure to like our Facebook page, you'll get notified every week we do this every Tuesday and Thursday. We have so much fun, as you can tell, I'm wearing a cat bathrobe and we would love to see you. So, thanks again for doing this everyone. - Thank you. - Bye.

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