Spooky Cupcake Toppers with CBTV Live

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- Hey everybody it's Courtney and... - Liana. - And we're here live with you as we always are on Tuesdays and Thursdays which means you can write in and ask us questions as we craft. - We love questions. - And I've been out of town for a little over a week. So this is my first live shoot in a couple of shoots and what's been going on? - Well we've been doing a lot of Halloween. We've kept the Halloween set up. - You had Twinkie here last week? - We did have Twinkie here last week and actually we just announced the winner of the Twinkie Chan prize package. That was a whole bunch-- - Which was amazing. - Of Lion Brand Yarn. All sorts of crochet hooks. So check that post-- - Copy of her book. - And check your messages. See if you were the lucky winner. - And if you missed that live shoot, you can still watch all of our live shoots on our Facebook page, or better yet on CBTV in high-definition. And that usually comes out the next day. The following day after the shoot. - [Man] We also found our new Creative Live host or-- - We also did a contest in the last couple of weeks about who is our next Creativebug instructor and we also announce that winner. - Yes, oh we love her. - And we loved everyone who participated. Drawing daily, following along with the draw a day, hashtagging and then we picked five finalists. They all sent us some really awesome videos, and we picked a winner. - I know. So it's been a very exciting week here at Creativebug. And we are definitely feeling the Halloween spirit around here. - Yes, if you couldn't tell by the sets, with all of the gourds, and fun paper party decor, Halloween is one of my favorite holidays. And what I love about crafting for Halloween is it doesn't feel as much pressure as Christmas. - It doesn't. It's what October 18th today? But you can still be figuring out what you're going to be for Halloween. - Right. - What you're gonna be doing for your Halloween party. All sorts of things like that so it's not too late. - We have some ideas for doing some quick crafts and how to coordinate all of your Halloween decor. So even if you're planning a last-minute party, you're not feeling rushed. We also have a giveaway a little bit later so stay tuned for that. Make sure that you like and share or even tag a friend on this particular live shoot and you'll be entered to win our giveaway. And we have a ton of great existing classes on this site for Halloween decor, including one of my favorites which is Rad Meagan's Halloween trick-or-treat bag. - [Liana] Oh yes. - [Courtney] So if you haven't seen that one before, Megan walks you through how to use a bunch of different types of felt to create a lot of really cute different trick-or-treat bags. - [Liana] Yeah there's a Frankenstein. I think there's a cat in there, maybe a vampire, yeah there's a whole bunch of-- - They're all pretty adorable. - Really cute things. - And they're reusable so you can save them just like you would a Christmas stocking, and use them year after year. - Yes if you wanna check out our classes and try them all for free. We actually have an awesome deal running right now. We've partnered with Jo-Ann and they have been so generous to give us 30% off at Jo-Ann if you sign up for Creativebug. You will get one month of Creativebug for free and the promo code for that is JOANN1. - So you can check out all of our Halloween classes and get that 30% off to purchase all of your needs for your holiday crafting. - That's right. - It's pretty awesome. - Well what are we gonna make today? - [Courtney] We're gonna make some very simple cupcake toppers with this kind of concept can be used for any kind of Halloween decor. It's just punching and layering existing stuff that you can find at your local Jo-Ann. I even have a little sheet on how to coordinate fabric with your paper crafting. So what I have in front of me are a couple of yards of some really cute holiday fabric. Halloween being the holiday But

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it's that novelty fabric which they have for each season which I love. I love Halloween fabric. - [Liana] It's so cute. - So Halloween fabric is great for doing the rag torn wreath, which is in my Halloween Decor class. I'll show you an example of that a little bit later. But I like to use it as a table runner. It's a quick way to just put down a big swath of fabric on the table, it's like an instant decor. And then I photocopied it so that we could make cupcake toppers that coordinate with our table runner. - Now just to clarify, this is for home, personal use only. - Yeah this isn't for you to sell because this is probably copyrighted. But it's just a way for you to easily coordinate your paper decor with your fabric, especially if you have any scraps of fabric left over. This is a good use for it. And I copied in onto card stock because we're gonna be punching through it. - Well see what you did here. - And then we also have, Jo-Ann has these great paper pads that are coordinated for particular holidays, this one being Halloween night. So this is great to pick up a pack of these because there's a lot of different, like I said, coordinated papers that you can use for all kinds of things. It could be invites, it could be party favors, or it could just be a tabletop decor. We've got some toothpicks and some coffee stirrers that way you can make cupcake toppers, but you can also make cake toppers, or anything on a stick. You could use this as a cocktail swivel. A couple of adhesives, my favorite glue stick, Tacky Glue, if you're doing anything chunky or maybe like a glitter paper. And then of course, like a double-sided tape runner is really handy. One of my other favorite things that you can find at Jo-Ann are these foam stickers. They're double-sided and they have a little bit of dimension so you can get a lot of great layering and depth just by making a simple cake - Oh I love that. - cupcake topper using that. We've got some tape and then most importantly have you ever used one of these punches? - I have and I love them. So satisfying. - These punches are great. I'm gonna be doing a whole class on gift cards and gift tags and some great ideas for the holidays using these. And what I love is that they came out with this kind for card stock. So you want to look for punches that say "thick" on them. That means that they can punch through thick paper. So that's where we're gonna start. Do you wanna-- - Essential for this time of year. - Do you wanna punch out some card stock that we've photocopied. - I would love to. Well let's see what you did here. Oh my gosh these are so cute. So is there a certain kind of photocopier that you used to print these to get such clear prints? - [Courtney] These are just a laser copier, toner-based copy. So any photocopy store, this is exactly the kind of print they would do. You could do this on your home ink-jet printer too, that's fine. And you can see I just laid my fabric right on to the copy bed and made a copy on eight and a half by eleven paper. This is card stock so we can punch through it. - [Liana] Cute. - [Courtney] You can see how crisp and clear. It's almost an identical match which is pretty fun. - [Liana] Alright. - [Courtney] So you can pick whichever ones you like out of that. - [Liana] Okay I definitely want to do these little kitties. - [Courtney] Those are cute. - [Liana] So cute. I assume these are kitties. - Skull kitties. I think they're skulls with a bow. - [Liana] I think they're just skulls with bows. (laughs) - [Courtney] But they look like they have ears. - [Liana] I like to pretend. - [Courtney] You can use the punches this way if you just have like a dot pattern. But if she's trying to line up little faces, you can flip your punch over so that you can see exactly what you're punching. - Okay. - And I'm just gonna punch a few so I have them. - [Liana] So that's like ideal if I wanted to - Yeah this is so cute. - Rather than getting to kind of cut off like that. - [Courtney] Yeah try that 'cause look how cute this would be layered. - I can fussy cut as they say. - That's right. Oh look how cute that is. - [Liana] Oh my goodness, I love it! - [Courtney] So you can play with coordinating different looks, which I love. - [Liana] So cute. - [Courtney] I actually really like that combo. Should we dare do another? Spider webs are pretty fun too. - [Liana] Now Courtney what do you do if you want to get into the middle ... - [Courtney] Oh good question. - [Liana] But you're right on the edge.

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- [Courtney] Because your punch is only gonna reach down about an inch or so, you can make a slice. So you can cut-- - You can get aha! - [Courtney] Wherever you need to, to get in there. - [Liana] So we're not wasting any of our card stock. - [Courtney] Yeah, absolutely. - [Liana] Okay, good to know. - [Courtney] So feel free. Cut out a bunch of circles. This is really satisfying to do and then once you have a bunch of them cut, you can start layering. And you can use whatever your favorite adhesive is. I was gonna show you the foam, little dots, the double-sided dots. These ones come in small and a large size. So you can really get that layering effect. - [Liana] Oh these are so pretty and shiny. - [Courtney] So that would look great together. - [Liana] Okay, and this shiny one is from that book? - [Courtney] Yeah. - Okay that's so cute. - That's like a metallic foil. - [Liana] I love it! - [Courtney] I'm gonna use just a single mini one because I have this little tiny skeleton head that I'm gonna put right onto my much larger circle. - [Liana] Oh I love these foam dots. - [Courtney] This one looks a little bit like it's crooked so maybe I need two 'cause they're so little. - [Liana] So this is something that you could just whip up in an afternoon. - [Courtney] Oh my God, so quick. You could do this in 10 or 15 minutes. - [Liana] And definitely something that kids can help with. - [Courtney] Absolutely, yeah. I really like this layering. Of course if you wanna use your double-sided tape runner and that makes it easier just to glue stick that's fine too. So you can kind of see the difference of the double punch. This one is the one Liana punched out so it's a smaller size compared to the one I punched out. We had circles and graduated sizes so that we could layer like this. So that's something you wanna keep in mind. I also have a little tiny mini-punch. - [Liana] Oh I love that one! - [Courtney] That's really cute. This one's not meant for thick paper so the copy paper was actually best for that because the card size is slightly less than you'd find in one of these big paper packs. - [Liana] Mm-kay. - [Courtney] So once you have them layered, you wanna keep a couple from the back. Some papers will be double-sided if you buy them in individual sheets. These one happen to be white so we're gonna actually do a layer on the back and that's where we're gonna sandwich in our toothpick or our coffee stirrer to make it an actual pick to go in your cupcake or your cocktail. And for that I just like to use the tape runner. - [Liana] Because this is Creativebug and we make sure it looks good on both sides. - [Courtney] That's right, yeah. (Liana laughing) It's all about the details. But not so where they stress you out. This is still super easy. I'll give you this tape runner. So you're just gonna-- - [Liana] Will this work just as well with the craft stick? - Oh yeah. - Or does it really need to be this because we're sandwiching - The glue stick will work. - [Liana] The stick in the middle? - [Courtney] No the glue stick will work. - [Liana] Mm-kay. - [Courtney] Remember you guys we're live so if you have questions feel free to write in and ask us. So I'm just layering this. - Gotta make sure my... - And then you can see stick is in there. - [Liana] Skull and crossbones are facing up the right way. - [Courtney] Oh smart, if you do have something that's directional, just like when you're making a dress out of fabric that has birds going in one direction, you wanna make sure that whatever you're attaching is directional. - They're so cute! - Oh my god, so cute. Those are so cute. So these are a little bit taller. These would stick out more from your cupcake but they'd be great for a cake too, or like I said, you could use it as a cocktail swivel. I love that. - Nice! - [Courtney] So we're gonna put those in our cupcakes in just a minute. And like I said you can do many, many of these. Before we go over to our Halloween decor party set-up, I wanted to show you some other projects from our Creativebug classes. This is from the Halloween Decor class. Just move that to the back. - Love this. - So this is super simple. This is a rag wreath. And these are scraps of fabric just torn down. So this is a great way to use existing fabric. You could do a single color or you could do this is all black and white, monochromatic, but I used a different kinds of fabric-- - What'd you use on the inside of this? - This is an embroidery hoop. So you just

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tear little strips and attach it. You can see the whole thing on my Halloween Decor class. - It's so cute. - And this one I added this little owl. You can totally find these in the Halloween section at Jo-Ann. Of course you could add a skull, or you could do a big bow. We did a live shoot a little bit earlier on how to do a wreath so you can check that out for other ideas about wreath-making. But this is so super simple and the great thing is you could pack it away and use it every year. And it's like so easy to just fluff out-- - [Liana] And this way the trick-or-treater's know you're-- - That you're open for business. - You're open for business. - That's right. - Exactly! - This is Megan's, Rad Megan, as we like to call her. This is her treat bag that we were talking about earlier which I love. And in the class there are many kinds of these, right. There's like we said a cat, a Frankenstein, there might be a witch also. - Yeah, vampire. - And that brings me to our giveaway. - We have a giveaway. It's a good one you guys. (laughs) - If you like and share this post, you could tag a friend on it even, you will win all the things to make all of Megan's amazing trick-or-treat bags. - Mm-hmm. - So check this package out. - So we have felt in all sorts of colors because it's really all about customizing your trick-or-treat bags. I mean she gives ideas for how to do a lot of different versions. - You could have a pink Frankenstein if you want. - Exactly! And then I must point out all of these ribbons-- - A ton of threads. - there's a ton of thread. And then there's even some awesome Gingher scissors. The fanciest seam ripper you've ever seen. She's got all the good stuff in here. - So this will last you-- - Oh yeah! - [Courtney] Through a lot of holiday crafting, Halloween crafting, but in addition you could make a whole dozen treat bags, which is pretty awesome. So you wanna like our Facebook page, and you wanna share this post with a friend. Tag a friend if you like and that will enter you to win. And we'll announce that winner... - We're gonna announce that tomorrow actually because you guys need to get crafting. We're not gonna wait a whole week like we usually do. So... - That's right. This is emergency crafting. - Act fast! - And then I wanted to share the table ideas that we have. If we come back here. Oh let's bring our cupcake holders. I mean our cupcake toppers. - Oh good idea. Good idea. - So we can put those in. - Thank you my dear. - So these are super simple like I said we had them on the coffee stirrer. You could do them on a toothpick too and they can just go straight into your cupcake. - [Liana] Oh these look so cute. - [Courtney] This is a little-- - [Liana] Kay put this one in too. - [Courtney] You can put it over there, over here, great, I love that. These ones are a little tall. It depends on how you're laying your cupcakes, we could snip this. We could have done it on a toothpick or like I said, you can do this on an actual cake. So the scale's a little bit bigger. You can see that we have a cupcake here that has a skeleton from the table runner I put down. So this is just a quarter yard of fabric that I tore down on the edges to give this nice rough, rustic edge. On top of that, I layered this awesome burlap ribbon that you can find at Jo-Ann. Makes a great table runner, all you have to do is snip off your size. I also added them to our cupcake platforms to add a little bit more texture. We've got these flickering, spooky votives that are battery-operated layered in, those are also from Jo-Ann. Some really cool skeleton napkins and plates, even these little skulls which I got there. - [Liana] And I love the raw edge of the fabric. I mean this is like comes together actually really quickly. - [Courtney] Yeah it's so quick. I mean you just pick up a couple yards of fabric and you can do a table runner, you could have a cocktail table, you could have a dessert table, you could make a quick rag wreath if you wanted. So really everything is coordinated and then you can photocopy the fabric and then use it for your paper crafting. So everything is customized. We also have some other cupcake toppers if you checked out the Creativebug site or planning to do so this weekend. This is a Cricut class that I teach on how to use these kind of historic silhouettes to create really cute cupcake toppers that are pretty detailed, very elegant for Halloween. - [Liana] And the Cricut cutting machine is so great for getting those

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really precise-- - Details. - Cut for you. It would be very hard to do that by hand. - [Courtney] Even the skeleton, which you could use as a shadow puppet, or you could just use as table decor like we have here. He's attached to just a skewer with some hot glue. - [Liana] And then Courtney what are these? - Aren't these cute? (Liana laughing) This is like our alchemy apothecary style. This is from my Halloween Decor class which you can find on Creativebug. These are actually just drink bottles I think. This is a plastic Perrier bottle with just stuff that I found at Jo-Ann in the Halloween aisle, layered inside. We've got spider webs. I've attached some faux spiders, ribbon, and then I made them look like these apothecary bottles. And they're on wooden rounds, which you can find in the wooden craft section. I just painted them to give them a more elegant, sophisticated, Halloween look. - [Liana] Okay and then everybody's favorite. - [Courtney] These little surprise balls. This is another class... - It's so cute - [Courtney] Or it's an actual project in the Halloween Decor class. (Liana laughs) So that is crepe paper layered with lots of little goodies and treats. You know you can get those spider rings and some Halloween candy, and it's a really fun special way, if you're gonna do like, there are a lot of kids who have Halloween birthdays, and it's hard to make them special and not feel like just any other holiday. So this is a good great party favor for that. - [Liana] So you rip it open? - [Courtney] Yeah, you unwind it. - [Liana] I want to do it right now, but I won't. - [Courtney] You won't. - [Liana] I know. - [Courtney] I wonder what's in there actually. I can't remember. - Probably very old candy. (laughs) - It might be a little stale at this point. Thank you guys for tuning in live. Remember you can use the code, JOANN1, and get a month free of Creativebug. You can also get a 30% off coupon for your whole Jo-Ann's purchase to do this Halloween crafting or any of our other classes. - That's right. - We've got great classes by me, Megan, and a few other goodies. Twinkie Chan's class is awesome for some Halloween crafting. - Tons of Halloween crafting. - And don't forget to like and share this post 'cause then you're entered to win the giveaway of all that awesome stuff to make all of Rad Megan's trick-or-treat bags. - That's right. - We'll see you guys on Thursday. - Thanks. Bye!

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