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- Hi, I'm Ally, I am the resident jewelry designer for creativebug, and today I'm going to show you how to make quick and easy Halloween jewelry. I'm going to be making a leather cuff with a very cool skull pendant as well as a pair of pumpkin earrings just like the ones that I'm wearing. Okay, so the first thing I'm gonna make is the leather cuff, and you'll want to measure a piece of leather about an inch longer than your wrist. The reason why is because when you fold over the leather, you'll need room for the snaps that we're going to add. The materials that you need for this are of course leather. We're also gonna need a leather hole puncher, a snap set, which includes an anvil, a setter, and the snaps. As well as a mallet for setting the snaps. The first step that I want to do is actually punch holes in the leather, so I'm gonna start at one side, and I want to go about a quarter inch down, in the middle, I'm just gonna eyeball this but if you want to measure it, go ahead, I like to shimmy the leather just to make sure that that cut went through. All right. Now the other end, again, quarter inch down, middle. You'll hear a little snap. That's the leather being pierced. Okay, and now I want to set the leather back down because for my third hole for the pendant, I want to eyeball where the middle is which is right around there, I'm gonna use my setter and just make a little divot which is gonna help me mark where I want to make my third and final hole. Right there, okay, little shimmy. All right. So you'll see that these didn't make a clean break, which sometimes happens, so I'm actually gonna take a pair of round nose pliers and clean up these little holes, but while I do, let me tell you about an offer that we have for new members. If you sign up for creativebug and use code facebook30 you'll get a free 30 day trial. You'll get unlimited access to all of our classes, we have an amazing selection of Halloween classes as well as jewelry and leather classes. Okay, so these holes are great, now I want to add one of the snaps, a snap set consists of four parts. You have a post, a stud, a cap, and a socket. So I'm gonna take these two and push them aside. And what I want to do is flip my leather. Again, that hole's a little hard to see, here we go. I'm gonna take the post and I'm gonna push it down so the flat part is facing me, I'm gonna flip it over. And I'm going to add the top, just like that, I want to hold these pieces together, I'm gonna put this on the anvil itself, I'm gonna grab the setter and just put it right there, now I want to give a couple of hard taps with the mallet. Okay. That looks pretty good, all right, now we're gonna do the other side. This time I'm gonna take the cap and working with the leather facing up, I want to put the cap in just like that. I'm gonna flip it, put the socket on, it's the same concept as the first one, gonna get my anvil cap down. Just like that, again I'm gonna grab the setter, put it in, I'm gonna give a couple of taps. All right. Sometimes the setter gets a little stuck. If you find that your cap or your snap is not fastened you can always hammer it again, that does happen, it's totally okay. I'm gonna give this a couple more taps but I don't need it to be perfect, just because we're gonna move on to adding the pendant. All right, that should be good. Perfect, okay. So now that this is added I want to add this amazing skull pendant, this skull pendant actually has a screw backing, so all you have to do is unscrew it. And remember folks, we're live, so if you have any questions about this or jewelry in general feel free to write in and I'll do my best to answer them. So now that I've got this I want to flip over and find the hole right there in the middle, if you can't find the holes that you punched, again, it helps to just kind of stick something through there. I'm now going to put this up so, opposite way, there we go. Just like that, push it through. Okay, I want to squeeze around, this, just

to make sure that the leather is flat. And now, by hand, you can use a screwdriver but I'm gonna do this by hand. I'm gonna attach this and screw it on by hand. It'll get tighter as the screw goes into the pendant. All right. That looks good, all right, so now I'm gonna put this on. Give that a snap. All right, there we go, successful. And now you can see my awesome skull cuff. Perfect for a witch costume or your Grim Reaper costume, or if you're going as a member of Motley Crue, this would work as well. So next up I'm gonna do my pumpkin earrings, and that consists of beads, I've got these pumpkin beads, I need two earring hooks, I need two of these head pins, and the pair of round nose pliers, so, a head pin looks like a nail. One side is flat, and what it does is when you push it through a bead, it catches one end. Just like that. So now that this is through I'm gonna hold this, and I'm gonna push this over with my hand, you can use a pair of pliers but it's easy enough to do with your hand. And I'm going to grab the pliers, grab the wire with them, about half way down, just at the end, now I want to make a turn toward me. Sometimes it slips, that's totally okay. The great thing about working with wire is you can always readjust it, if you feel like you screw it up, then just do it again. So now that this is almost closed, I'm gonna take the earring hook, slip this on, and twist that back. All right. So there you go, one earring down. One to go. This technique is also great for when you break a necklace or a bracelet and you have all of these loose beads, I teach a class in this month's daily creativity challenge that shows you exactly what to do with spare jewelry parts. So say you lose an earring, I show you how to turn that into a necklace. Say you break a necklace or a bracelet, I show you how to take those loose beads and turn them into a pair of earrings. So now I'm turning this just like I did before. I'm adding my earring hook. And I'm closing that up. Okay. Now I've got my skull cuff, and I also have a really cute pair of pumpkin earrings. All right, thanks guys, join us again!