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## Create Personalized Dishes with Courtney Cerruti

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### Chapter 1 - Introduction

#### Overview

(bright music) - Hi, I'm Courtney from Creativebug, and I like to make things for friends and for family, and especially for people that I love, and I think Valentines Day is one of those holidays where things that you might purchase for your valentine can easily get a little cheesy if you're just searching in all the usual places, and that's why I always think it's important to hand make something for your valentine. I've come up with three projects that are really fun and easy to make. They're gonna be perfect for giving to your valentine, but they're also things that can live in your home all year long. I'm gonna show you how to take some existing ceramic like something you might buy at the store or find at the thrift store or already have in your cupboard and write a sweet little message that you can bake off in the oven, and then serve it to your valentine with a croissant and a cup of hot cocoa. ^ (bright music)

### Chapter 2 - Materials

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- To make your personalized dishware, you're gonna need to start with some ceramic pieces. And you can find this inexpensive ceramic almost anywhere. You can check Target, Ikea, you can even look in the back of your cupboards to see if you might have some lying around. You can even check the thrift store. You do want to make sure that it is oven safe, 'cause we're gonna need to bake this off to make your drawing permanent. You're also gonna need your pens to make your drawing. This is Pebeo Porcelaine 150 pens, and they are permanent once you bake them off in the oven. There are other brands, just work with what you're comfortable with or check out your local craft store to see what's available. I chose this because I liked the color range, I'm working with a black, a red, and a teal, but you can do this in almost any color. You want to remember that if you happen to pick yellow dishware, your yellow paint pen might not show up as well, so higher contrast pens versus the color of your china is gonna work best. A couple of other things to keep on hand are baby wipes and a piece of scratch paper. You'll want to make sure that your china is washed and dry before you begin.

### Chapter 3 - Personalize Dishware

#### Draw on plates and mugs

- I'm gonna start with a breakfast plate. And I'm gonna doodle a little message on this guy. I was thinking something like 'hello love' would be nice. And I wanna do it in the red. This red pen comes in two tips. There's the 0.7 and the 1.2, our 0.7's gonna be finer, and the 1.2's gonna be thicker. I'm gonna use the thicker pen to write my message, and I think I wanna write 'hello love'. And this is gonna go right across the bottom of my plate. And you wanna be confident when you make this stroke, so the best thing is just go with it. So if you wanna practice on a piece of paper to really understand how your hand is gonna be, that works really nicely. And then you're ready to go to your plate. I wanna start at the edge of my plate, so I'm gonna do a real broad sweep. To practice my 'hello love'. Do a little heart maybe. And that's gonna go off the plate. You can practice that numerous times before you actually go to your plate. You can even test it on the back of the plate, and while you're back there write a little secret message. All right, so here we go, right on our plate.

Starting at the edge. Do a little heart. Now if you make a mistake you can take your baby wipe in this first few minutes, and wipe it clean. You wanna make sure that you really wipe it clean. You wanna let it dry for a sec, and then you can just write right over. So simple and easy, you can write a myriad of messages for your loved one. Let's do a mug, just because it goes with a plate. And I'm gonna do a more graphic style. I think I'm gonna do some arrows, which can be a Valentine's Day theme, but it's also a very popular graphic and motif right now, so I think it'll apply. This time I'm gonna use my black fine tip. You can mix the fine tip and the thick tip. And we're just gonna go straight across for our arrow. And I'm gonna draw my lines first, and come back and do my arrow and feathers. Do the next one in the thick tip, in the turquoise. I think red, black and turquoise look nice together. Leave yourself a little room, 'cause you're gonna do the arrow tip and feathers, so you want some space in between these lines. Let's do our last one with the red. Like drawing those lines you learned how to practice your letters on in the first grade. So try not to run your hand through this. So I'm gonna turn my mug a little to do my arrow tip. And you can go over, like I'm doubling back over my arrow here, and that's totally fine. Do my little feather tip. I can do like a little dot here. Then we'll ... I like to have my arrows going opposite ways. So I'm just gonna turn this. Do my arrow tip here. Do my little feathers. And you can make a little embellishment mark here, if you want. And then, finally, let's do our red arrow. And this time I'm gonna pair it with the turquoise blue. Do our little tip. And our feathers. And let's give this guy some little dots. And since we have this entire mug to work with, why don't we add a sweet little heart on the back? Just for the person who's gonna be enjoying this coffee. Tiny little heart. You're gonna wanna let these dry for 24 hours, just out in the open air, leave 'em on a counter. And then you need to bake them off in your oven to make them permanent. Read the pen that you're using, and the instructions that they indicate. They'll all be slightly different, but mine I had to bake at 300 for 35 minutes. You wanna make sure, remember, that the ceramic you've been painting on, or the porcelain you've been painting on, is oven safe. You also wanna be careful when they're air drying, that you don't stack them, or scratch them. The ink is just sitting on the surface of your chinaware right now, and it is still vulnerable until you bake it off to be permanent. I wanna show you some samples that I already finished and baked off. You'll see that the ink increases in color just slightly. It darkens just a little bit. Here's the same plate where I wrote the 'hello love' message, and in this one I used the finer tipped pen. Here's what our arrow mug is gonna look like when it's all finished. And that little heart, as a surprise. And then I thought it would be fun to do something like an all over pattern. So this is a tiny little plate that could go either with your mug, or as a second piece for the set, where I just wrote 'XO' over the entire plate, and just chose to do a color pop with 'XO' in red in one spot. This guy was a little fun to play with, and you can see that my X's and O's aren't perfect, but I think that adds to the charm and the hand made feel of the piece. This'd be a really lovely gift for Valentine's Day, especially if you paired it with a really nice cup of cocoa, or a really fine tea, and maybe a chocolate croissant or some cookies that you made.