

## Valentine's Day Kids Crafts with Creativebug

### Chapter 1 - Introduction

#### Overview

(cheerful upbeat music) - I'm Jeanne Lewis, the founder of Creativebug. This is my daughter Parker, and this is my other daughter, Margot. As a parent, it's always a struggle to find great ideas for Valentine's Day at your kids' school. We're going to show you three projects which are easy, inexpensive, and most importantly, a fun activity with your kids. The first is a cupid arrow pencil holder. Then we have cute-as-a-button bracelets. And lastly, a keychain name ring to go in your backpack. What do you say? Are you guys ready to get started? - Yeah! - Yay! (cheerful upbeat music)

### Chapter 2 - Cupid's Arrow Pencil Holder

#### Make pencil holder

- For the Cupids Arrow Pencil Holder you'll need some craft felt, I have an assortment of colors here and it usually comes precut in 8 1/2 x 11, and to cut strips, I'm gonna use a rotary cutter, a quilting ruler, and a cutting mat. You'll also need Mylar gift wrap, some sparkly pencils, I have some nice velvet ones for the boys in their class, Washi tape, and ink pad, I'm using Stazon because it's quick drying, some letter stamps, and lastly some sharp, short scissors. I'm gonna start by cutting the felt into 1 1/2 to 2 inch strips, and I'm gonna use a rotary cutter, so this is a parents job. Line up your felt on a cutting mat, get your quilting ruler, and we'll cut some strips. So, I'm cutting two pieces of felt at a time. I found that three pieces is probably the max, depending on the weight of your felt. What I like to do is cut all of the strips for the entire class so that you can move on to the next step, and just focus on assembling the project. Now that I have my strips, I'm going to move those out of the way, and I'm going to move on to the Mylar gift wrap. You can get this at any craft store or party supply store. Keep it folded. This is gonna be the fringe on the, the arrow, Cupid's Arrow, at the end of the pencil. So I line it up on the cutting mat. I'm going for about, just about an inch. I'm gonna use the rotary cutter again, and I'm gonna cut my strips. Move it down, slide over, cut another strip. I'm gonna work all the way across until I have all of my strips cut. We're gonna put the Mylar aside, and we're gonna turn that into fringe later for the end of the Cupid's Arrow. And now we're gonna go back to strip of felt to add the slits for where the pencil goes through. So I'm gonna take my small scissors. I'm folding the felt, lengthwise, like a hot dog. You wanna cut on the folded side. So I'm gonna do, using my thumb as a guide, I'm gonna do one snip, right there, and then snip is not working there we go and then I'm gonna do another snip. Just like that. Making sure I don't go all the way to the end. I'm gonna go to the other end of the felt, again, folding it in half, like a hot dog. I'm gonna use my thumb to keep it closed and then I'm going to snip and then snip There we go. - (child 1) Mom, can you help me? - (mom) Yeah right there but don't cut all the way through. Nice. And now another one. - (child 1) Right here? - (mom) Yep. That's great. Okay now let's go to the other end, you already did it! Nice job. - (child 2) Can I get some help too? - (mom) Yeah. Alright. There's another one. These look great, so now we're ready to turn our pencils into arrows. I'm gonna take the Mylar strip that I cut and I'm going to trim it down to about 6 inches. That way, I can fold it over, I'm gonna fold it in half, and then I'm gonna fold it once and then fold it twice. This is how I'm gonna make the fringe. So, maybe I can get some help from Parker. And Parker, we're gonna cut little strips, just one, two, three, four, five. As many as you can, kind of like a feather. Nice job. Go

ahead and cut all of your fringes for all of the pencils, and we'll add it with Washi tape. Here's my fringe. I can probably just halve this and use it for two pencils, because I have quite a bit here. Grab my pencil. And I'm gonna use a little piece of Washi tape just to hold it in place to make it easier to roll, and you won't see that, because it'll be on the inside. So I roll along until I'm at the end of that strip, and then when I get to the end I'm gonna hold it in place go back to my Washi tape cut off a piece that's long enough to cover the pencil, and to wrap it around. The, once it's in place, I'm going to tussle the fringe to make it look like the end of an arrow. And now you have a pencil that looks like an arrow. Let's finish up our pencil holder by adding a stamped message. We'll take the felt. So we'll start with the "x" and the "o" and what I'll do is I'll do the first stamp just tapping the pad lightly. Lining it up, right where I want it to go, away from where the pencil will be. And then put that to the side. And now Parker can use this as a guide. Now she knows where to put the "o". Perfect. And now, we'll take the letters for "Parker" and start one at a time. So, here's the "p". Nice. Okay, what's next? The "a". Alright. We have the slits that we made earlier which should be easy for you to slide the pencil right through. We'll straighten this out, make it all nice and neat. And there we have it, Cupid's Arrow. And now we're ready to make enough for the whole class.

### **Chapter 3 - Keychain**

Make keychain

- Parker and all of her friends love to hang all sorts of things on their backpack. So for the next project, we came up with the idea of doing a name tag key chain. To make your key chain, you're going to need some alphabet beads, you can get these at most craft stores. You also want some colored beads to add an accent. You can use puff balls or anything really. Some beeswax with a tapestry needle which has a blunt end. I'll share a trick about that, using that a little bit later. Bakers twine, washi tape, a key ring, some sharp scissors, a hole-punch, and lastly, a pdf download of a car that you can attach the key chain to. So who's name should we make? - My name! - (Chuckles) Okay, we'll do Parker. We'll start with the bakers twine. I'll unroll about, maybe 10 inches? Parker, if you could help me by cutting that? Nice job. We'll set that down. We'll fold the bakers twine in half. I'm going to hold it right here, I'm going to grab my key ring. I'm going to leave the loop in the center of the key ring. Take your 2 pieces, thread them through the loop and pull. So that's how we attach the twine to the end of the key chain. Should we add the beads now? - (Enthusiastically) Yeah! - Okay! Add beeswax to the ends of the twine to make it easier to thread. I hold the edges against the beeswax, put my thumb on there and then just pull. I do this a few times just to make sure that the edges are nice and stiff. You can either just thread this like it is through the beads, or you can use a tapestry needle, which makes it even easier and speeds up the process. And considering we have a lot of these to make, speeding up the process is a great thing. So I'll let Parker do the honors. So we'll start with the "P". You want to go top to bottom. Remember, we're going to add the letters upside down so it's a little strange. But that way they'll weave correctly when they're hanging from your backpack. Do you want to do the next one? - [Parker] Mm-hmm. - [Instructor] I'll hand you the letters and make sure that their upside down. You can see that using a tapestry needle makes this process a lot faster. Now we can add the accent bead. So this doesn't matter if it's upside down or not. Good job! Okay, so we're done with this one. We can take the tapestry needle off and what we'll do to finish it, is we'll just make a simple knot. I like to knot it a few times just to make sure that that bead doesn't go anywhere. It depends on the size of hole in the bead, how many times you want to knot it. You can keep going until you feel like it's set. There we go! So there we have it, one key chain done. Now we just trim it. A little bit higher. We'll take our

card which you can download, get our hole-puncher, punch one hole and another one. First hole goes in the key and the second one just outside of it. And to attach it, we're going to take some nice ribbon and our scissors. Cut a little piece. Make sure we cut that. Okay. Thread it through the back. Come out the other side. There we go. And then we'll take our key chain. We'll take the ribbon and thread it through and make a nice little bow. There we have the bow. Parker, can you add the washi tape? And there's the "Key to my Heart". One down, how many more left to go? - 25 (chuckles). - Whew! Happy Valentines Day.

## **Chapter 4 - Button Bracelet**

### **Make bracelet**

- Our last project is a Cute as a Button bracelet. To make the bracelet you'll need a button. It can be any color or size. The most important thing is that it has four holes. For each bracelet you'll need two strands of twine or a really thin yarn about 10 inches long. Then, we have some beeswax, a tapestry needle, pair of scissors, some washi tape and the Cute as a Button card which you can download. For this one, why don't we make one each at the same time? - Okay. - Parker, you can use that button and I'll use this one. We'll put the blue twine with that button and the yellow and pink with this one. So, I'm gonna fold the twine in half, line up the edges, pick it up and I'm going to run the edges through the beeswax a couple of times just to make it nice and stiff so it's easy to thread through the buttons. There we go. So, I'll take one end, grab my button, come in from the bottom, go down through the top. You might have to run this through the beeswax again if it gets a little frayed. You can also snip the edges to make them sharp again. So now, I line up the edges, I pull this loop out, and I'm gonna take the end pieces and thread them through the loop. This is going to form one side of my bracelet. So, pull that through like this. Put this down and we'll do the other side. We'll run this through the beeswax to stiffen the edges and if you have trouble running these through the button holes, that's where the tapestry needle comes in. So, we'll take it, thread it through, nice and easy, pick up our button, come in through the bottom, and down through the top. We'll get rid of our needle. Make sure that the ends are lined up and even. These are nice and stiff because of the beeswax. I'll pull my loop up on the top, and thread those through like this, just pull, and there you have it. So now, we have our Cute as a Button bracelet. You can look at it for a preview and then what you can do is trim off maybe an inch on each side, as long as you have enough room to put it on your wrist, and then we'll attach it to the Cute as a Button card for presentation. So, I'll lay this centered, grab our washi tape, one side, and the other. And now, you have a fun Valentine's gift for all of your friends. Do you wanna wear it? - Yeah. - Okay. Let's see, turn it this way. Tie it on so it's a little loose. And then, turn your wrist over, trim the ends. Let's see. That looks great. Cute as a Button. These three projects are fun and easy to make with your kids and a great alternative to a store bought Valentine.