Haunted Gingerbread House with CBTV Live

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- And Liana. - And we're coming at you live like we always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays. And today we have some Halloween goodies. Some spooky things. - Oh yes. We are definitely ramping up to Halloween big time. We've been actually eating a bunch of candy, leading up to this shoot so. - Which may explain any bizarre activity that you'll witness here today because we've been sampling all of this delicious Halloween candy-- - I know! This is the best part. Well, that and costumes. Do you know what you're gonna be this year? Are you dressing up? - I'm a little undecided just yet. But I know I'm gonna carve pumpkins. - Okay, that's good. - How about you? - I don't know. I just got this like bang wig thing. It's like big blonde sweeping bangs so there's so many directions you could take it. I think I'm gonna work with that. - Sounds great. (Liana laughs) And what were you a couple years ago? - A couple years ago, I dressed as sexy Willie Nelson. - It was pretty amazing. - I did. And I made a beard out of this fun fur fabric that you could tie on-- - She looked amazing. She had braids and a bandana and cutoffs. - I did but Courtney made me laugh really hard and a bit of fuzz flew into my mouth and I almost choked on it. - She almost choked at it. She almost died as Willie Nelson. - I know! I know, so careful for anybody out there making their own wig out of fun fur. Make sure you finish those edges. Okay. That's your little Halloween PSA for today. - That's our tip from us to you. We want you to have a safe Halloween. - What are we making today? - We're actually gonna make a gingerbread house or kind of the concept of a gingerbread house. One of the things I love about Halloween is that all of the candy comes out and it's all in Halloween colors. So there are things that you can find that you can't find the rest of the year. So we've got these like fun butterscotch M&M's that are in these like beautiful pastel colors. We've got some really cool Wilton sprinkles... In this like beautiful gunmetal gray color and then a pearlized white. Necco Wafers which is one of my favorite like childhood candies. You could just use the Halloween colors which would be like the brown, orange, black, white and purple. Got candy corn, some chocolate chips. Of course, that's a standard thing that you can get all year long but I think it makes a nice little texture and it's small so it works really well for decorating a gingerbread house. We've got these Wilton little skulls. - [Liana] Ooh, I love those. - Check out your local craft store or even your grocery store in the baking aisle because a lot of baking companies will have kind of specialty sprinkles for the holidays. How do they taste? - And they taste good too. - Yeah, those'll hold up. Oreos which I love. You can use these. These ones happen to be the thins which I think are super fun. They're better even for snacking and you can use them open or closed. We'll probably use them both ways. - Right. 'Cause you don't want things that are like too heavy when you're making your gingerbread house. - Yes because we're gonna be making our gingerbread house out of graham crackers. So you especially don't want anything too heavy. These are really fun. I had never seen these before. They look like little garbanzo beans and they're actually caramel bits that are make it easy. It's just like a chocolate chip but it's a caramel chip sort of. And it makes it easy for melting. - As we were saying, a fun Halloween prank is to put those into somebody's salad. - Because they look like garbanzo beans. Just pull your (mumbles). - [Liana] Just for fun. - More candy corn here. When I did this before, last year, I-- It took me awhile but I had to find the stick gum because this makes excellent siding on the side of your house. You want to make sure when you're buying packages of gum that you look for the sticks because the Chiclets are really popular

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right now. But this is a really fun little lightweight kinda building block for decorating. And sunflower seeds. They're such a really cool tiny element. These will make great shingles. - [Liana] But they're so like naturally dark and matte finished. - I love it. - They look kind of like rustic. - Yeah. - Like peeled off siding. - They're spooky. - Yeah, I know. - And they're inexpensive and they're super lightweight. And you can introduce some other cookies like these are wafers. A lot of these things can be broken into smaller pieces. So this one's like layered. - Right. - [Courtney] So those things could all be used. - With some natural glue. - Natural glue. - Frosting on the inside. - And then we were actually building our house out of our just regular graham crackers. If you have a gingerbread kit this early, then you could of course use that and that makes it a lot easier if you want to bake your own gingerbread or cookie slabs, you could also do that. - And I have to say, so we actually came up with the idea to do this because we have a gingerbread making class with Wilton on Creativebug and it's making the classic holiday gingerbread house. And Courtney, when she was on that shoot filming it with them, she was so inspired watching Emily make the gingerbread house that she grabbed one of the kits and took it home and decided 'cause it was Halloween time-- - Yeah, it was October. - It was October. And she sent me a picture that night and said-- - [Courtney] At like midnight. - "By myself, I went to CVS and loaded up on all sorts of candy and made--" - And like hundreds of sticks of gum. - A haunted house, so-- - Halloween's a big deal in my family. My mom's obsessed with Halloween and I don't know, just working at Creativebug, after every class I'm always inspired to start making but that night especially I was like, I can get this done. I can do this. - And it was so cute. So we decided to do this unconventional one. - And you can use any kind of candy that you find. It could be childhood favorites. It could be something that you see in the drugstore or grocery store. Like I said, just be on the lookout for all the fun colors and seasonal candies that you can't get-- - And as we're working, feel free to write in with questions! - Yes, that's the advantage of us being live. So we're using graham crackers and for our glue to keep this super easy and keep it fun to do with kids so there's not a ton of prep, you don't have to make your own icing. We're using these Wilton pre-colored icing. Decorating icing in a bag. It comes with two tips. A standard squiggle line tip and the star tip. I like to use the star tip because it just creates a thicker line and this is our glue. This is how everything is gonna come together. - That's right. - And Liana already has a little house that I made for her earlier. The nice thing too about this being Halloween, you don't have to worry about all your edges being perfect. The spookier feel is just by this irregularity in gluing the pieces together. I like to break pieces off so they have an irregular edge. So just embrace the messiness of it because that helps it make it look more like Halloween-like. - It's like a spooky shack. - That's right. - That's right. - We're making shacks today on Creativebug. (Liana laughs) So I'm gonna use, I think my orange icing. And you're ready to start decorating, so remember, this is your glue. - Okay. - [Courtney] And I'm gonna start with... I think probably-- - I'll let you get started and show 'em how to begin. - Okay. I think I'm gonna use my-- I'm gonna make like a lower house. I think I'm gonna use my graham crackers this way. And then you just start with a corner. And these graham crackers, I just snapped in half. That was pretty easy. So you might just wanna like think it out for a second before you start building. And you need to decide if your glue is gonna on the inside. Or on the outside. Because if you put the glue on the outside of both pieces, they don't come together. You just want to put glue here. So you want to make sure that things are sandwiching and stacking. Just give this a squeeze. If it's a little runny, no worries. I always have like a paper towel or a baby wipe or something handy. Sometimes right when you open these, it's just like paint. So there's a binder in there. You can see how we've got the star tips. That gives me thicker tip. So that's going on the outside. Another bead of icing. Here this goes on the inside. So

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you can see that these match, right? - [Liana] It's mesmerizing. - [Courtney] It's very good glue. (Liana laughs) Same thing here. I thing it's gonna be easy for me to put this on the inside of here. Just line everything up. And you have a minute to kind of work with things. So you can place this if you wanted to do like a little weird-- - Oooh! - [Courtney] I think something like that is gonna work for me. - [Liana] Now do you need to let it set up at all before you start decorating it or just kinda dive in and go? - You can just dive in and go. That's the the great thing. It's very flexible. - Alright. I'm gonna start adding some decorations to mine, I think. - Perfect. I think before I build a roof, I'm actually gonna put a flat piece on. So I'm gonna add glue here. - [Liana] So now, for anybody who is just joining us, we are making Halloween haunted houses. - [Courtney] Like a gingerbread house but we're using graham crackers. - Exactly and our friends at Wilton have actually very kindly donated two gingerbread kits. So these could either be used for Halloween or save it for Christmas. Either which way. - Yes. - And there's gonna be two lucky winners. So in order to enter our contest, all you have to do is share this post, this livestream as it's happening and leave a comment in the comment section and you will be ready to go. - Perfect. - Okay. - What are you doing over there? - Well I put a little stripe across the top. So now I think I'm gonna do-- I'm just gonna nestle in some alternating bits. - [Courtney] What are you using? - [Liana] Okay, I'm using the little chocolate chips, the garbanzo beans. (laughs) - Your favorite. I like how you're alternating colors, how cute is that. - [Liana] It feels nice and sturdy. Courtney built this for me and I've been a little bit worried all day that it's gonna be like Jenga. So if this falls apart, I'm just gonna drop whatever I'm doing and eat the whole thing. - [Courtney] I love that backup plan. (Liana laughs) - [Liana] I hope you all embrace the backup plan too. - [Courtney] Yeah, some of this-- until you get your structure down, it's a little fumbley. Just when in doubt, add more frosting. That's your glue, more icing. - [Liana] Don't be afraid. It is Halloween after all. - [Courtney] Keep your tea towel handy because your fingers might be covered in icing like mine are often. - [Liana] So now, do you ever eat your gingerbread houses? Courtney? - You know, I like to decorate them early and have them out for the entire season. So I don't find it necessary to eat the house once it's all setup. But I do definitely snack on all of the goodies while I'm making it. I'm gonna lay down some icing at the base of my entire structure to kinda hold it in place and start thinking about what I'm gonna put for decoration there too. - [Liana] Okay now, is it a good idea to have these baby wipes on hand because you're gonna get like-- - Icing everywhere. - The icing all over? - Yeah, I definitely. I get icing everywhere. Look at yours coming together! You could be switching between-- There's black icing, there's white icing, there's orange icing. I'm just using the orange for this. For now. - [Liana] That is so cute. - [Courtney] What do I want to put at the base? There's these great little candy corn pumpkins that I think would be really cute at the base. Oh, I love it! You can experiment with some like fencing on the side here with some candy corns. You can also do that part last. You don't have to do this to start. The decorating's the part that's the most fun for me. So I tend to just jump ahead. - So now, what do you recommend doing with the sunflower seeds? - I think those make a great pathway to your house or they make great roof tiles. So if I were to do those, just make sure our roof is looking good here. I would probably just pipe on a lot of icing. You can have a skewer or a toothpick candy. Sometimes, if your graham cracker is extra crumbly, the icing doesn't stick in all the places and that's fine. You can use... Toothpick or something to smooth it out. - [Woman] We have a question. - [Courtney] We have a question 'cause we're live, Ally says. - [Liana] We love questions. - [Ally] Julie wants to know, what are the best candies to use to make spooky ghosts? - Oooh! - Oh, you know what, I wonder if Peeps makes a ghost for the holidays. - Now, I've got a marshmallow right here. Which feels like, I mean-- - A ghost. - Is a tiny little ghost. I would get a bigger marshmallow. (everyone

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laughing) It's the tiniest ghost ever. But what would you use to like adorn a marshmallow? Is there-- - Actually, you know what, Wilton makes a marker pen. So you could draw on your marshmallow with an edible marker pen. (Liana gasps) - That would be really really cute. - And they do make some fun little gel icing to get more fine detail. I haven't experimented too much with drawing. I think there are probably all kinds of fun things you could do. You could also try to like glue two little tiny sprinkles on for the eyes. I like what's happening here. - [Liana] There could be a sort of toothpick situation. - A ghost snowman? - Yeah, possibly. For like a cake topper. I think this is gonna be my little ghost flag. - Cute. - That goes in here. - [Courtney] Oh my god, I love your rooftop. - [Liana] Am I making this a little bit too weird? - [Courtney] No, it's adorable. I'm just placing-- - Will it stay? - [Courtney] My sunflower seeds here. To make these look like roof tiles. - [Liana] I'm compromising the structural integrity. - Uh oh, oh yeah, 'cause you're gonna be poking-- Are you stabbing your gingerbread house? - She can't trust me with anything. - So this is what you should do. This is a real live tip. Okay, so we're gonna take this. You wanted to put this here? - Yes. - Okay, so you're actually gonna-- - My ghosty antenna. - You're actually gonna put it into a marshmallow and then put the marshmallow down. And so, we're trying to press down. See if that stays. - [Liana] Oh my god. - [Courtney] It also might be a little top heavy. It may be stuck without it. You're gonna have to hold that in place. - [Liana] You know how you can fix that? You just eat it. - [Courtney] That's smart, I like that. - [Ally] We have another question. - Another question? - [Ally] Zack wants to know, any recommendations for decorating a spooky pie? - Ah! Zack. Hi, how are you? - That's a great idea! - A spooky pie. Yeah, you can get cookie cutters and like, I think they make ghost cookie cutters. They make really pretty autumn leaf cookie cutters. If you've seen Devlin's pie class on our site. And there's some great designs for autumnal designs using your pie crust. So instead of doing a traditional (mumbles) crust or a full pie crust with holes, you can just use cookie cutters and then lay those pieces on top. You can even make a face. That would be really fun. - Another fun idea is to use a red filling and make it look like blood boiling or something. - Like a cherry. - Could be a really gory pie. - We're pros with pie. - That's right. - [Courtney] I like it. (Liana laughs) - [Liana] Just some thoughts. - [Courtney] You could put a whole quote. An (mumbles) quote. - [Liana] That's right. - [Courtney] You could do a crow. What else could you do? - [Liana] I just thought of a red pie with just a butcher knife coming out of it. (Ally mumbling) (Liana laughs) - I love it. - [Liana] It's Halloween! Anything goes! - There's no subtlety here. This shingling is taking a really long time. I think I've gone over my expected time line here for the remodel of my gingerbread house. - [Liana] Uh oh. But look at that. - [Courtney] It's pretty. It's pretty, I have to say. - [Liana] That is really coming together. Okay, my hands are a mess. - Use a baby wipe! Or just eat it yeah, there we go. - See, nobody's actually gonna eat this so I can lick my fingers all I want as I go. - We could totally experiment with the types of candy you're using. I think lollipops could be interesting for that ghost idea. You could do those little Dum Dums. - Oh, that would be cute. I know you're exactly what you're talking about. The little gumgum, those would be so cute. - Yeah. Yeah, there's lots of stuff. I think you can find like traditional Starlight Mints but in green and white so you could-- I think green's a Halloween color. Like green and purple, orange with black and white. There's a lot of fun-- like if you know no one's gonna eat it any of this. There's a lot of fun, like little craft items to their small and miniature so you could use to adorn... Your gingerbread house. I'm just gonna do one side. This is an asymmetrical-- - [Liana] That's enough for you. - You could also use these Necco Wafers. In the Halloween gingerbread house we made last year, I used Necco Wafers as shingles and you start from the bottom. First, you do that bottom row and then the second overlaps until you get to the top. So you want to make sure you start at the bottom if you do wanna do shingles like this. In

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this case, I think these would make really good little windows. Like little porthole windows. - So I do want to mention that in our gingerbread class on Creativebug, we also have lots of inventive ideas for adding things just like you guys are talking about. That's always kind of the fun of the gingerbread house is using things in novel ways. And I actually saw-- So, in that class, we take an ice cream cone and turn it into a-- - A Christmas tree! - [Liana] Yeah, pine trees which are really really cute. - [Courtney] That's my favorite part of that class, actually. - And on the Wilton site today, I also saw a really cute idea for taking an ice cream cone and turning it into a witch hat. So I don't know if you guys have all seen that but-- - And this is how this is coming together. I think this is actually like gonna be the front of my house here. - [Liana] You're much faster than I am. - [Courtney] Not really. Not in this case. Those shingles took a really long time but I think they're worth it. They're so cute. I think I could make like a little path. This is my front door. - [Liana] I haven't done anything to my front. Okay. - I think I'm gonna use maybe-- No, I wanna use the marshmallows. (Liana laughs) Now, we're having too much fun. You also-- Another thing that would be handy, we're doing this on plates which is nice 'cause you can turn it and rotate it as you're working but Wilton makes a, like a turn table that would be really easy 'cause it's elevated off the table a little bit and it's perfect for decorating and for making these little things. - [Liana] So these cookies, I am loving, 'cause they really-- they take up a lot of space. So you cover a lot of ground. - That's right. Yeah, if you're making your holiday house in a rush then use the Oreos. That's Liana's hot tip. - [Liana] Yup. Now mine looks like it has eyeballs. It's looking at you. - [Courtney] Oh my god, so cute! So you could do a Necco Wafer on top of that if you wanted. - Oh, that's cute. - For layering. - [Liana] Okay. - It could be looking to the side. Yeah, don't be afraid to break different things down or layer them together. Like you could break an Oreo in half and use it just like a little doormat. - [Liana] Okay, whoa-- - [Courtney] Could build a little chimney. I didn't do-- I could do siding on this side. Just so you guys can see it. - [Liana] I'm just waiting for mine to go down like Jenga. Just waiting. (Liana laughs) - It's looking good. - Okay. And for anybody who is just joining us, don't forget to enter our contest to win one of those two gingerbread kits. We're going to be picking winners tomorrow, as a matter of fact. And we will get them in the mail to you. So all you have to do to enter to win is share this post and comment in the comments section. - And you could make a thanksgiving holiday house, gingerbread house. It doesn't have to be for Christmas or it could be for any holiday. (both mumbling) - [Liana] Do you you think I like the idea of this house watching us? - [Courtney] Spooky. I think I'm almost done. I'm just gonna do something to the top. You could just do like-- This is the star tip so you could just do little blobs at the top and I think I'm gonna do a bead... Here. And if you wanted to clop something into that like these sprinkles, you could. (Liana laughing) (both laughing) - [Liana] It looks like his tongue is sticking out. - [Courtney] I love it. (Liana laughing) - [Liana] I'm having a little too much fun now. Okay. And then these guys. - I love it. - I'm gonna drop into the icing barrier. - [Courtney] Perfect. Those are gonna roll right off. They're not stuck with anything. - It's not moving anywhere. I'm never moving it from this spot. - It's gonna stay here forever. Alright, I think mine's done. - I feel like I can-- - This is so cute. - [Liana] I feel like I could keep working on this for about two more hours. - Yeah, it's pretty entertaining actually. Should we just keep doing this live for two hours? - You guys have enough questions right? Alright. So I wanted to show some other examples. You could make like a little tiny outhouse. A little tiny shed to go with your other... Guy. - [Liana] Oh my god! - Once they're in place, there's not a lot you can do. If you want to glue them down to the tab-- the plate, rather, with the frosting, you can do that. But then they're not really movable. So make sure you're working on a plate that you like. You could also be working on the top of like a cake stand and that would be fine too. This is just a

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little tiny house. I used one of these wafers as a door. By snapping it in half and layering two pieces together. This has sprinkles, a little Oreo porch and the little candy corns and things. Also, the use of the... Sunflower seeds for the roof. - [Liana] So cute. - And we have another one but we're gonna run out of room. - Oh boy! - I got this one too. (Liana gasps) So this one's a little more elaborate, as you can see. - So now is this black icing? It comes that way? - Yes, so you can get the decorating icing in the black color. It's the same thing with the star tip or with the single tip. This one has a peach roof on one side. I used the wafers. These little caramels at the top. I built a little chimney. And I really like the black icing and I kinda smeared it around to make it look a little bit more distressed. I've got the Oreos and then I go wafers lined up here for windows. Of course, the pathway out of the sunflower seeds. I made little tiny tombstones with the white wafers. And then, all of this kind of ground are just crushed Oreos which makes a really good kinda powdery ground to cover up the surface. So I'd probably fill a plate or flood a plate with crushed Oreos or you could even crush up graham crackers. - These would be so cute with a little graveyard around it. - Yeah, you could do like a whole little trio of haunted graham cracker houses. (Liana laughs) Just in case you didn't have anything to do Halloween night. (Liana gasps) - I love this. Oh my god. - Be sure to like and share with this to your friends. Enter the giveaway. Check out the Wilton's classes on how to actually do this with the professional flare. - Yes and-- - Or you could just fly by the seat of your pants like we do and just gather your favorite candies and experiment with your spooky holiday house. - And don't forget that if you want to learn more and go to Creativebug and try us out. You can always do so for 30 days using promo code, Facebook30. And that gets you all access. You can take all the Wilton classes. You can take all the other classes that we have there. We have over 700. And it's for free! - And lots of things other than gingerbread house making. - That's true. - This Thursday, we have a special live shoot so stay tuned for that later in the week. - Bye everyone! - Bye!

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