Candy Lei Necklace with CBTV Live

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Candy Leis
(upbeat music) - Hi, everybody Welcome to Creativebug. We're coming at you live like we always to on Tuesdays and Thursdays. And I'm here with Julie. - Hello. - She's one of our founders, and you just had a fifth grader graduate, right? - Yes. - Your son Graham? - Graham, mm-hmm. - Tell me a little bit about him. - So he's 11, and he's graduating from elementary school. He's graduating from fifth grade and about to start middle school. So we had a big production ceremony with singing, music, poem, and candy leis. - That's awesome. So I remember just graduating from high school and leis were a big thing. There were some candy leis, it was mostly florals, but, I guess for an 11 year old boy, flowers aren't really the hot ticket item. - No, definitely, candy's better. - That's awesome. And, are they pretty simple to make? - Very simple. We just need some cellophane, some candy, some ribbon, and, for the good boys and girls, some gobbles. - Oh, awesome. We have, this is a little bit tricky to see, but we have some cellophane, we bought it on a roll, and it's cut to about six to seven inches wide. And the length from the back of your neck, down and back up. So that's probably about four and 1/2 feet, five feet, something like that. And if you do not have a long length you can tape it together, which is what we did. I'm not sure, it's really long. See, it doesn't all fit on the table. We're gonna do it in sections, but, because we're live, feel free to write and ask me or Julie questions, because she's the expert. She's done a few of these. Okay, so you can use colored cellophane, but you said the clear looks really good, right? Cause the candy gets to show through. - Yeah, so I've seen purple and red. My son's colors at school are red and white, but I've always thought that the clear cellophane allowed the candy to show through and really looked fun. - I love that. So how do you start? - [Julie] You start by laying out your two pieces. So you would take a roll of cellophane like a roll of wrapping paper, cut it in half, tape it together here with some clear tape, and then lay it out and just start putting little pockets of candy. - [Courtney] Okay. - [Julie] Maybe the variety of things here, so a little bit of Starburst, a little bit of chocolate, kind of whatever your graduate likes. - We've got a bunch of candy in bowls here. Now, I would recommend that it is wrapped. Make sure that you don't get the bowl of candy that's unwrapped, right? - Right, exactly. - So you can eat it in phases, and also it doesn't melt and make it all gross and nasty. But, I pick stuff up cause of the colors. - And then you've got the pretty colors of the wrappers too. - Yeah. Instead of just a brown lei. Alright. - [Julie] So we're just gonna put little bunches, or maybe just one Snickers here, since that's a good size. Fun size candy works really well. - [Courtney] Cool. - [Julie] And just space them out because, what you're gonna do, we're gonna roll the cellophane and we're gonna tie ribbon in between, so you wanna leave some space for that ribbon. - [Courtney] Okay. And you can do patterns or not, right? - [Julie] Yeah. - [Courtney] I'm doing a little bit of a pattern. - [Julie] You do patterns. Like I said, you can do school colors. - [Courtney] Yeah, I like that idea. My best friend in high school, her name's Cara, she's Hawaiian, Chinese, Japanese, and I said everything. And African American, she's beautiful. But she's also, her family's from Hawaii, so that girl had more leis than anybody else at our graduation. It was amazing. I don't know how she kept her head up to be honest. - Was it candy leis or real flower leis? - Mostly flower leis. I was thinking this would be fun to do with paper flowers too. - That would be gorgeous, paper flowers. - Make paper flowers. Okay, so we can do this in sort of sections, right? - [Julie] Mm-hmm. - [Courtney] Looks like. Okay, so now what do we do? We're rolling. - [Julie] So now we're gonna take the cellophane and just roll it over

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gently. It doesn't have to be super tight cause we're gonna pinch in between the candy sections with some ribbon to make our candy flowers. - It's so crinkly sounding. I would say that the cellophane is super static-y, so don't do this on the floor if you have like pet hair, or try to do it on a clean surface cause everything is sticking to this. - No fuzz. - But that would be kinda fun if you had like confetti in it. Have you tried that? - Confetti would be really nice, yeah. - Yeah, I would make that. Okay. So I've got my role here. Alright, and we've pre-cut. And you said the curly ribbon's the best. - [Julie] The curly ribbon's great because you can tie it, and then you can add curls, you can add more pieces of curly ribbon to freshen it up. You can tie some dollar bills around with it. - [Courtney] I love that. Julie was saying, she was wondering how many of you guys know of this tradition or maybe use it yourself when you graduated, when your kids graduated, or if maybe you have some other kind of graduation tradition, let us know. I thought this would be fun for a birthday too. - [Julie] It'd be great for a little party favor. - [Courtney] Yeah, it would. - [Julie] It'd be so fun, especially a Hawaiian theme birthday. Cute. I grew up in the South. I grew up in New Orleans and we didn't have the scissor tradition, and I really wish that we had. - [Courtney] Cool. - [Julie] It's very fun. - [Courtney] Someday your boys are gonna have it. - [Alley] Courtney, did you mention our two month offer? - [Courtney] For anybody who's just tuning in, welcome. This is our live shoot. We do these every Tuesdays and Thursdays, which you can write in and ask questions as we go. And, if you're not familiar with Creativebug, we have over 1,000 classes in all kinds of categories, not just candy lei making. Arts, quilting, sewing, all kinds of great things, and you can check it out for two months for free, you can have one class to keep forever, and you can get a 30% off coupon to Jo-Ann to buy your supplies. So Alley will post a link to that in just a moment. Like I said, this, I think, would be really fun to do in paper flowers. We have some great paper flower making classes. We even have candy making classes. You can make your own candy to put in this lei. - And Creativebug makes really good gifts for graduates as well. - That's a great idea. - The crafty graduate looking to keep them busy over the summer. - I love that idea. - We got a lot of great things going on, daily challenges, sewing, we've got food crafts, we've got-- - [Courtney] That's so cool. - [Julie] Everything under the sun. Water color, a lot of good water color coming out this summer. - Alright, so I'm about half way through. I'm gonna add more candy to mine. Let me pinch this off. Now you said, when you were doing bigger pieces of candy, you could also tape it if you didn't have enough wraps. - Yeah, if you feel like the in between where the candy is that it might actually just come apart, you can just put a little piece of clear tape to hold it closed. - [Courtney] Nice. - [Julie] Yeah, I saw some with like full sized Twix. - [Courtney] Oh, wow. I was thinking too, if you don't want to have candy for some reason, little, tiny plastic dinosaurs would be so cute. - [Julie] Yeah, little trinkets. - [Courtney] Yeah, little tiny things. - [Julie] This is actually a lot of candy. - [Courtney] Yeah. Maybe you can just like open a small amount at a time. Do you have run away candy? - [Julie] Run away candy. (laughs) - [Alley] Jennifer is watching us. She said, we made these for our post-prom party and the teens loved them. - That's fun. - Cool, that's a great idea. - Hi, Jennifer. Thanks for watching. I love that, a post-prom party if you guys didn't hear Alley. That's a super fun thing to do. - It really is such a fun time of the year. New beginnings. - [Courtney] I know, I wonder if you could do this-- - [Julie] Summer. - [Courtney] Dads and grads always get lumped together. I wonder if you could do a dad version of this. - [Julie] Oh, that would be a great idea. - [Courtney] Fill it with your dad's favorite candy. My dad would be what? Something he loves, dark chocolate raspberry truffles. He also likes anything lemon flavored. - [Julie] I'm having a little fail here. - [Courtney] I feel like it gets a little bit trickier toward the end if you don't do it all at once. - [Julie] Yeah, we highly recommend doing it all at once, just laying it out. It doesn't really work well on

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camera here, but-- - [Courtney] So that's Julie' pro-tip, do the whole thing at once. We're doing it in sections just so you can see it on the speed cam. But, I think you can get it. You can like twist it a little. Brian, who is filming all of this right now. His family's also from Hawaii. So he showed us a picture back in his Facebook memories, and he was covered in flower leis. No candy leis, just flower leis. He was very well loved, very popular. You could tell. I only had lei at my high school graduation, maybe two. But my parents had no idea that that was a thing. - [Julie] Yeah, like I said, I really hadn't seen that before living out here in California, but, definitely, I think, a great tradition-- - [Courtney] That's so fun. - [Julie] To start start on your own school, your own community. - [Courtney] Yeah, it's fun. I love it. And it would be a good thing for kids to do for their friends for graduation for each other. I know that the leis I did get from my high school graduation were from friends, as opposed to my parents. Alright, I'm almost at the end here. - [Julie] It's very crinkly. - [Courtney] It is. (laughs) I really do like this clear cellophane cause then you can see through to all the colors of the candy wrappers, which, in our case, was pretty. Does Graham have some favorite candy that you picked? - Well, luckily, he got his braces off the day before graduation. - Nice. - So we filled it with caramel, chocolate, all the things that he could not eat. - That's sweet. Was he thrilled? - [Julie] Very thrilled, yeah. - [Courtney] Oh my God, braces. - [Julie] He smiled for photos. All good. - [Courtney] That's so cute. Has he eaten his entire lei yet? - Almost, yeah. That was interesting that I went to get some fun size peanut M&Ms. No fun sizes in the store. - Oh. - I had to buy a big bag. - There you go. - They stay, they may come out of Halloween. I'm not sure. - [Courtney] Alright, I'm almost at the end, and then I assume you're gonna show us how to attach this together. - [Julie] Yeah, cause once you have your candy sectioned off and ribbons tied, then you really just wanna tie the two ends together. I usually just place them next to each other and you can tie them. It's a good opportunity to put a nice bow. You could do a bunch of color ribbon together. - [Courtney] Oh, fun. - [Julie] Bunch of different colors, or you could tie a bow, or, as Courtney I think might do here, a little money flower that we'll show you how to do in a second. - [Courtney] Yeah, I love that idea. - [Julie] Just a way you can kind of tie the ends, and also provide a nice little feature. - [Courtney] Yeah, I like that idea. So, instead of putting the ends at the back, you can put them in the front or off to the side, and then we're gonna put a money fan on it, so it makes it a focal point. You can use any denomination of bill that you like. We used ones, but Julie showed me how to just do these fan folds, and we tied them in the middle with these little, tiny, brightly-colored hair rubber bands that you can get from the drug store or dollar store. They're so cute, and they just get tied on with our curly ribbon, right? I love that. - [Julie] So as Courtney ties on, then I can just show you quickly, you take a dollar bill, you just fold it back and forth like you would like a little fan like you did in grade school, little art projects. Just back and forth until you reach the end. And we're doing it on the long side of the dollar bill, so it makes a nice, cute, little-- - [Courtney] Cute, short, little. - [Julie] Flower, butterfly. - [Courtney] I love that. - [Julie] Whatever you choose. And yes, we have one dollars here, but you could do 10 dollars, kind of whatever you'd like to share with your graduate. Got it creased evenly. Put a little ribbon in the middle to keep it secure. - [Courtney] That'd be fun to have all your family members write a message, and then make one all of bills before. - [Julie] Oh, that's a great idea. - [Courtney] That'd be fun. - [Julie] And then you can, I like to go ahead and secure it before I fan it out. Just makes it a little easier to get the ribbon around. - [Courtney] That's a good idea. - [Julie] Whoops, that's right here. - [Courtney] I love the end. - [Julie] Just fan it up. - [Courtney] It's so cute. - [Julie] Fan it out. And I've seen some leis where they had a dollar bill on every ribbon. - [Courtney] Nice. So all the way around. - [Julie] They were pinned all the way around. - [Courtney] That's cool. - [Julie] That was really nice and

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definitely well appreciated. - [Courtney] I love it. I'll do a little asymmetrical. Who are we giving these to? These are your dollars. - [Brian] Me. - [Courtney] Brian filming them. - [Julie] Brian. Brian and Alley for being so patient, supporting us here. - [Courtney] So then now you go back and you curl. - [Julie] You curl all the ribbon. You can add little extra bits of ribbon if you want. Really, whatever you have time for. I'm really loving the idea of confetti inside. - [Courtney] Yeah. - [Julie] Like you were saying before, it would be so cool. - [Courtney] I think that would be so fun, especially since it's very clingingy, so that would stand out really nicely. - [Julie] Yeah, it should stick right to the edges. - [Courtney] Yeah. Then you could do the school colors that way instead of doing the colored cellophane. - [Julie] Yeah, that's a really great idea. Yeah, I think the most important thing is just to have fun with it. It's a really fun time. - [Courtney] Yeah. - [Julie] It's a really fun process, and you know that the kids are gonna love it no matter what their age. Everyone loves candy. - [Courtney] Yeah, I love this. It's so cool. I'm like, do I know any graduates? I wanna make more of these. My friend Christina's boys just graduated from pre-school, but I don't think they would appreciate it. A candy necklace for four year olds or five year olds, too much energy. - [Julie] Too much energy. - [Courtney] That's so fun. I love the way that looks. Did all of Graham's friends have them too? - [Julie] A lot of them did. A few had flowers. - [Courtney] Nice. - [Julie] Show a bunch of the flowers. - [Courtney] They're so cute. I love this. I love that. I loved that you use a whole rainbow of colors. That's really pretty. So cute. I also made one using tool instead of the cellophane. - [Julie] That's so sweet. - [Courtney] So this, you can find at your local craft store. I got this at Jo-Ann. It's about six inches wide, which worked really well. When I put in my candy, I laid it out like you did, but the nice thing about this is I could work as I went. I kind of just twisted it and tied it, and then went to the next one. And twisted and tied all the way down. And then I left the ribbon short and kind of stick out, cause I like the way that looks. It feels like a flower, and I just use one single candy to get the color. Then that was a fun approach too, because then you could layer these. And that would be really cool. - [Julie] There's kids like Brian that gets lots of leis. - Exactly. Thanks so much for joining us guys, we'll see you on Thursday for our next live shoot. I can't believe it's already Tuesday. We had that holiday. - Yeah. - It's pretty awesome. Hope you guys had a good weekend, and we'll see you on Thursday. (upbeat music)

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