Gift Wrap Sneak Peek with CBTV Live

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(upbeat music) - Hey, everybody. Welcome to Creativebug. We're coming at you live like we always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It's Thursday this week and it's the last day of November. I don't know where this year has gone. We're already into December, starting tomorrow. But we do have a little surprise for you. We have a new daily challenge launching tomorrow. Of course it's mine and it is 25 days of gift wrap, which I'm really excited about because gift wrapping is actually my favorite thing to do during this season. Some people have their favorite holidays. Mine happens to be Halloween. You probably know that if you've been watching some of our live shoots this season. But the thing about the holidays that I love, besides all the great family and all the great food, is wrapping all the fun presents. Now, you don't have to have a lot of presents to spend some time and thought and energy in the way that you gift wrap. It could just be one special present for that one special somebody. But I think the way that you create your presentation is as much of the gift as the gift itself. That's always been very important to me. So I thought I would just show a few tricks to get you kind of inspired for tomorrow's start. You can use any of your gift wrap materials. Remember, because we're live, you can always write in and ask questions. I know, Phil, if you're watching, I saw your comment on the Creativebug website today. I'm really excited. I wish you lived down the street so we could have a beer together and wrap some gifts, but this will have to do. So, one of the things that I love to do for gift wrapping is actually a really simple technique to coordinate kind of whatever wrapping paper you have in whatever size gift is doing something called belly bands. So these packages are already wrapped. I'm gonna in the Daily Challenge talk about the best way to wrap a gift, but I didn't wanna bore you with those details at the moment. We're gonna do a belly band, and throughout the Daily Challenge, I'm actually gonna give you some tips and tricks for my favorite things. Like instead of using tape, not even Washi tape, to close up the open rolls of gift wrap, I actually like to use hairbands because they're easy to remove. They're not gonna deteriorate like a rubber band would, and they're not going to tear your paper like tape would. So the idea is I've got whatever gift wrap on each of these boxes and now I'm gonna switch into a belly band so that they're all coordinated. So we'll start with the little polka dot. That doesn't have to be a perfect cut 'cause we're gonna fold it into perfection, as best we can. So I'm thinking about the size and shape of this package. I want my band to kind of take up a third, the center third. So I'm gonna think about that as I fold this. Now, it's long and skinny, so sometimes the folds can get a little wonky. I do have these dots here to help me, which is nice. The dots may not always be printed on a square axis, but we can try. And I just like that this gives a crisp edge and it kind of lays nicer as opposed to a cut edge. And it's easier for me to just cut and then fold to the shape I want as opposed to cut from the onset, the width of this band. All right, so that's your band. We're gonna trim this down. You can also fold these under, it depends on how thick your wrapping paper is. Now I always have a variety of tape on hand. This is all Scotch brand tape, which is my favorite. And let me just show you the varieties what you should have in your gift wrapping toolkit. There's super hold tape, which is great for handmade papers, things with long fibers, things that are kind of spongy or tricky to work with that need a little bit extra stickiness. The super hold works great for that. Double-sided tape is really nice. If you want something to not be seen at all, you just want a very clean, invisible tape, then you can use that. What I'm using is the satin finish gift wrap tape. It's

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the one in the purple plaid. It's what I have loaded into my tape dispenser. Now this is different from the magic tape, which is frosted. I personally am not a fan of the frosted. But to each your own, but I think that the satin gift wrap is much nicer. I love the way it looks. So that's my go-to. I'm just gonna overlap here this belly band, give it a trim, and then we are gonna fold this edge under, so I have like a nice clean fold. I am very particular about my tapes. Now you could even use a bit of Washi tape. They make some great glitter tapes and you could use that on top. This is kind of a raspberry tone, but there is a lovely bright red one. You could also go with something like this metallic, sorry, this glittery aqua, which would be really pretty. But I'm happy with just the regular tape for this. So that's one belly band done. And so now we're gonna do the same thing. We're gonna add an aqua band here. So same process, just cut a strip. This one's gonna be a little bit wider because we're working with a larger package. And depending on kind of like your timeframe, your space for storage and what you wanna do, you can wrap your gifts in advance and then add toppings, like toppers to them or belly bands to them at the end, maybe two nights before the holiday. And you, of course, don't have to do this for Christmas. It could be for Hanukkah, it could be for a winter birthday. You can use these ideas for any celebration, any wrapped gift. All right, so same thing, same process. We don't have our dots here. So instead, I'm actually just gonna line up my edges. So you can see I have an edge here. I just wanna line that up to get the best fold. I can do the same thing on the other side. This is gonna be a wider band. We can always fold it even smaller if this is too wide. But let's take a look at it. Oh yeah, I like that. Maybe you guys have some gift wrapping tips that you'd like to share. Feel free to let Allie know, and we can share that with the rest of our viewers. I am just gonna tape this down. I could also use the double-sided tape and then I'm actually gonna press this, like I'm gonna push the package towards this edge and I'm gonna kind of crease this to get like a nice clean edge. And then again, you can see I have way too much of this paper, so I'm gonna trim it down and then fold it over for my clean line there. Perfect. Ooh, so good. So nice when everything lines up perfectly. It is not hard to do. It's actually very quick. So you could stack these. How cute is that? Actually, I love gift wrapping so much. I would probably do another band here and I might do it like in a solid red gift wrap. I have a really cute gif wrap, maybe downstairs, somewhere. Oh, this one, let me show you. I love this paper. So I would probably do that in the center. I don't have the roll up here. I think I used all of it in the gift wrap challenge, but that could be a really cute middle belly band. Or you can take all of this and tie it together. I'm using a classic red twill. I'm gonna need a lot 'cause I'm gonna do the four ways. So not just cross but crossover and cross in the middle. When you do that, you need the center of your ribbon and you're gonna start on the top. Gonna stack everything together. It's a little bit wonky and crazy because you've got all the weight on the top here. Just gonna be gentle. Try to keep it as taut as you can without twisting your ribbon. - [Allie] We have our first question. Gino says, "I need tips to wrap large boxes. So any suggestions on large boxes?" - Hi, Gino, welcome. You need tips on wrapping large boxes. If you don't have a table big enough, you might wanna wrap on the floor. If you have a lot of housemates or maybe a puppy around, you may just wanna sweep the area because gift wrap tends to be a little bit staticky and tape is obviously sticky. So anything that's on the floor might wind up in your gift. You definitely don't want that. And then just like take it slow, take it step by step. You know, you can always undo things. It doesn't have to be perfect every time. And if it's not perfect, just put a huge bow on it. So I would just go with that. The other thing you can think about, if you have any irregular shaped, really large packages, they do make very big like, they're sort of like garbage bags with patterns on them. They're not the most attractive, but if you just hang a huge ornament on that, it's gonna look fabulous. So you can go with that too. I learned how to gift wrap

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from my mom and it's something that she and I like take very seriously. Not seriously, but we really enjoy the process. We like picking special wrapping paper and special ornaments for whoever the gift is gonna be for. I feel like my gifts are always wrapped a little more extra, especially 'cause my mom knows I'm gonna appreciate it and it's just like something I really enjoy during the holidays, there's a lot of holiday stuff that can be stressful. You have to deal with time management. Maybe you're working with a budget for gift giving, in which case a handmade gift is the way to go, I think. But also the gift wrap can be part of the gift, like I said. So I mean that's a pretty beautiful package and we'll talk about all different kinds of ideas in the gift wrap challenge. But I wanted to show you one other really cool tip. - [Allie] Before that we have- - Another question. - [Allie] Elizabeth wants to know, where did you get your wrapping? - Hi, Elizabeth. Welcome. You can get gift wrap paper everywhere. So I would recommend... Maybe not everywhere. I don't wanna say anything bad about the Dollar Store 'cause I actually like the Dollar Store in some circumstances, but often very inexpensive gift wrap can be glossy and if you crease it or tear it, the ink of the paper will actually come off. And so you'll get all these white creases and that doesn't look great. So I would spend a little bit more, maybe three to $5 a roll. You can wait, there's like a ton of holiday sales right now. So your local JOANN, your local craft store, Target, all those places have great gift wrap. I got a lot of gift wrap from the Container Store and Paper Source are two of my favorites. And then once everything came outta JOANN, I was like picking up rolls here and there, and you know, check different places because you'll get inspired by maybe one wrap like this and then find the perfect complement to it somewhere else. So don't be afraid to combine stuff. You can also, I like to have a couple of patterns and a couple of solids and I try to limit my like character gift wrap. So maybe just make that a special roll. All right, so I wanted to show you how to create a holder for your Washi tape. Hopefully you guys know what Washi tape is, if you've been tuning into Creativebug. And this is actually a project from my book, my Washi tape book, which I meant to bring upstairs, but I forgot to. So this is a great way to have all of your Washi tape handy. This can usually fit about 19 rolls of Washi tape and I've got it laid out here and I've got all of the tape going in the same direction. So you can see that the tape is all gonna roll like from the top down. It's like that conversation about people and their toilet paper, like which way they have their toilet paper roll. So this is coming from the top. All right? So I've got it all lined up here and I've got a roll of tinfoil that I took the tinfoil out of. This could also be a wax paper roll, or a saran wrap roll. And actually this one already had these little tabs punched into it, but you can also create your own tabs just by punching in a hole with a pen or a screwdriver. Just be careful not to have your hand underneath when you poke that hole. You can use an ice pick. All right, now I have a dowel. This is a quarter inch dowel, I believe. Could be a one eighth inch. This is a five 16th inch dowel. Anything that will go through the Washi tape is fine and through the hole in your box. So you wanna kind of measure, use a side without the sticker. I would leave about a half inch to three quarters of an inch on either side of my package. And then using an Exacto knife. I'm just gonna make some little cuts. Be careful with your fingers, but this is actually pretty easy to do. I was definitely not straight in my cutting here. Let's try to get back on track. - [Allie] Next question comes from Kristy and she wants to know what is your favorite way to store gift wrap? - Ooh, Kristy, great question. What is my favorite way to store gift wrap? Let me snap this guy in half and then I'll answer that question. So once you've scored this dowel, you're gonna give it a little snap. I always go to the edge of the table. (dowel snaps) That one was not perfectly clean, but that's fine because I've got these little wire cutter nippers here and I can just cut off any pokey ends. And you can also use a little bit of Washi tape too to cover that up. And then this is going to pick up all my Washi tape and I'm gonna put it into this package for

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easy dispensing. So my favorite way for gif wrap rolls, you can get like a really nice wire basket. You can get those rolling laundry carts are amazing. If you happen to find one of those, that would be great for holding gift wrap. You could also get like a coat, kind of garment hanger and hang it in your closet. I would just try to find something that's gonna work best for your system. Like maybe one of those big tupperwares that go into your bed is great, but maybe you need something more vertical. So think about that. I really think that the little elastic hairband is a nice way to keep all of these rolls tidy, once they're open, because otherwise it just gets everywhere and then it gets messy. - [Allie] I have a question. - [Courtney] All right, yeah. - [Allie] When you buy wrapping paper, do you buy just enough for the gifts that you're going to wrap so that you don't have to store? Or do you buy more than you think you'll need? - One too many rolls here. Allie's question is a great question, and her question is, do I buy just the gift wrap to cover what I need, what I know I'm gonna be giving for the season, or do I buy beyond that and just buy what I like? Does anybody have a guess? I buy what I like. - [Brian] Beyond. - Yeah, Brian's a winner. I always just buy what I like. I love wrapping presents, and you've probably heard me say, and I definitely talk about it in the challenge that even though I'm not a knitter, I buy yarn and I'm not a crochet and I buy crochet thread, I buy fabric sometimes I'll talk about using fabric as ribbons in the gift wrap challenge, I like to add lots of textures and make things really meaningful and special for the person that I'm giving the gift to. Of course, it's about pairing colors together and it's exciting for me to do that. But I buy a ton of gift wrap because I like it. If you know you're like that, then maybe just buy a few rolls before the holidays and then stock up right after the holidays are over and everything's on sale and you'd be prepared for the next year. I know a couple of people, I think Leanna's sister is one of them who bought some vintage gift wrap, like a big bulk of it and is like working her way through it for like years on end. And you might be that kind of person, but I'm always like changing it up because if I buy too much the next year I know there's gonna be new stuff that I want and then I'll be like, "Oh, but I already have 15 rolls with polka dots on them." So you do have to pace yourself. Okay, this guy is in here. So you can see, this part's the part that you have to kind of prep where you wanna open up all of your Washi tapes and get them started, but you only have to really do that once. And this is all Scotch brand Washi tape. I had been using it already for a while, but I hadn't seen these new like holographic ones. I just got those this season and they're pretty spectacular. If you haven't worked with Washi tape before, what's awesome about it is it's paper tape, it can be torn or cut so we can tear it on this little blade here. That's why we're doing this. So it makes it easy to tear through the Washi tape and you can't find a dispenser that holds like, what is this 18 rolls, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19 rolls. Holds 19 rolls. How amazing is that? So you wanna set up your station. So you wanna think about, when you are gift wrapping, what it is that you like to use and what kind of things you wanna gather. So once you're ready, you're kind of like all splayed out on the floor or your kitchen or dining room table and you have your like mug of tea or your cider and you're ready to gift wrap. And Washi tape is one of the things I always have. The Scotch tape that I mentioned, I love that satin gift wrap tape. And so for me, it's easier to go in something weighted and then I'll often just like, you know, do a bunch of starter tapes and have those lined up. I try to keep things away from Charlie, so I don't get any puppy fur in my gift wrap. The super hold is great. They also make these little wristlets with pre-cut tabs of tape, and if that works for you, it's kind of like those pin cushion wristlets. That works really nicely. I usually use a lot of specialty ribbon. Sometimes I buy it on the roll like this tool tape, but sometimes I buy it by the yard. You'll need a minimum of a yard per package. And that's usually for a really small package. It's surprising how much ribbon you need to wrap a bow or tie a bow rather or wrap it around a present. And you wanna be thinking about is

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your wrap gonna go just around this part, the shortest part of the package, is it gonna go around the longest part of the package or is it gonna do both, and so you have to accommodate that kind of stuff. These are things that just know about, a really inexpensive use or an inexpensive sort of ribbon is using yarn because you can get a whole skein of yarn for as little as a couple of dollars and it makes a really great ribbon. So let's use this puffy stuff and then I can be more liberal with it. I'm not worried if I have any extra. And I'll talk about using yarn and the gift wrap challenge in different ways to do that. So this one's fun because it's so textural. I have like these sort of like snowflakes. I'm just gonna do a double knot here, not a bow. And then even though I have all this leftover, if I trim it, I can actually use it to make a kind of puffy pompom thing on the top. - [Allie] All right, we have a question from Catherine who's just joining us and she's wondering, what are you doing? - Hi, Catherine, welcome. Excellent question! Catherine wants to know what we're up to on our live shoot and I am just doing some little wrapping demos, talking about some of my favorite materials, and also showing you how to make this awesome Washi tape holder out of an upcycled tinfoil container. And this is all because my gift wrap daily challenge is launching tomorrow because tomorrow is December 1st. Kathy, can you believe it? I can't believe it. It's nuts that it's already December. Means I have to get on my holiday shopping. You know what I just realized? We've been doing these live shoots for probably over a year now, and I'm on a lot of them and I've never made any of you give me a book recommendation. And I always make people do that in my real classes. So if anybody has any book recommendations, feel free to let me know in the next live shoot. I think a book makes a really great Christmas gift, so I'm always like looking for good book recommendations. And in the daily challenge I will show you a special way to wrap a gift and a book. So thank you for joining us in our live shoots. We always appreciate your comments and questions. The daily challenge launches tomorrow, so get your gift wrap materials ready. It starts tomorrow. We're gonna start with the more complex and interesting gift wraps and we're gonna get more simple but still as beautiful as we near toward the holidays, so that you're not overwhelmed by all the presents you have to wrap. But these are just a few of the ideas. I think the Washi tape holder is one to keep in your back pocket for all of your crafting needs, but you could also put little twines or ribbons in something like this too. It's just nice to have that blade as a dispenser for your gift rep for your Washi tape. Thanks for joining us and we'll see you next week. (upbeat music)

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