Four-Leaf Clover Boutonnieres with CBTV Live

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Boutonniere
^(upbeat music) - Hey, everybody. Welcome to Creativebug. We're coming at you live like we always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays. And we are very close to Saint Patrick's Day, which is on Saturday, and it's a holiday that I often forget to be prepared for. I never have a green outfit ready to go when it is the day, Saint Patrick's Day itself, and you're supposed to wear green, right? Because it's unlucky if you don't, and also, people can pinch you, which is very highly annoying, especially at an office environment. Saturday, I'm at my shop, so it's okay, but I thought I'd be prepared this year and make a little boutonniere. So I don't have to have a perfectly green outfit prepared. Instead, I can create this really easy, very limited sewing project. I'm not much of a sewer, if you've been watching along all these years. So this is a little boutonniere. You can make it in a couple of styles. And really, you can make this your own. A four-leaf clover is a really simple sort of shape, and they're very, very lucky. In fact, for every 10,000 clovers that has three leaves, there's only one four-leaf clover. So you're gonna bring some luck to your weekend this weekend by making one of these. I've got a variety of felt here. You can use whatever kind that you like. I picked these based on the color. Some are those Eco-Felt that are made from recycled plastic bottles. Some are a blend with wool, and I do actually have some 100% wool felt. So whatever you like, feel free to grab. I think the thinner the felt, it tends to be a little bit easier to work with if you're gonna go really small for your boutonniere, but it's a minute detail. I'm not much of a sewer, so it could just be because I'm not as practiced as an avid sewer. So to start, I'm just going to cut a strip. I'm using a really sharp pair of scissors. That'll be key for this project. And I want my petals be be fairly uniform, so I'm actually gonna fold this in half and then fold it in half again. And that's gonna give me four fairly similar petals. And the petal for a four-leaf clover is sort of like a heart shape. We're gonna kinda leave the base of the leaf or petal flat and not come into a point because we're gonna gather it a bit with some stitches. So a sharp scissors. And you can go much smaller than this. I'm starting with kind of a bigger shape so you can see that, so I cut all four at once, which is awesome. And this is, like I said, a vague sort of heart shape, but if you wanna come back in and round out anything or make a deeper point in your heart, you could do that. You can also make this a little smaller. I think that's pretty good. I like the big ones. I think this would be nice on a jacket lapel. - [Liana] Hey, Courtney, while you're cutting away, will you tell everybody about our giveaway? - Oh, yeah, I don't wanna forget, you guys. Because we're live, you can write in and ask questions, so feel free to do so. But more importantly, we are doing a giveaway. So you can win a $100 gift card to JOANN, and you can use that online or in-store. And to do that, you're just gonna follow along the link that Liana's about to post, so make sure that you like, comment, and share. Tell a friend. Maybe you guys can have a little crafter's night this week and make some of your boutonnieres. And then they also could enter to win. That's better, it, like, doubles your chances. That's very lucky. Yeah. So I have a bit of pearl cotton here. You can use embroidery floss, you can use sewing thread, whatever you feel comfortable using. I really like pearl cotton. This is a size eight, and I have it on an embroidery needle, and there's already a knot at the base, and I just have about 18 inches or so here because I don't need a ton. And we're gonna stitch the bottoms of all of these together. So it doesn't matter which one you start with. I'm gonna come up from the back, and this is, like, the easiest sewing you could possibly think of because, like I said, I'm not a person who does a lot of sewing. So just, I'm

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rocking my needle up, back, up, back. Great, there's one. And the next one, coming up from the back, just kinda rocking it through a couple of times. You can see that that gathers the bottom of that petal, and that's what we want. Up from the back, down, up, back down. Super simple. You could make really pretty flowers this way and put them on barrettes or make little button covers. I love working with felt because you don't have to sew the edges. And felt has come a long way. It comes in a lot of colors. All right, so now that I've got these all along here, I'm actually gonna tighten everything up a bit. And we're actually gonna pull this all the way through to that knot 'cause that'll help me cinch everything. I'm just gonna arrange, and then I'm gonna, just so you guys can see on the back here, I flipped it over, and I'm just gonna continue sewing this closed. So cinch it up, gather all your little stitches. I'm coming into the last petal, and then I'm just gonna go through again to kinda secure everything. You'll have to excuse the paint on my hands. I'm working on another project that we're gonna be filming tomorrow. If you've been thinking that at Creativebug, we just make things all day, you're right, at least, that's mostly what I do. Some days, there's a lot of computer time also. So I'm just adding some stitches in here to kinda secure everything, and I don't actually need to trim off my threads just yet. I am using a dark-colored thread. Part of that's 'cause I make very sloppy stitches. If you want to do a little knot for security, you can just put your needle under this last loop, and you can do it one more time. But like I said, we're not gonna cut yet because we have a couple other components. So I'm leaving that thread on there, and you can kinda see what your four-leaf clover looks like on the front. I love the gathered stitches because it gives you a lot of really pretty texture and makes this look really beautiful as opposed to being kinda flat, which could be fun too, but I think this has a little bit more texture, which I like. So now is your opportunity to add a contrasting color. And I think I'm gonna go, I like this minty green. Just gonna cut myself a little scrap, and then I'm gonna cut a circle. Every time I try to cut a circle, it always winds up being kind of oblong because you'll see, well, you'll see when I open it. See? It always becomes an oval. (laughs) So I need to retrim and make this more of a circle. Maybe you guys have some favorite lucky traditions for Saint Patrick's Day. My grandma's side of the family, my mom's side of the family, is Irish, and we used to do a dinner at my grandma's house every Saint Patrick's Day, at that always felt really special. So I have this little, you know, you can use a button instead if you don't wanna do this, but I like just using a contrasting felt. And of course, I want a little bit of sparkle, so I have these really cute sequins, and I feel like, when do you ever get an opportunity to sew on a sequin? I feel like that's very rare. So I'm actually gonna layer a sequin on top of my circle here. So just kind of holding that in place with my thumb, I'm gonna bring my needle from the back to the front, try to kinda catch the middle of the felt, and then I'm just gonna put the sequin right on there. There we go. If you've had a lot of coffee, this might be tricky. All right, so just one right up through the center, and then to tack the sequin into place, I usually do four sort of spokes. So I'm gonna come out to the right, and I'm gonna go through all these layers just because sewing through this felt is super easy. So there's one little tack, and I like that I'm using a bit of a contrasting thread. You could play with that, you could make this orange. I know there's a lot of orange used in St. Paddy's Day decor because it's referential to the Irish flag. Apparently, the reason people say the luck of the Irish, there might be more than one reason, and of course, our CEO Ursula could tell you all about that because that's where she hails from. But apparently, there are more four-leaf clovers in Ireland than other countries, and that's why it's the luck of the Irish. I suspect that there are other reasons, too, that my Wikipedia page did not offer up. Okay, last one. 'Kay, so those four little spokes holding in my sequin. Again, I can go to the back and do a quick little loop to knot that in place. And then again, before I trim this, I have a couple of options. To

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make this a broach or a pin, you can use one of these guys. You can get this at JOANN in the jewelry section, and you just sew these on. You can also hot glue them if you want to. I feel like hot glue makes things pretty stiff, so if you wanna just tack this on with your thread while you've got it going, you can do that. I actually prefer to have a pin. I find these to be kinda floppy. So we're gonna use a pin, and I also wanna add a little bit of this ribbon. So I've got some also green ribbon. I'm going whole-hog for the green here. I just wanna make sure that my size is right. I could go a little bigger, but I think that's okay. Just a little peek through. And we're just gonna also attach this, since we've got this thread going, so easy. Mm-hmm, looks good. And we'll tack this into place. You guys, don't forget, you can win $100 gift card to JOANN, which would totally make it worth listening to me blabber on about luck of the Irish over here. So enter the link that Liana's posting. - [Liana] Courtney, I want you to know that we haven't had any questions for you yet, but we have had a lot of conversation over here about shamrock versus four-leaf clover. And I have to say, my bad, I put shamrock in the title because shamrock has three leaves. - [Courtney] That's true, that's true. - [Liana] And a four-leaf clover has four and hence, it is one. - Uh-oh, Liana made a boo-boo. She said that she put shamrock, even though I told her it was a four-leaf clover. Did I tell you it was a four-leaf clover? - [Liana] I don't know. - I can't remember. I'll just blame Liana 'cause it's easy, and she's not on camera, and she can't say other. - I'm not a great listener. - But yes, I hear that you guys in the comments are kind of arguing over four-leaf clover versus shamrock. And I think a shamrock is a three-leafed clover, and I actually have some facts about it. I believe that the druids used a three-leaf clover, and if you had one of those on your person, apparently, you could see evil spirits and dodge them in time. I don't know how we know this, but apparently, we know this, also, according to the internet. And that three-leaf clovers, I think, in the medieval ages were also said to ward off evil spirits. And then small children, if they carried them, could see fairies. So there's a lot of lore around clovers. And then a four-leaf clover, like I said, only one in every 10,000 has a four-leaf, I think that's what I read. So that's it, you guys. Like, how easy is that? And now you're totally prepared for this weekend. You won't get pinched unless you want to because you'll have your bit of green. To attach this to your lapel, I just like using one of those fancy pearl-ended just sewing pins because I think that's pretty. It's kind of like a hat pin, and you can just pin this in like a corsage or a boutonniere, which is what these are. And you can just attach that to your lapel. And I have another version. The one's slightly smaller. This one's in mossy green and instead of using a little bit of ribbon, I decided sort of a stem. And I really like this one. I feel like this one, my grandma would've really liked. My grandma was the Irish one in my family, and Saint Patrick's Day always makes me think of her. And this is like a little sort of four-leaf clover, and then I have two little three-leaf clovers to pair with it and also a bit of ribbon. And this has the sewing pin attachment as opposed to the sewn on attachment. So you can modify this. You know, you could add, use this technique and just do flowers for spring. Maybe you wanna celebrate spring in some way. And like I said, the felt is super easy because it's no-sew. Thank you guys for all of your comments on shamrocks versus clover. Maybe we'll have more information for you in the next live shoot. Don't forget, you can still win that $100 gift card to JOANN. So make sure you follow the link. I think, when does the contest close? At the end of the day? Liana's telling me. - [Liana] I think so. - The contest will close at the end of the day, so make sure you like, comment, and share for more luck from Creativebug and more wit and more crafting, usually more wit with Faith when she's on the live shoot, but we do these every Tuesday and Thursdays at four o'clock, and we love all of your enthusiasm and all of your comments and questions. We hope you have a happy Saint Patrick's Day on Saturday. ^(upbeat music)

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