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## Springtime Hats with CBTV Live

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#### Spring hats

(upbeat music) - Hey everybody, welcome to Creative Bug Live. We're coming to you live like we always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays and it's me, Courtney, and - Liana. - We're often here together, sometimes by ourselves as well. But because we're live that means you can write in and ask us questions. - So ask away. You might want to know what we're doing first. - Yeah. What are we doing Liana? - We are adorning hats today. You might know that there's a couple of big things coming up in the May calendar. One of them is Derby Day. The other one is Mother's Day, and both are very appropriate for wearing big floppy hats. - Yeah, and they're really fun to make. And I feel like there are a lot of great May birthdays, and it's sunny and the flowers springing to life, and I just feel like it'd be fun to do like a little tea party or have a girls night and make a funny hat, why not? - Right? - And these sun hats are all over in all the stores right now. We got ours from Jo-Ann and we took a wander down the faux floral section and picked some of our favorite red things to show you how to easily attach it to a hat just so you can be ready for your Derby party this weekend or for your Mother's Day. - We wanted to keep your hat from looking like a big flower bouquet hot mess, which you can get really excited in that floral aisle, and just pile it on. - You can pile it on. You can be a more is more person and that's totally fine. - That's fine. - We're going to show you our take on adding some fun floral additions to your straw hat. - You're going to need - Hot glue. - Hot glue, of course. - Yeah - And, why don't you talk us through some of the accoutrements that you have here. - Of course. It's easy to just go straight for the flowers. Liana is going to show you a really beautiful kind of ombre style of flowers, but I wanted to do something with just greens, so instead of just picking up individual greens, I got this garland, which has three or four different styles of fern leaf, which I think is really pretty and very natural. You wouldn't be able to do this on a hat with actual natural items because they would get crispy and brittle and just fall right off. This is great. I actually was really excited to pick this up because when I'm done using it for my hat, I'm going to use the rest of it for mono printing. So if you check out my (mumbles) design class it's really fun. It's excellent. - Now a question for you. Are you going to take this whole thing? And just. - Right here. - Perfect. Just like a hat. - No, we're going to easily cut off these little fronds. - They can be disassembled. - Yeah, a lot of these. What I love about this particular one is its actually wired, which means I can position my frond as I go, but because it is wired, you want to use a pair of scissors that aren't your fabric sheers or you can use a pair of wire cutters or maybe you have some needle nose pliers that have a wire cutting edge and that's fine. I also love the little succulents. Jo-Ann has so many amazing and super realistic succulents. We use them on the set all the time I do. And you may have seen some of our other crafts doing potted plants using these. Some of them are really delicate and you can trim off just one or pluck off one of the ends. Because we're using hot glue, these will hold on really nicely. - And I bet nobody else at your Derby Day party is going to have a succulent hat. - Nope. Plus it's lightweight. That's another thing when you're just using these small pieces. If you were to actually fill this with succulents - If you had an actual hat filled with jade. - Yeah, it'd be pretty heavy. - They contain a lot of water. - Yeah, so we got our hot glue and we got some of our faux floral, but you can also pick up things like twine, mosses, raffia is really fun. You can add ribbon to your hat if your hat doesn't already have ribbons. And then you've got some floral. What kind of florals do you have? - I have a whole bunch of these like really pretty, soft roses

here. I've got another big bunch of daisies, and again, this isn't like, stick it behind your ear. You can cut these off. - Liana's going to show you how to cut that. These ones I like too because these actually had this bendy, sort of paper cover wires. If you're not finding everything that you need in the floral aisle, maybe also check out the wedding area because sometimes you can find smaller things or things that maybe have a different backing. You were thinking ombre palette right? White, pink, yellow. - [Liana] Yeah. And now what's great about these as you were saying with the bendy back is that if you, let's say you have a wide brim hat that you don't maybe want to commit it to the floral treatment forever by hot gluing it down. You can always just pop it in here. This band has a little opening on the side. You can just twist it on - [Courtney] Nice. and you have temporary treatment. - [Courtney] I love that. So you can just do it for the evening and then have your fun beach hat sans flowers after. - [Liana] Exactly. But in my case, this band is actually glued down. Most of the way around, so I'm going to need to hot glue these puppies down. - Hot glue permanently. - Should we just get started? - Sure. - Our flowers are jumping off the table. - We had a spill. - That's okay. - So talk to me about your approach. How are you going to approach yours? - [Courtney] Yeah, you know, you could lay things out first and then hot glue, but I tend to not be like I'm a person that doesn't draw before I paint. I just like to dive in and go, and sometimes, 90% of the time, it works out really well. 10% of the time, you kind of lose something, but I'm not worried about it because hot glue is pretty forgiving. You can always glue stuff on top, or you could, once it's dry, pull it off. I am using a high temp hot glue, which means that this is pretty solid, and it's going to really stick on here. So, if you feel like you want to practice first you can. - I'm a planner. I'm going to actually - You have an ombre look plan mine first. - so you have to do that. - [Courtney] I'm just going for like rough greens. I'm going to snip some off and you're actually going to do your layout. That's great. - Okay, so I'm right now arranging my flowers from the lightest going around to the most saturated. So I have these like really pure white ones here going into a white with a little bit of yellow. - [Courtney] Those are so pretty, I love the variation. - [Liana] So pretty. This yellow kind of blends in with this yellow. Then we're going to get more and more saturated as we go around. Most of the times with these hats, it doesn't really matter which. - [Courtney] Oh yeah, there's no orientation. - [Liana] If there's a front or back, but always check to make sure - [Courtney] Yeah, try your hat on first if you need to make a little mark or put a pin in, just so you know what is the front and what is the back when you're composing your arrangement. That's a good thing to keep in mind. I just got a bunch of green. - [Liana] I really want to max this out, and put them all the way around. - [Courtney] That's so pretty. - [Liana] But I think I'm going to need a couple more of these, so I'm going to cut some of these off. - [Courtney] Oh yeah. - [Liana] Big guys. So you're taking some wire cutters. - [Liana] Wire cutters here. Just leaving about an inch. - [Courtney] Good job. Good muscling. I have this one too. These are little nippers if you need them. - Nice. So let us know, of course, if have any questions as we go, and we also would love to hear if you have any Derby Day or Mother's Day traditions that you like to do. - I've never been to a Derby Day party. Have you been to one of those? - I have. - What happens at a Derby Day? - You drink a lot of mint juleps usually. - Fun! - And you all gather around the T.V. for about - You watch the Kentucky - one minute. - Derby. - Exactly. - I should totally make my dad a hat. He's very into horse racing so he's definitely watching that. That's this Saturday, right? - [Liana] Mm-hmm. - [Courtney] He already told me. - [Liana] We have a good idea for dude hats today. - We do have an idea for how to spruce up your gentleman's hat that doesn't require having a full brim of flowers. - So now Courtney for a true ombre, do you agree with my choice here or would you spread this out? Like switch these around? - [Courtney] I think I would, yeah, I like that. - [Liana] You like the saturation here? - [Courtney] Yeah.

- [Liana] Courtney's the color queen. - [Courtney] I do. I do like that saturate, that's pretty. - [Liana] Woosh. - [Courtney] It's really pretty and I like how you made the choice of putting all of your flowers kind of clockwise, so they kind of fall into each other, and probably when you glue them down, they're going to be a little more flat, but I really like that. - [Liana] Gonna make it a little easier for the gluing down process, which I'm about ready to do. - [Courtney] Yes, start. - So when I'm gluing down the flowers, I actually just like to add to the flower not to the hat. Is my strategy. And, just a little, I might need to borrow some of yours. - [Courtney] We have more glue sticks. - [Liana] There we go. So just a little bit right there on the base and remember, this is hot hot hot. - [Courtney] Super hot, but you do want to kind of hold it in place until the glue sets up. - [Liana] Feel your way through the flowers. Press softly. Yeah. - [Courtney] Yeah. - [Liana] And that is on. - [Courtney] And I think it's easy. It looks great about working on the table is you kind of rotate as you go. And I'm kind of doing the same approach where I'm layering one on top of the other. This is also kind of how you make a wreath where you kind of go in a single direction and then, so whatever you put on covers the connection from your last little segment. So you're kind of always covering your glue with the next leaf or flower, and then you can figure out what to do with your start and end points. I need more glue too. - [Liana] While we're working, I wanted to mention that we actually have a great offer going right now for anybody who is curious about Creative Bug, loves Jo-Ann as we do and wants to go get their own flowers. We are currently offering two months, two of Creative Bug - That's awesome. for free. So if you sign up for Creative Bug with the link that Ally is posting on the comment section right now. If you sign up for it, then you get two months of Creative Bug for free and you'll also get a 30% off coupon from Jo-Ann's so you can go take that right to the store and buy your flowers. Boom boom boom. - Actually walking down the floral section is really fun to do because it changes out kind of like a season. There's a fall kind of look, a spring look, a summer look, and I was never really into faux florals but I think the quality has increased so much since I was a kid and I love these ones that are plasticky. They look way more realistic. The succulents really beautiful. These fern fronds are amazing. - [Liana] I love the succulents and the leaves. - [Courtney] They're so pretty. - [Woman] We have our first question. - [Liana] Bring it on. - [Woman] Julie say that her and her friends are having a fedora party. - Oh. - Oh. - Hi Julie. - Cute. - [Woman] What florals or other decorations would you use on a fedora. - Should I tell them? - Well actually we have one to show you that we're thinking could be for a man or a woman, but a little more understated, but just as festive. - Look how cute this is. Okay, so this was when we were playing with the ferns and we realized that they make this really cute feather shape. And they do have that wire in it so they can be bent a little bit. I think this is a great dude hat, or great for somebody who doesn't want to be wearing a lot of florals on their head. So I love the take on the feather. But of course you can take some of these techniques. I think that would be gorgeous going all the way around. A fedora definitely has less surface area to play with. - Room. - Up to you how far you want to go with it. - You could even do Liana's approach, but just scale down your flowers. Another thing, like I said, the faux floral section. You can, of course, take a gander through the garlands and things like that, but you can also check out the scrapbooking and paper arts area because often there are paper flowers, like little tiny ones. - Yes. - Which are really beautiful. There might even be white ones if you want to get into dying and spraying your own, you could do that. - [Liana] Make your own paper flowers. - [Courtney] We have some awesome classes on Creative Bug with Olivia Cheddy. She shows you how to make really beautiful tissue paper flowers. So you could check those out also. - And for a Derby party also, I mean, if it's just one day, there are some flowers out there that can last you for a day. - [Courtney] Some fresh flowers. They

are a lot heavier and if you're in the full sun, they might wilt a little. - [Liana] I know, and after a couple of mint juleps they start looking kind of sad, right? - [Courtney] Yeah, I used to work in the wedding business and you really have to make sure your flowers, especially in the full sun. Did you just burn yourself. - No, I just made that noise. I didn't burn myself. I'm good. - You need like a little water tube, which you can also find in the wedding section. You can get those little tiny water tubes to put on the end of a flower if you are wanting to do a fresh flower and you just hide it with whatever your greenery is. - [Liana] Okay. - [Courtney] Just working my way around the hat. How's yours coming? - [Liana] Me too! - You see how fast this comes together. - [Courtney] It really does. - [Liana] This can be an emergency last minute Derby Day hat. - [Courtney] It's a great costume too. - [Liana] But I love the idea too of doing this for Mother's Day brunch and. - How fun would this be? - Yeah, surprising mom with it. Guess what? You get to wear a big stupid hat. - I really feel like, something you and your sister would do for your mom. - [Liana] It totally is. - [Courtney] I don't have a sister, so. - [Liana] One of these might be coming home with me. - [Courtney] I think so. I could totally picture it. - [Liana] For Mother's Day. Okay, I think I've made my way all the way around. - [Courtney] I still have a few more. - [Liana] So definitely once you have them in place, do a little feel test. - [Courtney] Yeah. Just make sure. - [Liana] You don't want them to go flying. - [Courtney] They are wired, so they may not have laid down exactly how you thought, but that's fine just add a little bit more glue. You can also, if you're working with something that is wired and you don't want to permanently attach it to your hat, you can kind of tuck it in and do like a little twist tie action. - And hot glue, they stay on pretty well. I wouldn't recommend wearing this in a convertible or something. They're not on that well. - [Courtney] The ribbon. Ribbon, tie it around. - [Liana] I'm going to try mine on. - [Courtney] That's so cute. - You look great in that Derby hat. - [Liana] Do I? - [Courtney] I think we should have a hat day here at Creative Bug. What do you think? - [Liana] I think we're having one today. - [Courtney] I think so. I'm almost done with mine. - [Liana] Oh, I love the way this is going up the side. That's so pretty. - [Courtney] Yeah, I like it. I like the natural elements, but you don't have to have a floral. Or you could do something like this and just put a single flower. Let me add one more just to finish it off, so you get the full effect. - [Liana] So cute. I feel like I can't add ribbon or raffia 'cause it would just be too much. - [Courtney] Right, if you were to do like a May Day kind of thing, you could have tails of ribbon coming off. I would do that from the underneath side as opposed to on top. And that would be really fun thing to do for a kid. Think that would be a nice way. You could totally do something like that for a little flower girl for a wedding or. - [Liana] So cute. Yeah, these would be great for weddings. - [Courtney] Or a kid's tea party. Like my green? - [Liana] Adorable. I love it. - [Courtney] So really, I mean, this is so freeform. You can plan out your florals or your greens and then place them down with hot glue. If you try a wire component, you can add whatever you're really into. The raffia is really fun. We also just had a couple of other hats to show you where we took a slightly more minimalistic approach. If you can see these. - [Liana] Yep. - [Courtney] Do you want to put them on? - [Liana] Yeah. So if you're not feeling the full treatment. - [Courtney] You could just do a little bit. - [Liana] Just a little bit on the side. - [Courtney] Yeah, you could play with your color palette. This one I did a combo of the greens and then just a single pink flower, matches my pink band. - [Liana] And again, don't forget to play with your wire here. - [Courtney] Yeah. - [Liana] Just like you want. - [Courtney] You could use a wire ribbon as well. And of course, if you're not familiar with Creative Bug, you can check out our two month free offer, which is pretty awesome. We have over 1,000 classes in quilting, sewing, illustration, natural dying, kind of everything you can think of. - [Liana] And paper flowers. - [Courtney] And paper flowers. We don't have any hat making yet. - [Liana] Not yet. - [Courtney]

But it's not that something you're interested in. That's what these live shoots are for. We love all your comments and questions. Thank you for tuning in and we'll see you next time. - [Liana] Bye.  
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