Paper Holiday Village with CBTV Live

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(upbeat guitar music) - Hey everybody and welcome to Creativebug. We're coming at you live like we always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays and we're getting closer to the holidays. Some of you may be adding some festivities to your house, some holiday decor. Of course because we're Creativebug and because I'm who I am, I love to make things for the holidays and I like things that are easy, quick, and also can be translated into multiple kinds of projects. This little demo is a revamp of Jodie Alexander's house book, which is on creativebug.com. It's a really simple book making fold that you can do with kids, but I'm gonna show it to you because you can actually make cute little paper gingerbread houses and create one of those little villages on your mantle piece, or this would be a great kind of tablescape in your table for Christmas dinner or some other kind of holiday party. It's really basic and easy. Because I want this to look like gingerbread, I'm using a craft paper. This is kind of like a light card stock. You could just use a regular weight paper. The card stock is gonna work really nicely. The folds are a little bit trickier, but it's a pretty simple project so it's not too hard. The main thing is you have to start with a rectangle for this particular type of fold. It can be at any size. We're gonna start by folding it. Actually, let's do the long way so the hotdog way. We're gonna fold it in half and like I mentioned, with card stock, you're gonna get some rippling here. You can use a bone folder or a craft stick to just smooth that out if you want. Then we're gonna open it back up and fold back to the center fold. Fold this guy up to the center fold. I'm not worrying about paper grain or anything like that for this project. Now we're gonna open it back up and fold it the hamburger way, so the short sides. When it looks like this, we're actually gonna take this corner and fold it to the first fold line that we see. We're gonna do this on the other side, the opposite side as well. If you're working with really small paper, like even a smaller size than this, and really thick paper like card stock, that might be a little tricky, but that's all of the folding you have to do. Now we're gonna open it up and this creates the sort of peak of our house. You may have to refold your folds and kind of get everything to lie flat. It creates sort of the roof. You can see it here. I like to kind of refold everything so that it stands really nice and crisp. It's like a little mansion, a little gingerbread mansion, and the fun part is actually decorating it. I like making gingerbread houses, but they are a lot of time, a lot of work, and they're very messy 'cause you have to have icing and lots of candy, and then of course you eat half the candy which is not great for your waistline during the holidays. I'd rather be eating my mom's fudge instead of the M&M's from the dollar store. This is gonna be easy because we're gonna just decorate it using our Gelly Rolls and our permapaques, which are two of my favorite pens that Sakura makes. A lot of our Creativebug instructors use these. The white shows up really nicely on the craft paper. I'm just gonna lay this flat and I can see sort of the front and back end of my house. It's definitely gonna pop up 'cause it's card stock. Now we get to decorate. Let's say this is the front of our house. We're gonna have a door. Let's say I want these to be candy canes. The slower you go, the thicker the white will be. I'm going kind of fast. Let's try this guy. You can fill this in. You could also use paint. The pens are just so easy. This is like a no mess, quick, craft which I love. These would be really cute little place cards too like at a table. If you're going to one of those cookie exchanges, you could put the type of cookie and the ingredients in case anyone has any allergies on your little house and then stick it in the middle of your cookie tray. We're gonna do a cookie exchange here at Creativebug so maybe I'll do that for

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my cookie. If you have any ideas of what cookie I should bring to the Creativebug cookie exchange, let me know 'cause I haven't decided yet. These are permapaque. These are a water-based permanent marker. I really, really like them. Sakura also makes these. They have two tips, the bullet and then a chisel tip on the other side. You can see, it's like a nice, thick, opaque ink. You only have to do it once. That's my candy cane. Maybe I wanna add a little kind of shadow on that side. Do the same on this side. Start with my shadow and let's do our stripes going the opposite direction. You of course don't have to do just the red and white. They could be the rainbow candy canes and let's see. Why don't we do little peppermint door, a little doorknob rather, a little peppermint doorknob. I'm gonna let that dry because it's white and it's wet right now. Then we could add some little other things. We could do icing, sort of like icicle icing, and that's just kind of scribbling, which is really fast and fun. Makes little icicle icing hanging down like that. The Gelly Roll is paint-like so be careful not to drag your hand through it while it's still drying. I think maybe let's do some curly Q's. You can look up gingerbread houses to get some ideas for what the designs will be. There are a lot of really fancy gingerbread houses out there, let me tell you. I was looking. Icing hearts are very common. Little heart in the middle. You could do something all white like that or you can go back in and add, oops, more color detail. Let's do our peppermint down here since that's dry. I like that. Maybe that has a little red like a cinnamon. Think about the candy you would put on. It's like one of those little hot cinnamon things would go in the middle there. Maybe one here. What other kinds of things? Do you remember those dot candies? - [Woman] Dots. Little gumdrops. - [Host] They look like little Pac-Man things. Make some of those. Those are something I would use to make my gingerbread house with, and they're gonna look like our bushes. Let's add a little drop shadow. You can add a little white highlight. - [Woman] We have several cookie suggestions. - [Host] Sounds like I've got some cookie suggestions for the Creativebug crew. - [Woman] Beth has two suggestions. - [Host] I keep trying to put this on there. - [Woman] One is peppermint meringues to go with your house. - I love that! Beth says peppermint meringues, which I love. Those are so pretty. I don't love to eat them, but they're so pretty. (women laughing) I gotcha Allie, don't worry. - [Woman] And the other one is Hershey kisses and peanut butter. (woman gasps) - I also heard Hersey kisses with peanut butter dough. That sounds delicious actually. I love that. This needs some little windows. Those are good suggestions. I was saying, I'd rather eat the fudge that my mom makes. My grandma always made fudge every year and now my mom makes fudge. I still have not taken up the mantle of making it although I still eat it all the time. My mom asked me the other day. She's like, did you want fudge this year? Your sister-in-law already put in a request. I was like, oh yeah. Yeah I'll take some. That looks good. Let's do some more peppermints up here, some smaller ones. I love how that white just looks on the craft paper. This is so fun you guys! You should try it. What's gonna go in my windows? Just maybe little curtains. I really like the candy cane theme 'cause it's such an iconic sort of look. I'll do some little candy cane sticks here. I'm sure you could be much more flamboyant in your gingerbread house, but I feel like I'm doing it pretty standard. For something that little, I'd probably switch to my red Gelly Roll. - [Woman] Kathleen says pinwheel cookies are a favorite. - [Host] Kathleen says pinwheel cookies are a favorite where she is. That sounds good. I like to make those shortbread bars that have jam on the top and then an almond crumble because you just cut them up after and you just make one whole tray of them and those seem easy. I like those too. - [Woman] We have a question. April wants to know, are those gel pens that you're using? - [Host] April's asking am I'm using gel pens. The answer is yes, I'm using Gelly Roll, which are my favorite, and they go right on top of the craft paper. I'm using the white and then I'm layering more Gelly Roll on top to make my candy canes. I also use the permapaque pen, which is water soluble permanent

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pen, but it's very much like a paint pen. It's really good. Let's add a little kind of drop shadow here too. The curtain needs something. I feel like I should use a new color. Do I use some blue? I don't know. I like the traditional colors. Maybe it just needs little decorations on the outside. Oh yeah, let's do some white decorations here, like little icing. I'm kind of mimicking what a gingerbread house made with candies and icing might look like and just doing the doodled version, but there's no reason you have to do that. You could make your gingerbread house look like anything. It could be more ornate. That's kind of fun to do the candies I think. These curtains need some color. Let's make them red. You can see how that really just lays over the craft paper so easily. Good questions and comments you guys. - [Woman] Can you make the roof look like Necco Wafers? - [Host] Taren has a request. We wanna do the roof now. We're gonna do Necco Wafers. Once this is dry enough, you can just kind of put your hand down and make sure it's dry. It dries pretty quickly. We're gonna open this up, which is doesn't hurt this to do this to your book. You can open this up and we're gonna do Necco Wafers and what's gonna go really quickly is using the chisel part of our permapaques. Your instinct might be to start at the bottom, but really you need to start at the top because everything is gonna lay underneath that first layer. The top of the Necco Wafers. They're gonna be kind of big circles. Excellent request Taren. - [Woman] Adrienne says, last year, my coworkers and I did a fudge exchange instead of a cookie exchange and everybody brought a different flavored fudge. - [Host] Adrienne said that? - [Woman] Adrienne. - Hi Adrienne. I love the idea of a fudge exchange. I didn't even know there were that many kinds of fudge, but if I'm thinking about it, you have your traditional milk chocolate fudge as in my family, dark chocolate maybe with almonds. That would be good. When I was a kid, my favorite candy was called Divinity, which is basically white fudge. Then I just learned about something that Allie said is like an East Coast thing. - [Woman] Panucci! - Panucci! Maybe you've had it. It's like a maple fudge. I love that idea. Maybe I'll do fudge for my exchange. That's your top layer of Necco Wafers. We're gonna alternate our colors. Just like kind of bricks, you're gonna do your circles going in halfway. If you wanna draw it first, you can, just to outline. Then in this case because I'm filling in, I might do the bullet tip just so I can get in between here, but you can still see how quickly it goes. It's really fast. I have two greens I can play with on this. This is the more tealy dark green, and then I've got a more foresty green. Actually, let's see. Maybe I'll use the chisel tip...for that middle part. Oh yeah, I can still get in there with that chisel. That's fine. I love your guys' ideas for the cookies and also for the fudge. I like to package everything. That's my favorite part of the holidays, is all about the gift wrapping and the packaging. Fudge always comes in a tin, at least at my house. You have to put saran wrap layers in between each layer so everything does not stick to each other and become one giant piece of fudge in the tin, and also so it stays fresh. Let's do our next layer of green. I like this Necco Wafer idea. Also kind of looks like mermaid scales. - [Woman] Nikki says, I like this project because I can imagine making any one each year and building an entire village over time. - I love that idea Nikki! Nikki says she likes this project because she can do one of these every year and then build a village for her collection. That is awesome. I love things that become a tradition. You probably heard me talk about that with the advent calendar 'cause I love the advent calendars too. This is our last layer. This is gonna hang right off the roof edge there. Good job Nikki with that idea. I really like that. Those Christmas villages are really a thing. People get really into them. I like just the idea of making our own handmade paper version. You can still put little fake trees and little snow all around your little paper village. Just so you can get an idea of what that looks like. Then you could decorate the other ends of your house. You could put some little bushes. And this is imagine the side of your house, maybe there's a little hose made out of a licorice. That would be so cute. Of course, you need to

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decorate the other side, but these go really quickly and the folds are super easy and you can customize this to any shape. All you need to do is start with a rectangle. Remember, you're not gonna use a square because you wouldn't be able to make the shape if you used a square. I'll show you some other ones that I did. This guy is really tiny. I think this started as a three by five card. You could tell I like the candy canes. They're just so iconic. I made a little candy cane heart fence and little peppermints. Super easy. Here's another little guy. Also the kind of gum droppy style. This one has a chain link candy cane fence. This is in my hood. Kind of like the Necco Wafer style, but more just like scallops. These are little bushes with peppermint flowers. Here's one that's very classy. It's all white so this is all icing basically. It has those icicles and little wreath and kind of hearts and other little details. Then my last guy. Again with the candy canes. Clearly I have a theme going. I was trying to get M&M's with icing so I want it to kind of look a little drippy so I added that and I actually painted the side of this and then that sort of that Necco Wafer style on top. This one was fun. This is little pretzels but they make a little gate. That's pretty fun. You can see that I could probably spend the next few hours doing these. They're so fun and super easy. It could be maybe a craft the night before Christmas or if you have a bunch of kids over or even a bunch of adults who haven't had a chance to do some fun doodling in awhile, this is a really fun project to kind of get everyone together at one table. Of course you'll be eating, possibly eating cookie and fudge, but also you could be making things together which is what this season is all about. We'll see you on our next live shoot and thanks so much for your questions and comments. (upbeat guitar music)

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