Fairy Gardens with Littles with CBTV Live

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Littles Fairy Garden
(spunky music) - Hey Everybody, welcome to Creativebug Live. I'm Courtney, and we're coming at you live like we always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which means that you can write in and ask us questions. If you're coming from our normal crowd, welcome, and if you're coming from our join crowd, welcome. You may have received an email today that was so beautiful, it had a lot of great classes featured but most importantly it had a special offer which is the one, one, one deal. One month, one class to keep forever, for a dollar. Which is pretty awesome. So, we thought of a really fun springtime project I know we've got a couple holidays looming. Both St. Patrick's Day and Easter and I know people are already kind of like bubbling up with ideas and curiosity about what kinds of crafts they can make for those holidays. And for me, they are kinda harder holidays to craft, especially since I don't have children. I feel like St. Patties Day, in my family, we do have Irish on one side, and it was all about the food, and now that my grandma is gone we don't really celebrate as much. And for Easter, to be honest it's my least favorite holiday and I don't know what it is, but I was excited to play with some little things, actual littles, that we can use to make some fun table decor and they could be put into a gift, it could be to create a little moment in a hallway entry, or even better, to do a beautiful little spread on the table, like your Easter table, or just a little moment in, like I said, your hallway, or some little nook in your house. So, what is a little? That's an excellent question. A little, well there are many littles. Let me just show you a few. Littles are these sweet, cast resin fairies, gnomes, accessories, like little mushrooms, even tiny little woodland creatures. And you can tuck them into a plant, which would be really way to specialize a gift. I know, for holidays, I always give a potted plant to my grandma, especially for something like St. Patties Day or Easter. But you can also create little scenes just to brighten up your house for spring time and bring some of the outdoors in, in this way. So, I was gonna show you two little things you can make, one possibly for, I almost said Thanksgiving, one for Easter, and one for St. Patties Day. So, the first thing we're gonna do is, let me show you kinda what I've created. Here's a little. A little gnome and we've turned him into a leprechaun, Leanna made this really cute little felt hat, you're gonna have to ask her about that tutorial on the next live shoot, she's not here today. But I was gonna show you how to paint a rainbow and make a little pot of gold and how to create this setting. So, first we're gonna start by painting our rainbows so it can be drying while we're working on other stuff. I've got a really pretty set of koi watercolors. I just started playing with these last night, they're so much fun and they come in different sets. I think 12, 24, and 48. I've got the 48 colors. Also comes with this great little water brush, so there's water in the barrel here which means you don't need a separate bowl of water. But you can use this like a traditional pallet with a watercolor brush and a bowl of water. Whatever you prefer. Let's do a somewhat traditional rainbow. I'll start with a red color. And this could be as large, or as little as you like. I'm doing it very free form. If you need some watercolor inspiration you can check out our Creativebug classes, Lindsay Stripling, who is one of our artists, does a lot of great rainbows on her Instagram feed and she has a wonderful watercolor class on our site. You could also paint things like flowers if you didn't want to do a rainbow. Maybe you wanted make a garden instead for a fairy. You could check out Yao Cheng's classes. Let's go back in and add more red here. I'm using this little sponge to take out some of the red, before I go back into my yellow. Let's do some green. I'm letting all the colors bleed together because I like the way that

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looks. You could keep this like a much more traditional, tighter rainbow if you wanted, but I don't mind a little bit of the color mixing I think it's nice, fun. Let's do a blue. Alright, maybe we'll go back in, just one more time to find that last outer red. This is a fun way also for kids to participate, they could paint rainbows that then you're going to assemble into your little world. Alright, we'll set that to the side and let it dry. Oops. And while we're doing that we can sort of create the base. So this would be for our St. Patties Day. We have a wooden round, you can find this at Jo-Ann you can also get the wood that has a nice sculpted edge sort of for like framework. You can play with doing this on top of box like really your base can be anything. I'm gonna hot glue everything to this so it's nice and stable, that way if I wanna move it around the house I can. But you could just create this set up without hot glue it's totally up to you. I've got my hot glue gun brewing over here to my right and then I've got some of this wonderful Spanish moss which comes in a bag. You can also find moss sheets and little moss rocks, that's kind of in the gardening section. So have, keep an eye out for those. I'm just gonna pick a few points to tack that down. You don't have to hot glue all of it. It's nice to have a little bit of movement. Just the few spots so it doesn't come off. Remember we're live so if you have any questions or any suggestions, maybe you have a different idea for how to use these, write it and let us know, because lots of people are tuning in and maybe your idea might have a fan, somebody else who's like yeah I want to do that instead. Let's see where our guy is gonna go. Maybe he's on this little outcropping here. This is Resin, I can put the hot glue directly onto the moss, or I can put it directly onto the bottom of my little gnome guy here. Whatever you prefer. And there are a lot of cute little things. Your gnome could have some cake. Let's say you wanted to make this a birthday gnome instead, you could do that. In fact, my friend Micheal's birthday is actually on St. Patrick's Day so, you could have a combo. There are these little butterflies and things and maybe you wanna add a butterfly. - [Camera Woman] Courtney, for those just joining us, can you mention the little sale happening at Jo-Ann. - Yeah, so anybody who's just joining us, welcome, we are doing this live like we do Tuesdays and Thursdays, which means you can write in and ask questions, and I was mentioning that there are a couple of holidays that are coming up, both St. Patrick's Day and Easter and I kind of have a harder time crafting for those holidays but I thought these littles, that's what they're called, theses littles, are kind of fun to play with. They are something that could be like tucked into a plant as a gift, but you could also make these little kind of fairy forest scenes with them. And right now, I know online, these are 40 percent off. So, Allie's gonna post a link for you and if you are new to Creativebug, we have over a thousand classes on our site and you can get access to those for a dollar. So, one month and one class to keep forever for a dollar. So, you could check out other classes, with some holiday crafting. Let's see, what else do we want to add to this? We're gonna add our rainbow. Let's see if that's dry enough. It's a little bit still wet there. I think we can still cut it out though. I'm gonna leave some little tabs at the bottom so that we have a place to glue the rainbow in. Just using some sharp scissors. Painted this a few minutes ago, it's still a little wet. That's okay though. Like I said earlier, this would be a fun part for kids to participate in, maybe drawing or painting the rainbows, and then you can come in and assemble your little world. - [Camera Woman] We have a couple of comments - [Courtney] Sure, sure. - [Camera Woman] Nicole Hunt says you could put the whole scene in a mason jar. - [Courtney] Yes! Nicole is saying you could put, whatever you create, under a bell jar. That would be really, really cute and you would keep it dust free, which is nice. I think that's a really great idea. And if you do that, I mean, some of these guys might even fit into a terrarium, so you could play with that. Here's out little rainbow. Maybe our little rainbow's gonna go next to the gnome instead of on, like right behind him. In which case, I think I'm gonna reduce these tabs. What I'm gonna do is kind

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of hot glue and nestle them into here and we can add more moss to cover up the bottoms. So, let's add a little hot glue. Oh, that is some hot glue! I'm using a very high temp hot glue gun, so just be wary of that. Add a little more. And I can fill in with some moss around it to kind of hide the bottom of the rainbow. It does take a minute for it to set up. I never really think of hot glue as being wet or dry I just think of it as being like molten, because it is very hot, and then set up. It good to put a little weight to get it in there. I'm gonna add a little bit of moss to the back. Now, we could add some more moss in here if we don't feel like there's enough. Could also play with using some spray shimmers or something on your moss, I know, Tim Holtz has a bunch of those in the paper crafting aisle. There are other little fun things, like mushrooms. Some little bushes. Maybe your leprechaun is listening to the radio. There are all kinds of little things you can play with. I was thinking we could add a little flag and maybe a little phrase or something. So, this is an easy flag to make, I just used a bit of Washi Tape and a toothpick and the scale for this is perfect. Let me just show you how I made that. Take a little bit of Washi Tape, just wanna leave a little bit, like an eighth of and inch at the top, because it's easier to keep it on that way. And try to line up your Washi Tape the best you can and you can leave it like that but I, whoops, I like to cut it. So you can come in and just cut it. So, you could add this. Again, I would put just a little bit of hot glue down so there's a place for this to stick and that moss will just cover it up. Give it a sec to set up. You can add more moss around if you need to. You can also make like a little banner like this says Luck of the Irish. Which I know is like a little phrase. This could be high up and I just cut a little bit of scrapbook paper and wrote on with one of my gel pens. My sacred gel pens. And maybe that's just gonna get tucked in there. Again, I'll just glue this. This is something you can change or add to throughout the season. You could pack it away and use it next year, maybe add some new elements to it. You could do a little grouping of these, which I think would be really cute. You could add some more little bushes, you could nestle in some little artificial plants as well, which I'll show you for the fairy in just a minute. Oh, I didn't show you the pot of gold. Let me show you the pot of gold too. I think he's so cute. So for the pot of gold, I was wondering how I was gonna make that, I mean, you could of course sculpt something, which seems hard, out of sculpey, so instead, I just took a round, wooden bead and some black paint. There is moss everywhere. And I just painted this guy. You're gonna get your fingers messy, it's fine I've got a baby wipe here to clean off my hands. You're going for just a really think coat of paint, so this will dry quickly. You could also use a sharpie if you want, but the paint, I think, looks the best. Cap that back up, otherwise you will have black paint everywhere. Give it a second to dry and like I said you can just use a baby wipe or wet paper towel just to wipe away any craft paint. And you can use any craft paint for that, whatever you've got. Okay, so let's say he's gonna have this little pot. I'm gonna glue it down first, so find a little space in your moss add some hot glue, and press the ball in there so it looks more like a little pot. You don't wanna see the base of it. You really want it to be nestled into the moss because then it's gonna look more like a pot instead of a ball. And then, you wanna take just some little baby sequences, these ones are gold and silver. And put a nice little dollop of glue on the top, it's gonna naturally spread, which is fine. You can even use your toothpick to help place your sequences. You have a little bit of working time. You can also just sprinkle these on top. You could use glitter instead. Do some sprinkling and then you can use your toothpick to kinda place because the hot glue is hot for a minute. You have a little bit of working time. So, that's your little pot of gold. Course you could use this same technique for like a little doll house. There we go, oops, he's missing a coin. There we go, perfect. So, there's our luck of the Irish. You could pick like a nice quote and pen that out, do like a little lymeric or something. So, we've got our tiny little leprechauns and then, if you don't wanna do a leprechaun, you wanna do something more in the

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fairy realm, I thought using a book as a base would be a nice, a nice place to go. I love using vintage books for things, you can pick these up at the thrift store, or take your friend to the library book sale, they tend to be like fifty cents or a dollar. You want to get a hardback book, that's gonna give you the best base for this kind of craft. And we're gonna so a similar thing. We're gonna create a little bit of a mossy bed, place our littles on top, and then add some elements. So again, I'm gonna start with my mossy layer. And like I was saying earlier, you can use the sheet moss or the Spanish moss. Now, this is gonna get all over while you're handling it so make sure you're working on something that you can wipe down afterward, like your kitchen table. I think all my art making and craft making happens on my kitchen table. I know it definitely did when I was a kid with my mom. I feel like all the magic happens in the kitchen, what's that about, it's where the food is, it's where the snacks are closest, and now as an adult, it's where the hot tea is so, I'm the most creative when I have tea. Yeah, question? - [Camera Woman] If you were making a winter wonderland what material would you use for snow? - Someone's asking for a winter wonderland what would you use instead of the moss, to create snow? You could use felt there's like, you could sculpt it sort of, using pot glue and just take a sheet of white felt at holidays there's usually white felt that has some glitter in it. You could also use batting, which is like the polyester feel, which is used for stuffing toys and things, because that would be nice and fluffy. You could use rovang, which is what yarn is made out of so that's also kind of fluffy. It comes more like in a rope and you can tear it apart. During Christmas there is something called Angle's Hair, which is super fine and it usually comes in gold or silver or this iridescent color which is really pretty and it's thin so you could kind of mix and combine those things. You could also use fake snow which you can usually find during the holidays too. It's a good question, you could kind of build up anything. Alright, and what little fairy do we wanna do? Maybe this one. Yeah, we can nestle her in there. I'm getting things caught on my hot glue gun and you can just use a baby wipe to wipe off any moss, or anything that's maybe attached. We're gonna just nestle her in. And I like this book, it say The Last of Summer, so I felt like that was an appropriate book title for this. We're gonna add a little mushroom. And then, if you saw one of our live shoots earlier in the month we had these great succulents and little plants and stuff that you can find in the gardening section of Jo-Ann. These are really great for adding more foliage if you don't just want to just use the moss and you don't wanna use one of the little sculpted bits of foliage. So, this is easy to work with, you can just pull these right off. And they look good in their nice, kinda bright, springy color. And you just kind of tuck them in. Because they are so textural you do wanna let the glue sit up for a second. We need a little more glue there. So they really do feel like plants. Let's maybe add a third one kinda over here. And you can add more moss around it. That's the nice thing about this, it's like very immediate to put these together and you can always make changes, you know, you can add or take things away, which is awesome. So for this, if you wanted to do something that was Eastery, you could make a little sign, I've got this super handy card stock mat stack. I think this comes in five by seven or four by six and what's nice about it is you've got basically every color. So you can flip through and see what color, do you wanna do something all kinda with the purple pop, you could do purple, you wanna do something more woodlandy you could do an oak or a green. If you wanna do something really vibrant for Easter you could something like a pink. Probably go with the pink. And I'm just gonna use, maybe let's do, we'll test a few pen colors. There's a purple, that's one of those glittery ones. That's one of those moonlight gold shadow ones. Here's just a traditional purple, let's use that. We'll just say Happy Easter. Kinda going over my letters. I love using these gelly pens. These are the best, this brand, the Sakura brand. You can play with you lettering too. You could do like a brush pen, do something a little more

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flourishy. You could not do this for Easter and just do this for spring and have like a really nice spring quote. Also do those little cut-in edges. And let's give that a second to dry because we are gonna add toothpicks on the back and then put that higher up. Let's see, what else can we add to this while we're waiting? Remember there's cake. I feel like cake would be cute to add. There's some other fun things too like these little lanterns, which gives you some nice height. If you're planning on doing this for some table decor I think having a little bit of height would be good. You need a place to nestle this in, so you can build up a little bit of moss, or I mentioned there are those moss rocks, which are actually styrofoam on the inside, so you can poke something into that. There's a kite, there's like some little balloons, which would be cute for like a birthday scene. I like her little radio. She's got pillows, there's all kinds of options. I think maybe the little lantern is cute. So, let's build up a little bit of moss to put that into. I think it's gonna go right behind her. I'm gonna just kinda stick this through the moss. And because this is so tall, you're gonna need to give it just minute or so to set up so kinda hold that moss in place. Make sure you have enough hot glue. I don't want it to dangle right over her head, so maybe let's do it that way. And I think I'll use a little bit more moss. Just to give it a nice base to rest in. Okay, good. You may need to let it set up all the way until it dries and then do a second layer, while it's warm it can kinda tip a little. So, just see how it goes. If within a minute it's sagging, just right it back up and add some more hot glue now that this glue is set up a little bit, otherwise it'll just keep running over. Alright, let's add our little toothpick backing to our Happy Easter sign. I'll do that up here so you guys can see it. Just a little bit of hot glue. You could also use Washi Tape too, but the hot glue is really sturdy. I'm just putting some toothpicks. You could this and then add a second banner behind so that you have a double sided sign. You could add Washi Tape to the back and that would be fine too. Just place that in there. Let's add a little bit of hot glue. Little bit of hot glue. Again let it set up. Alright, get rid of any little glue strings. It's so cute. Now that I've made a total mess, I was gonna show you just how you could kind of nestle these together. So, the little fairy scene, which also says Happy Easter, this one I stacked on two books. They're not glued together, but you could glue them. I like them at an angle, but you could come back in and tuck things that are not glued down to create an entire tablescape. You could put some of those battery operated tea lights in here, for a little bit of flicker. My favorite is to add some candy, especially if this is an Easter table. So just nestle in some tiny candy, fairy size kinda candy. You could do jellybeans, I like a lot of these eggs that look more naturalistic. So those are pretty. And of course for St. Patty's Day you could also do candy. You could do little gold coin candy which would be fun. There are all kinds of options. And really these littles could be used for anything, like I said you could tuck them into a plant as a gift which I think would be really cute and a nice way to personalize something like a potted plant. But you could have some fun and really create an entire tablescape with this or just do a little moment for an entry way or a little special nook in your house to bring some of the spring inside and indoors. And we'll see you for our next live shoot. (spunky music)

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