Paint Pen Mugs with CBTV Live

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(lively music) - Hey everybody, welcome to Creativebug. We are coming at you live, like we always do on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which means you can write in and ask us questions. So please feel free to do so. We always love your questions and comments. I know I do. And it's June, and we are deep into the dad and grad season. If you have gone anywhere in the world, that's where everything is merchandised, dads and grads. Because Father's Day is coming up. It's on June 18th. And right about now, everyone is graduating from something. One of my best friend's two little boys just graduated from preschool, which was adorable. Julie in our office, her son just graduated from the fifth grade. People are going out into the world. And sometimes we want to get them a present for that, or say like, good job. Good job for being a dad. Good job for being a grad. So I thought we would do a really simple project that you could customize for your pop, or someone who is like a pop in your life. Or for the graduate in your life. What you need for this is a ceramic mug that can put into the oven, or at least into the dishwasher. You need something that can hold a little bit of heat, because we're gonna bake our paint pens at 225 degrees. So most ceramic will do that, but I would just just check. It doesn't have to say that it's oven-proof, necessarily, because we're doing it at a really low temperature. But if it's dishwasher safe, then it would probably be fine in the oven. I'm gonna show you how to clean it using so isopropanol. So some just rubbing alcohol. This is just to make sure that all the oils from your hands and anything that may have come into contact with the surface of your mug has been wiped away. You want your paint pens to stick really nicely, so you need to do this first. And then just let it dry. Which happens pretty quickly because this evaporates pretty quickly. And then we're using these Painters paint pens. I hadn't used these before. These are by Elmer's. I got them at my local Jo-Ann store. And they're really juicy. The colors are super vibrant and they're really easy to work with. I've never had anything sort of stick or skip on the surface of the mug. I really enjoyed working with these. They come in a bunch of different palettes. You can also just buy them singly. So if you just wanted to do this in black, you totally could. I liked a little bit of this kind of primary palette with this peach tone and this kind of forest green that was added. And, for your image, you can pick anything. If you're working with little kids, you could have them write something about their daddy or their older sibling who's graduating. You could do an inspirational quote or poem. If you need some help with your lettering, you should check out our 30 Day Lettering Challenge with Michaela from Sakura. Her lettering is going to put mine to shame, so I am going to show you some lettering, but it's not as good as Michaela's. So if you need some inspiration for that, check out her class. I thought I would do something pretty simple. These are paint pens, so you do need to pump them, first. And I was experimenting with mixing colors, so this blue has a little bit of green on it, but there we go. It goes really nicely on the ceramic. Now, you want to be careful that you don't smear your hands. So think about where your placement is going to be when someone is drinking it. I think just having it next to the handle to start is good. I'm gonna try to work this way, and hopefully I don't smear it. And I thought I would just do some little mountains, because this could be for a dad or a grad, depending on if you write anything. What's great about mountains is you need a wobbly line, which is easy to do. You can see that the color on this is really rich and saturated. Let's do some little mountain ridges. Do another mountain there. I also just went camping this week, so maybe that's part of why I

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thought mountains would be fun. Now if I wanted to do a little scene in there, I could do like a little tent. Little, tiny tent. - [Woman] We have our first question. Stephanie asks, "Hi there, "what kind of marker are you using?" - Hi Stephanie, welcome. I am using what is called a Painters Paint Marker. This is by Elmers. I got it at my local Jo-Ann's. You can get them singly in almost any color or they come in little packs. I bought this pack that had primary colors plus two additional colors, and I really like it. It's a medium tip, so kind of your traditional bullet tip. I can get an okay fine line with this. I can press a little bit thicker and go over my lines for a thicker line. They also have fine lines, chisel tips, and I think there's even a thick one. So you can experiment with making different marks. I'm just doing my little mountain scene. This could be, like I said, for a dad or a grad. - [Woman] Our next question. Renee is wondering how much are those markers. - Oh, that's a good question. I think they happened to be on sale. I think a pack of six was under $10. They last a pretty long time. I've been playing with them for a week, or so. And let's see, what else about them? I mean, to be honest, when you go to a place like Jo-Ann's, there's often sales. And if you do not have, if your local Jo-Ann's doesn't have a sale going on, then you can save your coupon. They make it really easy on the app, so you can just download the app. But I put some stars in the sky here. I'm gonna try to not wipe my hand through this. This is starting to dry, which is nice. This is still pretty wet and shiny, so I don't want to drag my hand through that. Put some little stars. - [Woman] Our next question is can you use a Sharpie for that? - You know, the question is can you use a Sharpie. You can try using a Sharpie paint pen. But you do need to bake them. And the Sharpies I find, on the ceramic surface, if I try to go over, often picks up the line that I've already put down. That's true, too, for this, if it's not fully dry, if it's kind of in this in between stage and I try to go back over it, it doesn't always let me double up on my lines. But I actually, like I said, I hadn't used these before, and I really, really enjoyed working with them, so I would recommend this particular brand. If you try a Sharpie, and I'll tell you in just a moment what the baking instructions are, I'm not sure if that's the same for the Sharpie. But if you have them on hand, try it. So I'm just adding some stars here. And I could go back in with my green if I wanted to add a little bit of detail. Some little dots. I could do some trees. - [Woman] Our next question asks if you have to treat the cups before using the markers. - So the question is do you have to treat these cups before, and if you're just joining us, yes. I did wipe them down with rubbing alcohol. And that is just to remove any residue or oil that is on the surface of the cup that would prevent this marker from sticking. But that's it, it's super quick. It dries so quickly. I'm just gonna do a few little trees. Not too many. Oh my gosh, I feel like Bob Ross, but with paint marker. Happy trees. I've noticed that this green is much more liquidy than the blue is, which is not problematic. It's just I noticed it. So some colors may be a little thicker or a little more watery than others. I like just that touch of green. You can see how quickly that comes together. I'm pretty much done with this. Now, if you wanted to add some lettering, this open space in the sky would be perfect. I am not that good at lettering. It's like a dirty little secret. But I was thinking you could write World's Greatest Dad, 'cause it's like the universe in the sky. You could write something for a graduate. I know one of the books that was so popular when I used to work in a bookstore back in college and in high school is the Dr. Seuss book Oh, The Places You'll Go. You could, of course, write that, because it's like the wide open world is available to your graduate now. So you can do a little bit of like Googling, Pintresting, to find some inspirational quotes. I think I'm gonna leave this one as is. But I wanted to share with you some other ones that I made and have already baked off. So once you're done with your design, you want to let it air dry. This usually takes about 10 or 15 minutes. And then you want to put it into an oven that is cool. You want to put it at 225 degrees, and you want to let it bake for 30 minutes. So set a timer so that you don't forget about it. You don't want to

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preheat your oven. So put this, you can put it in like a glass baking dish, or something that's oven-proof. Set it at 225, set the timer for 30 minutes. And then don't take it out until the oven has cooled down for about an hour, because the ceramic is pretty hot to hold. And you want to let it come back to room temperature. The way things crack is when they get shocked. So if they're really hot and they get shocked into a really cold environment, or vice versa. So that's why you're going to let it heat up in the oven and let it cool down in the oven. This is a little sample one I was testing. It's already been baked. And it has a really nice matte, sort of satiny finish. And I was playing with this kind of jungle and mixing my blue and green line work, which really well because these are paint markers. This was just like a fun little surface pattern. If you've checked out my surface pattern or Pattern of the Day class, you could pull from that. It's really fun just to doodle on these. And then this is an especially important time and week for me, because my dad is turning 70 and his birthday is on Thursday, and it's also Father's Day weekend, and my dad is a huge UCLA fan. So I made him a UCLA mug and the fight song is on the back. Looks a little bit like a third grader made it, but I'm okay with that, because he's my dad, and he will love whatever I do. So it's okay. This is a super easy project to do. It could be done with kids. And it's a good opportunity for you to play with your lettering and so forth. If you make a mistake, you can use a baby wipe or a wet paper towel, if you wipe it off immediately. But be careful that you don't smear something that you really like already. Remember to let it air dry. And then you want to bake it, like I said, in the oven for 30 minutes at 225, not a preheated oven. Let it cool in the oven for about an hour. And we have more questions. - [Woman] Yes, several folks are wondering are these food safe, dishwasher safe, and microwave safe? - Thank you for asking that question, because I didn't mention it. They are not food safe in the sense that I would not paint on the inside of the mug. So this is fine to put on the outside of a cup or the edge of a plate, or some place else that you would do a decorative mark, but you're not gonna put wet food. Like I wouldn't draw something in the bottom of a soup bowl, because these are not meant for food. They're not dishwasher safe. They need to be handwashed. Now, you could probably put this in the dishwasher and it would last for a while. But eventually it would start to wear off. We have a ceramic class, ceramic mug painting class that I did on Creativebug a couple of years ago for Valentine's Day. That mug is still floating around the office. It definitely goes in the dishwasher. And the design is still there. But it has started to, you know, kind of reduce in the thickness of lines. So I would handwash it just like you would any fine art project. You wouldn't put it in the dishwasher because it's gonna fade. And microwave safe, I don't believe these are microwavable safe. If you're using a different brand of paint pen and treating it in a different way, just check the packaging, because it'll usually tell you. You want to make sure that your mug you're using can go into the oven at 225 degrees. Thank you for all of your questions, and we'll see you on Thursday. (lively music)

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