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- Hey, everyone, welcome to Camp Creativebug. I hope you're here. We have a lot of great people signed up and said that they were going to join us for our ever camp craft. So if you're here and watching us, welcome. And be sure to comment in the chat just next to the video because you can ask questions, and I'll try to answer them as we go through our camp craft. I don't know about your Camp Creativebug, but it's a hot day at my Camp Creativebug. So I'm really excited to be crafting indoors for this one. And this is a really easy, but super fun way to create a frame for a photo. Now, father's day is this weekend, so if you have someone in your life you want to give a really special photo to, this is the perfect craft for that. But it's also a great summer activity to use with all those Popsicle sticks you might have lying around, and it's a fun way to make a little photo pop with a 3D element. And I'm going to show you how I do it. This is actually a craft that I came up with as a camper when I was about eight years old, and I had so much fun making it. I totally remembered it now, 30 years later, and I wanted to share it with you guys. So I've got a bunch of photos here. Camper Sophie. Hi, camper Sophie, I hope you're watching. And they're printed on cardstock. You can use photo paper, anything that's a little bit more rigid than typing paper is going to be best. You can also do this with drawings. And I like the horizontal format because you're going to get a better pop when we make this into a 3D photo. So I've got a few options here. Like I said, this would be a really great father's day craft for this weekend as well. So I'm going to show you a variation of this one a little bit later. I think I'm going to go with Sophie and her pup, Fiona. And I've got a nice pair of scissors. Now, if you haven't used scissors before, if you're a young camper, make sure to ask an adult to help you with this part. And what we're going to do is we're going to cut around and essentially cut out the background of our photo. So that's everything behind Sophie and her puppy here. Remember, you can ask questions. Feel free to do so. I'd love to hear what kind of photo you're going to use. Maybe it's a picture of you. Maybe it's a picture of your pup. Maybe it's a fun picture of your family from a vacation you had last year. You can see I'm just keeping the scissors and rotating my image, that makes it easier. And I don't know if we're going to be able to get Sophie's getting going in here, but I'm going to cut it out for now. And if we need to trim it down even further later, we will. You can see how I left this edge here. Let's make sure that's on the camera so you can see it. I left this white edge here, and I'm gonna use that as part of my image, and I can always trim it off. We're going to test this against the background just to make sure fits. So I just cut a straight line. So you'll see. Let's make sure you can see here that I left this sort of tabs, if you will, on the edge of your photo. All right. So the first key to this craft is of course having your photo is having Popsicle stick. So I've got a lot of plain Popsicle sticks here. We're actually going to add some fun flare and drawing to them. You can also use the colored Popsicle sticks if you have these. You can also get these from the craft supply store or you might already have them lying around, and they come pre colored. You can also use your marker pens to color your Popsicle sticks before you start this craft. We're actually going to create a little backdrop for this. Quite a few Popsicle sticks here. You probably need anywhere from 10 to 15. And the first thing we're going to do is just lay them out flat, as flat as we can. Feel free to ask questions, and I can answer them. Let me know what kind of photo you're going to use or what your plans are for the weekend or if you read a really good book. Summer reading programs for libraries just started, so if you're reading a

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really cool book, I love to read kids' books. All right. So we're going to start with, I don't know, about 12 popsicles or something like that. And I can take a Popsicle stick and use it to kind of make sure all of my edges are even here. Let's get this so you can really see what's happening. All right. That just barely fits so you can see. All right. So now I'm using my Popsicle stick. Okay. Now to keep these altogether while we're making our frame, the best key and hot tip is to use some tape. Now, you know I love my washi tape, but you can also use masking tape if you have it or scotch tape. And I'm going to use three pieces to kind of keep all my Popsicle sticks together. For some of you, it's just after lunch. For others of you, it may be later in the afternoon. And I find that on a hot day, I love to have lots of fruit. I feel like that's a fun camp thing too, like having watermelon and so forth. So if you had any good lunches, you could tell us about that also. All right. So I've added some tape and you can see that this keeps this as one fluid piece. But I'm just going to trim off the excess tape. So I flip this over to the front and just trim away my extra washi tape. Now, I don't know if this is long enough or too short or what's going to happen, I need to test it against my photo. So this is just the first step. Now, I've got my photo. Now, normally when you're making a Popsicle stick frame or any kind of frame, you would just put your image flat onto your Popsicle stick background. And it's kind of cool, it looks like a fence. But what's really fun about the technique I'm gonna show you is that we're actually going to make the frame shorter than the photo itself, and so what happens is it pops out our image and makes it to be like that. So I actually like the length of this. How many do I have here? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. 15 Popsicle sticks. that works for a horizontal image that we're using, four by six, the full length of the photo. Now, I might want to use some of these tabs, but I'm going to need to score right along where the image and the white tab starts. So I actually can just use more Popsicle sticks for this. You don't actually have to measure anything. So put your Popsicle stick right up against that edge and use a Popsicle stick to draw a line. That's what you're doing. And it creates a little place for you to make a nice clean fold. You can also just take your Popsicle stick, and with your finger, pull it back like that. So this needs to bend both ways so that we can pop this up. And I'll do the same thing to the other side. And this time, I just use my finger now. That's an easy tool, just use your hands. All right. So that is nice and bold. love how that's looking. Cool. And you can see that these white tabs are hanging off of my frame, and that's fine. I'm going to trim those off in just a minute. So before I glue down my image, I actually want to think about what the background is going to be. So camper Sophie and probably your dog, Fiona, backyard, I could do more grass. I could do blue sky. I could draw a picture back here. I could do rainbows. Maybe let's do a rainbow and blue sky. So now that I know that my frame is the right size and I've got my photo prepped and ready to go, I can decorate my background. And I really like to use colored pencils for this. They lay down a lot of nice color, but you can also use paint or marker pens. You'd want to do it after you've already taped everything so that your Popsicle sticks don't come apart and mess up your image. So I'm just using mostly Crayola colored pencils here. You can't see them. But I have them organized in cups, like jam cups. Woo, I hit the camera, By color so it makes it easy for me to find what I'm looking for. I think I'm gonna start with my rainbow first. And I'm just going to take my image again and see where will my rainbow be the most obvious. Now, if I make it down here, Sophie is going to cover that up. So maybe my rainbow is going to go in here somewhere. Maybe like that. All right. So I'm just pressing pretty firmly so I get nice vibrant color to make my rainbow. So it looks like we've got a question while I draw my rainbow here. Phil is asking about summer camp. Hi, Phil, we miss you. Phil lives in the UK, and he said they don't have summer camps up there. Is it really true? What do you guys do during the summer to give your parents a break? What happens? Do you guys go on family vacation or what

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do you guys do? Let me know. Geez. I love summer camp. I went to a summer camp where I actually went one year past the time you were allowed to go. I went from kindergarten I think til eighth grade because I loved it so much. I went every summer. And I think the best thing, there were two things about my camp that I love the most. The first was all of the camp counselors had made up names. So nobody knew their real first names. So my name wouldn't be camp counselor, Courtney, it would be camp counselor, Marigold, or camp counselor, Tree, or camp counselor, Cactus. I did have a Cactus camp counselor. Actually, that was his name. So it was crazy. It drove the kids crazy because we really wanted to know their real names, and of course they wouldn't tell us that was part of the fun. So I had all these great camp counselors, and I still don't know their names. I had Awesome Pawsome. He was one of my camp counselors, he was great. That was super fun. And then when you were an older camper, you got to do a sleepover, and the next day you would go to the water slides. So you would sleep out on this big field, no tent, just in your sleeping bag, next to your buds, and then the next day we would all get on a bus and go to the waterslides. And the place where we went to the waterslides had seasoned curly fries and an excellent snack concession stand. So that was really what I loved about summer camp. I loved all the things. I have to say the crafts at summer camp were not as awesome as they could be. So that's why Creativebug is here because we're here to help elevate your camp crafts. All right. My rainbows coming together. I think I'm going to do like a purpley color. Thanks, Phil, for your question. Does anybody else have any summer camp memories they want to share and they're excited about? Let us know. All right, I'm going to take a look at my photo and see how we're doing. Oh, I love that rainbow. That's super fun. Sophie's going to be popping off the background like that. Why don't we also do some sky in here? So this is really just scribbling, but it's really fun. And this can be a collaboration. You, as a camp camper, can just color this in, or if you have a friend you want to have help you or a parent, you can do that. Maybe I could see if Charlie will help me. He's not that good at coloring in though. He's excellent at eating camp snacks. And he loves the campfire. He loves a good campfire. Stays nice and warm and toasty. All right. I just added a new blue color in here. It's like a deeper blue. Scribble, scribble, scribble. That's what make this so fun. (laughs) It's not a precise coloring form, but I love the texture that it creates on the Popsicle sticks. You can go in different directions, you can press harder. And let's see where we are. Now, because she's going to be 3D popping off of here, you can't see it right now, but when I stand this up, you may be able to see this blank space. So I actually just want to color in my entire image. I can move on to grass now. So I'm going to do some green, and maybe I'll make it actually look like grass. So I'm doing more vertical strokes to look like blades of grass. It's totally good, in this case, to have this irregular background. So it's not like a straight line across, it's nice sloping. So very light green. Phil, what did you do during the summer if you didn't have camp? I have to say campers, I really miss seeing everyone's face in person and having all my other creative bug campers with me in an office. So we're all from home doing our crafts on our own. But maybe you get to see your friends sometimes where you have siblings for helping you. And that's really fun to do crafts together is one of my favorite things. I love drawing together, drawing with friends. I'm switching out my green here so I get some interesting texture in my background. Okay. So my background is done. And here's my picture of Sophie. I do want to trim off this white bottom part. So with my scissors, I'm going to turn that off. Now, you can see if I just went grass to grass and didn't use the white tabs, this would bow out a little bit. And if I bring this in further and use part of the white tabs, it bows out more. I think I actually like it like this. It reminds me of the same arch as the rainbow. So what I'm going to do now instead is cut away these white tabs. And what's nice about this too is that you can kind of expect

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experiment and play with all of the different layers. And nothing is permanent until you glue it down. I do you want to create a new tab just using that grass part. Flip this over so you can see it a little better. Let me move this out of the way. I just want a tab that's about the width of a Popsicle stick. So you can actually measure that or you can just eyeball it. There's one tab. And here's another tab. We do it on both sides. Now to make this stay and really have stability in this arched kind of 3D version, I like to use tacky glue. Tacky glue is one of my most favorite craft items. You can see because I have the jumbo bottle. Phil's asking me did my camp have a cool name. Yeah, it was a good name. It was Camp Pottawatomie. It sounds like a television show, doesn't it? And if you were a little camper, it was the Tenderfoot. And if you were a big camper... Oh, I have to remember what the big campers were called. But the big campers are the ones that got to go home on sleep overs. All right. So a little bit of tacky glue on tabs here. You want a little bit and not a ton, but not too little. Now, you could sit and hold this, but that takes a really long time for it to set up. And so instead, I just like to use clothes pins or binder clips or whatever you have lying around that will hold this in place. So let me just slide that into place. And I'm going to put a clothes pin here. And I'm going to put a clothes pin here. And I'm going to let that dry. It's a hot day, like I said, here at my camp Creativebug, so this might take, I don't know, 20 minutes to dry. You can put out in the sunshine. If you want to start out a little bit faster, you can let it sit overnight if that's better. We don't want to add any decoration like glitter until this is totally dry because you want to make sure photo is really stable. So that's going to sit and dry. And I'm going to show you a couple other things that we did, that I did. So here is another photo of three campers. And this could be for their father for father's day. And I did a background that sort of rainbow scribbles just in this coolest exact pattern. And I have these white tabs. I did use the white tabs on this. But I want to kind of cover that up. So what you can do is use Popsicle sticks. You can color in the Popsicle sticks and glue those Popsicle sticks right on top. You can also leave them blank or you can play with the colored Popsicle sticks. You can either color them yourself or use the pre colored ones and create a sort of border. Maybe I like that. Let me find another purple Popsicle stick. And so these guys, you can add your glue right onto... The nice thing about the Popsicle sticks is everything is just very clean and clear and you know exactly where things are going. So you can just add a little bit of glue. Again, I'm using the tacky glue. I'm actually going to rotate it because it's easier for me to glue with my right hand in this tiny little space. This glue does dry clear. So I'm adding a pretty generous amount, but not so much that it's going to squidge off the side. Hopefully, if it does, then just wipe it away. Here we go. We've got our Popsicle sticks. Oh yeah, a little squidge there, swipe it away. You're also going to want to use clamp of some kind to keep these in place while they're drying. I have to use a binder clip like that. Same thing on the other side. Can you guys see that? For any new cam creative bug folks, we also have some really cool camp t-shirts that we're having printed right now, and we're going to have some giveaways later in the camp summer where you can actually win a Camp Creativebug t-shirt. So stay tuned for some fun stuff there. All right. So clamp those and let them dry, and then you can remove your clamps and you'll have a finished photo. Here's another frame that I did of Sophie. And I didn't say this when we were gluing this guy on, but this is a good reminder. If you keep your photo so that it goes right to the bottom, it's sort of in line with this bottom edge, then this will actually stand on its own. You don't have to add a string or a frame or anything in addition to the Popsicles because this will stand, which is really cool. You can put it on a shelf or on a mantle piece or something like that. You can see I'm trying to get it in the camera so you can see that I did my ocean all the way down and my sunset because Sophie's on the beach here at sunset. And the things that I added at the very end were some glitter glue. Now, this

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is something you want to add at the final moment because it takes a little bit to dry, and it's very hard to add your Popsicle sticks and glue your photo in place and do all of that stuff while the glue is drying and it gets everywhere. Glitter glue gets everywhere. So do this as your final step. And I added glitter glue here in the sun and a little bit on Sophie's bathing suit, if you can see that. I'm trying to catch the light and a little bit on her bucket handle. And like I said, you can kind of see that that stands on its own on. You can see how it really bows out from the background. And this has only been like two minutes so this probably isn't dry yet. Oh, I was also going to show a few fun things too. So here's one I'm working on where I've done the colorful background. I actually glued two Popsicle sticks on the back so that this can hang and added a little bit of twine here, and so that's why I had my clamps on there. This was drying. I did that first and then I would go ahead and add my photo. And the reason this one is not going to go at the very bottom and stand on its own and I use the string instead is because I had planned on putting a little happy father's day message here at the bottom so that way my phone can be at the top. So we do the same thing. Glue on my tabs, hold them with clamps, and then just glue down my father's day message here. And I want to show you one other thing before we add some glitter glue to Sophie's to finally add a little decoration. Here's another one of Sophie. There are a lot of good photos of Sophie and her dog. The other thing you can do is take the same photo and print it once and glue it onto your background flat like this. So you can see that I have my Popsicle sticks. They're taped on the back. And then I would just go ahead and glue this down, and the photo goes almost perfectly from edge to edge. Okay. So you would glue that down with some tacky glue. It doesn't need a ton, just a little bit. And then I take the same image, cut out the background, and I would glue it on top. And so you get this cool 3D effect for the whole photo because you have the background and then you have the top portion that's popping out. It's really interesting doubled cool three dimensional thing here. And if this is going right to the bottom, this will stand on its own or you can do the thing where you glue your Popsicle sticks on the back like this that I just showed you. You glue the Popsicle stick on the top and the bottom to keep this nice and rigid so it's not moving like it was before just with the tape, and you add a little bit of a string here before you glue it in place. All right. So while Sophie is drying, I'm going to keep these clamps on. But I'm going to be confident that I can go ahead and add the glitter glue and not make too much of a mess. I'm going to try. I say that now, and then I'll probably get glitter glue everywhere. The other thing you can add too are things like these little rhinestones. These are super fun. Maybe Fiona would like a rhinestone on her collar here. So I'm just having that. It's not sticky. The sticky came off, so we can use some tacky glue. That is an easy fix. You might have foam stickers, you can use collage materials. So maybe Fiona wants a little bit of glare. Sorry, bling or flair. And I use that as the same word combined. She might want a little bit of bling on her color here. And then maybe Sophie wants some of her hair. Some also is not sticky. So add a little bit of tacky glue. You have fun stuff like those gems, you can use those. Put that in her hair like a clip. This photo is so sweet, they look like really good pals. And then add some glitter glue. You can use whatever kind of glitter glue that works well for you. I really love Stickles glitter glue. You can see that here. You might have some connection issues. It looks like things are freezing a little bit, just bear with us. So I'm using the same color of glitter glue as my color below in my rainbow. So this is pink. And if it's helpful, you can also turn this sideways so you can access all parts. And I've got a bright orange glitter glue here. You use that on the neon part of my rainbow. I really like this because it has a lot of glitter and it has this really fine tip, and so it's great to get detail like adding dots close in your photo, making these fine lines for the rainbow. A yellow one. All right, one more color. I got purple to add to the bottom here. And the nice thing about having

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drawn a rainbow below is it gives me a line to follow, and it's also going to create a little bit more color saturation behind my glitter glue. The glitter glue is a little bit transparent, so it's nice to have the rainbow drawn and then adding the glitter on top. Now, like I said, the glitter glue does take a little bit to dry. So if you are giving this for a gift for father's day this weekend or for a birthday or just because a fun photo for a friend, make sure that you let that glitter glue dry before you hand it off. Thanks, campers. So good to see and craft with all of you. We miss you. Oops, knocked the camera. We miss you, but we want to hear more about what you're doing for Camp Creativebug. Remember to post photos of your camp craft projects in our student gallery. You can ask questions here at our live shoots. We have two more that we've scheduled for the summer, one with camp counselor, Twinkie Chan.. She's going to be showing you how to make really cool friendship, bracelets, and lanyards, another super fun thing that I do as a camper. And then, of course, camp counselor, Faith, who is going to be doing some really fun t-shirt hacks and how to transform your camp t-shirt. So stay tuned some giveaways so that you can get your own Camp Creativebug t-shirt hacks with your own t-shirts at home that need a little new life for the summer. Thanks so much, you guys, for joining us in our first ever Camp Creativebug craft. Thank you, Phil, for your great questions. Wishing you all a really great day and weekend and fun crafting at home. I'll see you next time.

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