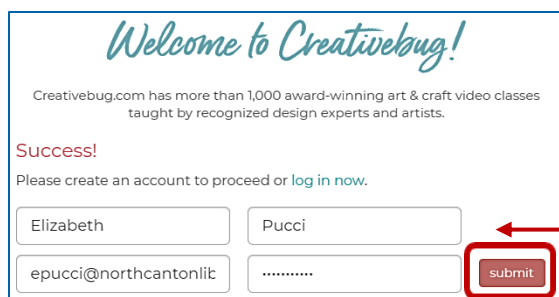# creativebug

Creativebug allows users unlimited access to over 1000 online art and craft video classes. Class categories include: Knitting, Crochet, Art + Design, Paper, Sewing, Quilting, Jewelry, Kids, Food + Home, and Holiday + Party. New classes are being added each month by numerous crafters. Also, the classes never expire, so you can start and stop projects at your own pace. The Creativebug app is available via iTunes and Google Play.

How It Works

Access Creativebug through the Library's website: http://ncantonlibrary.com/online-classes-for-adults/. Click the Creativebug logo. Once you've set up an account, you can go directly to creativebug.com and enter in your email and password.

To begin setting up your account, type in your Library Card Number and PIN.
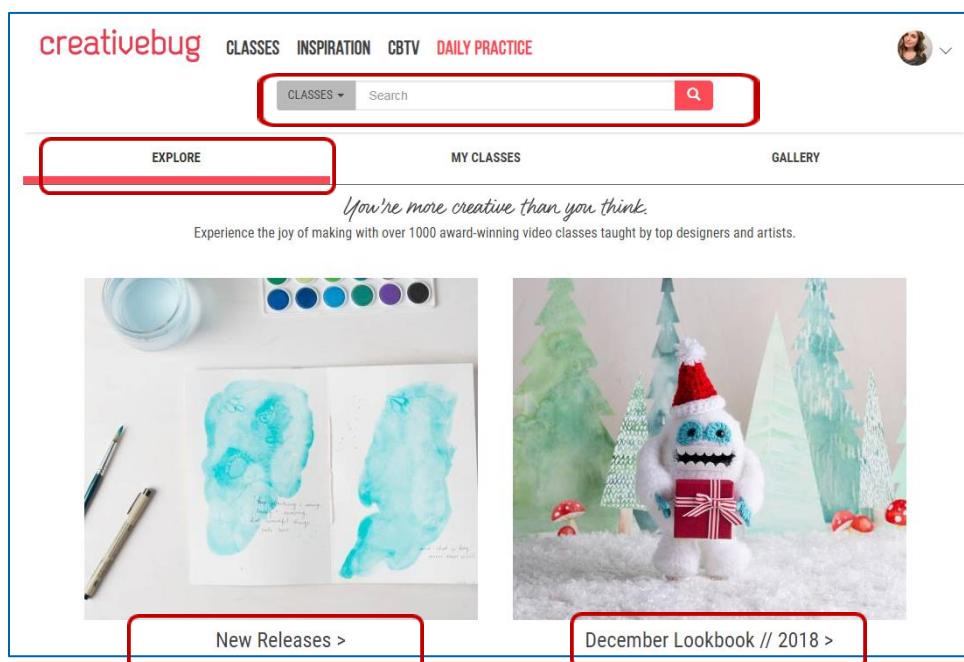
Next, you will be prompted to set up an account with your name, email, and password. Fill in the information and select submit.

Choose "click here to begin searching" for classes.

Once logged in, you can begin searching for a class to watch. Towards the top of the page, there is a **Search** bar option if you want to type in something specific. Below Search, there are different options such as **Explore**, **My Classes**, and **Gallery**.
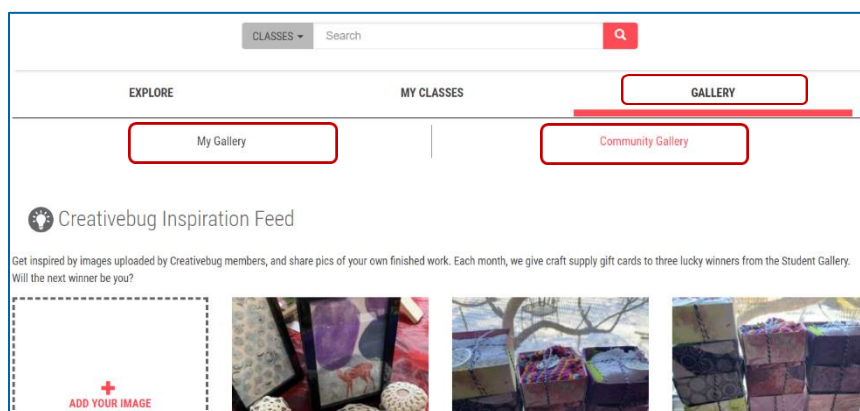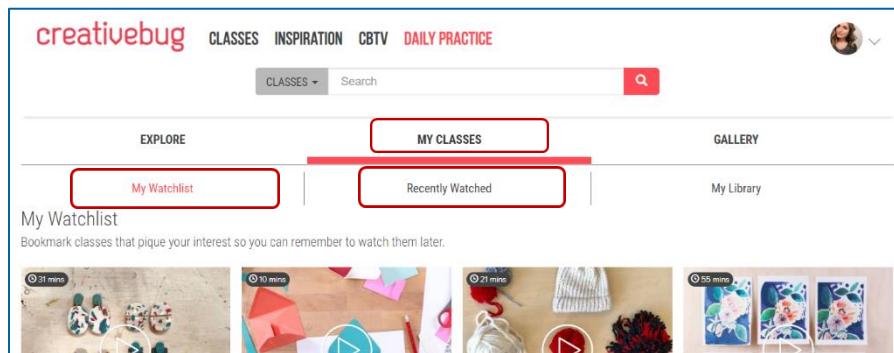
On the **Explore** page, it will show **New Releases** and the **Lookbook** for the current month, which on this handout is December 2018. Lookbook gives a preview of the videos that will be released that month.
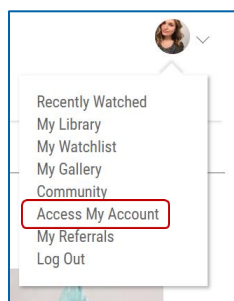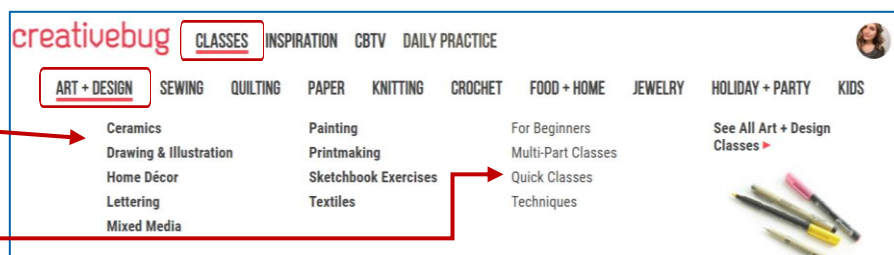
If you scroll down, there are Trending videos as well as the option to Browse All Classes.

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My Classes allows you to view the videos you have saved to **My Watchlist**. This is helpful if you want to come back to a class. It also displays your **Recently Watched** classes. **My Library** applies to users who pay for Creativebug. For this free library version of Creativebug, it does not apply.

Gallery lets you view **My Gallery** which shows the photos you have uploaded for others to see of your completed projects. You can also view the **Community Gallery** to see other people's projects and get inspiration.
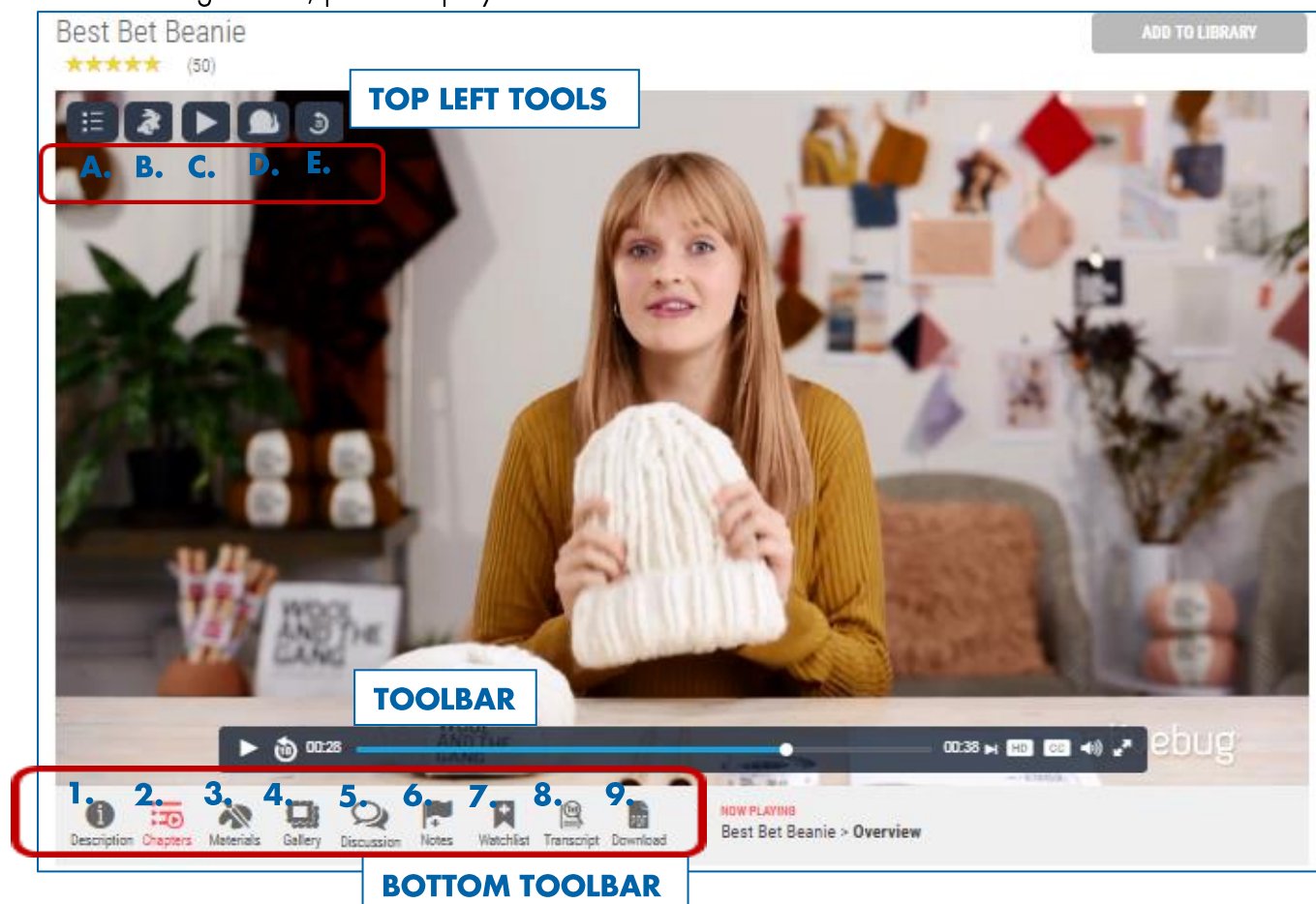
More ways to browse for classes are found at the top of the page. If you hover your cursor over the **Classes** tab, it will show the numerous categories to select such as Art + Design, Sewing, Quilting, etc. Moving your cursor over one of those options allows you to see more specific classes. In this example,

you can see how many options there are for **Art + Design** such as Ceramics, Drawing & Illustration, Home Décor, etc. There are also options For Beginners, Multi-Part Classes, Quick Classes, and Techniques.

To set up your account further, click the circle in the top right corner of the page. It will be the first letter of your name, or you can upload a picture (like I did!). There are many options such as Recently Watched, My Watchlist, My Gallery, Community, Access My Account, and Log Out. **Access My Account** lets you update your picture, name, add a bio, select your Art + Craft interests. You can also change profile preferences, your password, and email preferences. If you like, you can also connect to your Facebook.

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Watching a Class

After choosing a class, press the play button in the middle of the screen.

TOP LEFT TOOLS

A. Playlists show the videos that are coming up next in the sequence. Some classes have short video sections that explain different parts of the overall project, such as an introduction, materials needed, etc. **B.** The bunny icon speeds up the video. **C.** The play icon returns the video to normal speed. **D.** The snail icon slows the video down. **E.** The last option allows you to replay the last 20 seconds of the video.

TOOLBAR

These are your standard options while watching a video, such as Play, Rewind 10 seconds, Skip to next video, HD options, Closed Captioning, Volume, and Full Screen. The blue bar shows how far along you are in the current video.
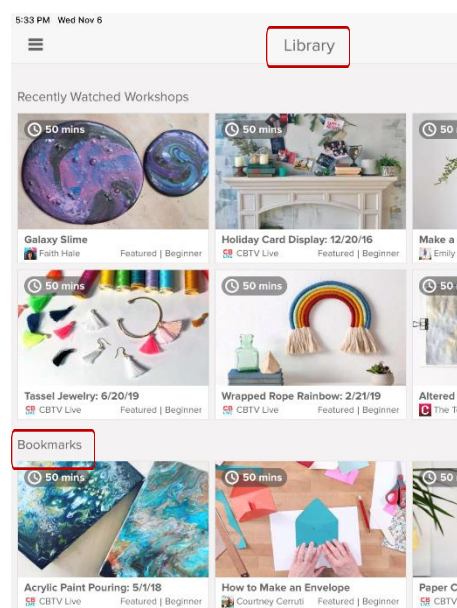
BOTTOM TOOLS

1. Description allows you to read about the course. **2.** The Chapters option is similar to Playlists and lists the different parts of the course. So you can skip ahead or go back to chapters. **3.** Materials lists what you will need. **4.** Gallery shows pictures that the instructors posted as well as community posts. **5.** Discussion shows comments that other users have asked. The instructors are typically quick to respond to questions asked about the class, materials, etc. **6.** You can write Notes to yourself. **7.** Watchlist is where you can save the course to and come back to later. **8.** Transcript allows you to view the text of the video. **9.** Some courses have downloadable PDF's of the materials needed and instructions.
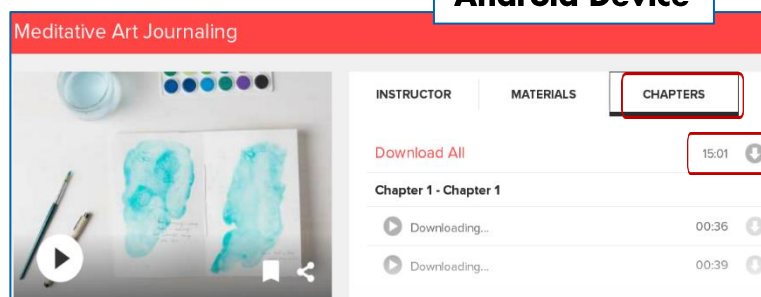
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Creativebug App

Your account on Creativebug.com and the app will look a little different, but most apps and their websites usually do. However, you can still use most of the same functions in the Creativebug app. Also, you can download classes to your device, so you can watch them while not on WIFI. Download the app from the appropriate app store (Apple App Store or Google Play).

Using your same login as you created before, sign into the app. The home page shows Featured Classes. To browse categories, select the orange drop down arrow to see other class types. For more
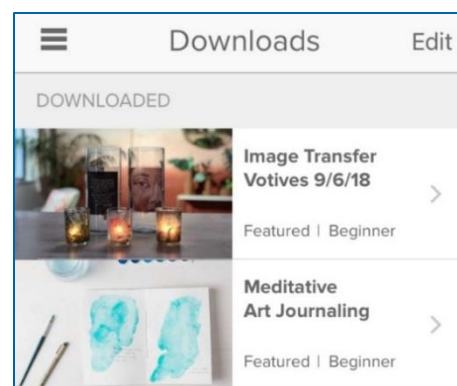
account options, choose the three lines in the left corner. This will give you the options Home, Instructors, Library, Downloads, and Settings. One difference is that on Creativebug.com, the library option is not used (because it is for paying members). In the app, Library shows what is called Watchlist on Creativebug.com. So what you saved to your Watchlist on the website will be saved under Bookmarks in the Library Section of the app.

Android Device

Downloading to a Device

You can download a class to the device, so you can watch it wherever (even if you are not on WIFI). To do this, select a course. Go to Chapters. It looks a little different depending on what device you are using, so I have both an example from an Apple device and an Android device. The choice to download is available by moving the button over to the right (Apple) or clicking

Apple Device

the download arrow (Android). It will begin downloading and has successfully done so when there is a green arrow (Apple) or a red arrow (Android) next to the chapter.

You can find your downloaded videos by clicking the three lines at the top left of the page. Press play to watch the course offline.

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