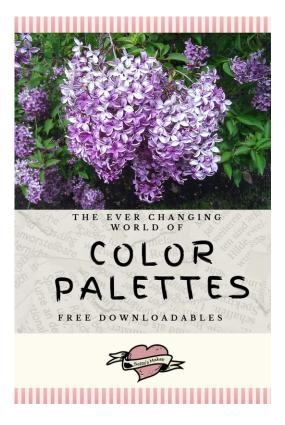
BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter May 18



It is hard to believe that we are in the **third week of May!** The weather has certainly been unpredictable between rain storms, hot weather, and everything in between. I feel blessed that I live in such a wonderful city with hundreds of gardens so close to my home. In order to celebrate the flowers, I have created a special post just for spring colors, it is called <u>Color Palettes</u>. As you can see by the post image, **flowers are on my mind for doing crafts**. I am doing this post a little differently. I am **adding new palettes to the post each week**. Although you will be able to find them on Pinterest, if you bookmark the post, you will not miss a post addition.



What else is happening in the crafting world this week? *Did you know that* <u>Canva.com</u> just "bought" and joined <u>Pexels</u> (a site where you can get FREE images to use). This means that Canva.com will be able to add so many more images and artists and photographers will have an even better way to expose their work. **Quick fact**: Canva gets 15 million uses each and every month and is still growing!

Crafting and Making for this summer is not about staying indoors (except on rainy days), it is about exploring new ideas. If you are going to be traveling, why not take some photos of crafts on your travels. There are so many ideas out there. For BettesMakes.com we are getting ready to launch a flower making series of posts and classes. We have already started with a few of our DIY Paper Flower posts that are making the rounds.

How to Make a Giant Crepe-Paper Rose

Easy Large Garden DIY Paper Flower

DIY Paper Flowers

Perfecting Paper Flowers

I have been doing much more than working with DIY Paper Flowers! My daughter and her twin girls made **Muppets**! I am awaiting the photos so I can share them with you. They are so amazing, they look like the real thing!! Kids have such talents!!! **If you want to learn how to make Muppets**, just reply to this email and I will put you on the list for a Muppet class.

One last thing for this week. I created a new downloadable called *The Top 7 Simple* & Cheap Tools You Need Right Away to Get Started Paper Crafting. It has yet to be released to the public but as one of my readers you have instant access. All you need to do is go to my resource library, enter the password "love" and this downloadable will be near the top of the list.

Please enjoy using inexpensive tools to make the same great crafts that seem so complicated using a cutting machine. I use these tools all the time (and ye, I do have a Cricut Maker and a <u>Sizzix</u>).

This weekend is a long weekend for Canadians as they celebrate **Victoria Day**. I do hope all of my Canadian members have a safe and enjoyful 3 days!

Next weekend is when **Memorial Day** is recognized in the USA.

An update on Pinterest - we are almost at 2 million monthly views with over 1000 followers. If you have not yet followed <u>BettesMakes</u>, <u>please click here</u> and follow us.

Be sure to watch next weeks newsletter for information about our next crafting challenge. We have a BIG surprise in store for everyone!

I do hope you are going to have a fantastic weekend!

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Follow me on Pinterest: <u>Http://Pinterest.ca/BettesMakes</u>

And on Instagram: http://instagram.com/BettesMakes

Plus I am now on YouTube - new videos each week will be posted.



For those of us who love to blog and do crafts, check out the latest <u>Pinterest Launch Plan</u> from Jennifer Maker. it is something you do not want to miss. I have been following this religiously for the past two months and I am still in awe at how many monthly views I am getting. As of today we are over 1.8 million monthly views on Pinterest.



Jennifer also has a list building course called <u>List Love</u> - I am working my way through this program as we speak. As the first program was so successful, I am truly excited about diving into this one as well.

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