

BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter May 25



It seems like a long week when there is a 3 day weekend surrounding your **work time**. I am just so happy to have extra time to play tennis, ride my bike, and maybe add a little golf (as long as the weather holds up). This weekend I will be spending some time editing the videos I have been making. Choosing a "**theme**" **song, intro, and outro** was far more difficult than doing the entire video!

I will be **posting the videos next week along** with a step-by-step post that goes along with them. The topic is DIY Paper Flowers using [The Top 7 Simple & Cheap Tools You Need Right Away to Get Started Paper Crafting](#). I decided I would add 3 projects to the posts (plus a video for each). The first post will be about making DIY Paper Flower Carnations. These are so incredibly wonderful and easy to make - no cutting machine necessary. I will announce the blog article on Tuesday next week, so be sure to check your email for details.

I am still **adding new palettes to the Color Palettes post each week**. This week I was able to **capture many photos of the late spring** flowers in nearby gardens and parks. The results are stunning. Although you will be able to find them on Pinterest, if you bookmark the post, you will not miss a post addition.



I recently discovered that **Pinterest is now a publicly traded company** and the dynamics about how you post, when you post, and how much you have to pay for advertising are about to change in the next 6 months. It should be interesting to see if their audience grows with their new tactics. After all, having to answer to shareholders is much different than when you are a private organization. I know, I worked for Cisco Systems in Silicon Valley for a number of years!

Crafting is my number one passion and I love to make something almost every day (I even manage to play tennis, golf or ride my bike on most days as well), I just can't help coming up with ideas of things to make. I just could not imagine life with being a crafter and maker!

Because I am adding to this DIY Paper Flower list (see below), I thought I would ask you a couple of questions:

1. Have you ever made flowers using Washi Tape?
2. Do you make your own patterns and templates for DIY Paper Flowers?
3. What crafts are the most important to you?

I truly would appreciate if you can respond to this newsletter with the answers, I want to make sure I am giving you the right type of crafts!

My DIY Paper Flower Posts

[How to Make a Giant Crepe-Paper Rose](#)

[Easy Large Garden DIY Paper Flower](#)

[DIY Paper Flowers](#)

[Perfecting Paper Flowers](#)

Again, I have been doing much more than working with DIY Paper Flowers! ***This weekend we are having a family craft day!*** The craft will be **Paper Mache Clay sculpture**. I will be filming and taking lots of photos to share with you. The Paper Mache Clay is made of newsprint, water, and wall paper paste. It is mixed and then kneaded into a clay form. With the clay you can cover any shape you have previous made and then set it to dry. This form of paper mache actually keeps longer than just flour, water, and newsprint. So, be sure to **watch for some interesting posts on this subject**.

Don't forget to pick up your copy of [The Top 7 Simple & Cheap Tools You Need Right Away to Get Started Paper Crafting](#). It has yet to be released to the public (I will release it with the DIY Paper Flower Carnation post), 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 [Sizzix](#)).

This weekend is when **Memorial Day** in the USA, be safe!

An update on Pinterest - we now at 2.2 million monthly views with over 1100 followers. If you have not yet followed [BettesMakes](#), [please click here](#) and follow us.

If you have read this far, you will want to know what **the BIG surprise I promised last week** is going to be. Well, here it is. I am putting together a new book on how to make DIY projects using Simple & Cheap Tools. The book will not be released for another few months but I am taking names for those who are interested in the book. Just fill out the form below and you will be on the pre-launch list. For those who join the list, I will be giving away free chapters as the book nears completion. Just click the link below and enter your name!

Pre-Launch List: <https://pages.convertkit.com/e37b037076/ba205bfed4>

Be sure to watch next weeks newsletter for information about our next crafting challenge.

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



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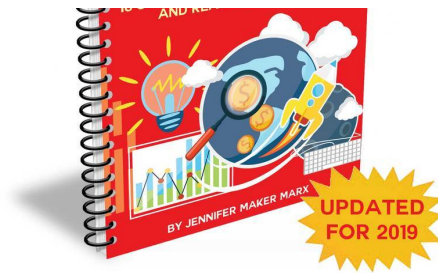
And on Instagram: <http://instagram.com/BettesMakes>

Plus I am now on [YouTube](#) - new videos each week will be posted. I will certainly have the family craft day video posted here next week.



For those of us who love to blog and do crafts, check out the latest [Pinterest Launch Plan](#) 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 [List Love](#) - 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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