

BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter June 1



May is now gone and here we are on **June 1st** wondering what happened to May! In **less than 3 weeks Father's Day will be upon us** and if you are anything like me, I will be making a card the night before! There is something about procrastination that makes me think I am being more creative at the last minute!. This year I want to be prepared ahead of time. There are plenty of ideas on [Pinterest!](#)

This past week I finally **finished off all three videos for the 3 DIY Paper Flower projects** to match my blog articles (still have 2 to write) using [The Top 7 Simple & Cheap Tools You Need Right Away to Get Started Paper Crafting](#). The first post is up and running for those who have not read it yet. There are step-by-step instructions for making a carnation in this first post.

The other 2 videos are in place on YouTube and **because you are a subscriber, you have first access** to them.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzMHoceK1XiXi8lykicnUmQ> -

Could I ask you a favor? I need to have 100 subscribers in order to rename my channel to [BettesMakes](#). I truly need that subscribe from everyone. I really appreciate the help!

This weeks color palette is Poppies - just [click here](#) to see the wonderful oranges you can use in spring and summer! Here is the image (from my green streets corner garden) I used to make this palette:



I have had a very busy week with a **crafting day with my family** all day making **Paper Mache Clay Sculptures**. We worked all day long and still have not finished the project. The time for the mache clay to dry was 3 days. This means **this weekend**

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I know they don't look like much but the paper stuffing and taping seemed to take forever! Now for the finishing touches this weekend! Then comes the painting, starting with a coat of gesso! I will be using acrylics to do the final touches but as you can imagine, there will be more drying days to come. This was a huge project undertaking and 4 of us made these models. Mine was an owl, my daughter made a dragon, my twin grand daughters made a white tailed deer and a dachshund. Mine is 18" tall. I can hardly wait to finish it this next week.

IMPORTANT NOTE: My friend and colleague Wendy Dewar Hughes is going to be traveling to Rome this next week. Wendy is putting on a paint with me program while in Rome. Every day there will be new sketches to complete with her. Wendy is an extraordinary artist and this is something we can all do! ***You can sign up for her program here:*** <https://www.summerbaystudioclub.com/> I signed up right away - it is FREE to join!

Craftstash is having a sale on some of their **embossing machines**. Here is the link to take a look at the new [Sizzix](#) pricing. As with any craft store, they have now opened a USA location so shipping will be a lot faster.

Lots of calls to action in this newsletter and there is one more...I finally have a group <http://Facebook.com/groups/BettesMakes>! The group used to be Copious Crafts but we have joined forces and now can share even more with you and also have you add your makes at the same time.

I will continue to add 2 more projects for DIY Paper Flowers in the coming days (peony and Lily) from the Videos I have already created. I am ready to make a giant sunflower using crepe-paper. My only issue here is the stamen and center of the flower. I want it to be very realistic and am experimenting with different techniques. I have not found anything that I am pleased with right now. ***If you have any suggestions please let me know (bette@bettesmakes.com)***

My DIY Paper Flower Posts Update

[The Top 7 Simple & Cheap Tools You Need Right Away to Get Started Paper Crafting \(DIY Paper Flower Carnation\)](#)

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

[Easy Large Garden DIY Paper Flower](#)

[DIY Paper Flowers](#)

[Perfecting Paper Flowers](#)

An update on Pinterest - we now at 2.6 million monthly views with over 1160 followers. If you have not yet followed [BettesMakes](#), [please click here](#) and follow us. I am still in awe at the number!

Don't forget to subscribe to my new YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzMHoceK1Xi8IykicnUmQ>

Do you know anyone who loves to craft and would benefit from this newsletter and the resource library? Please pass this newsletter on and let us know. We have **a surprise ready for those who have 5 or more people sign up in the month of June.**

This weekend is a regular 2 days off and I hope it is warm and sunny! I continue to think about the raging forest fires that are starting to terrorize the nation - I am keeping hope that there will be rain to keep those to a minimum. I am also thinking about the weather in Oklahoma which is devastating the land and destroying homes. As a member of Rotary, ***I hope we can provide enough aid to help those in need.***

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



To get on my book pre-launch list click here: [The Top 100 Crafts Using Simple & Cheap Tools](#)

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Don't forget to subscribe to my new channel on [YouTube](#) - new videos each week will be posted. Creating videos for my crafts is the best way to add to my step-by-step blog tutorials.



In case you forgot, the password for the resource library is **love**

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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