

BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter July 27

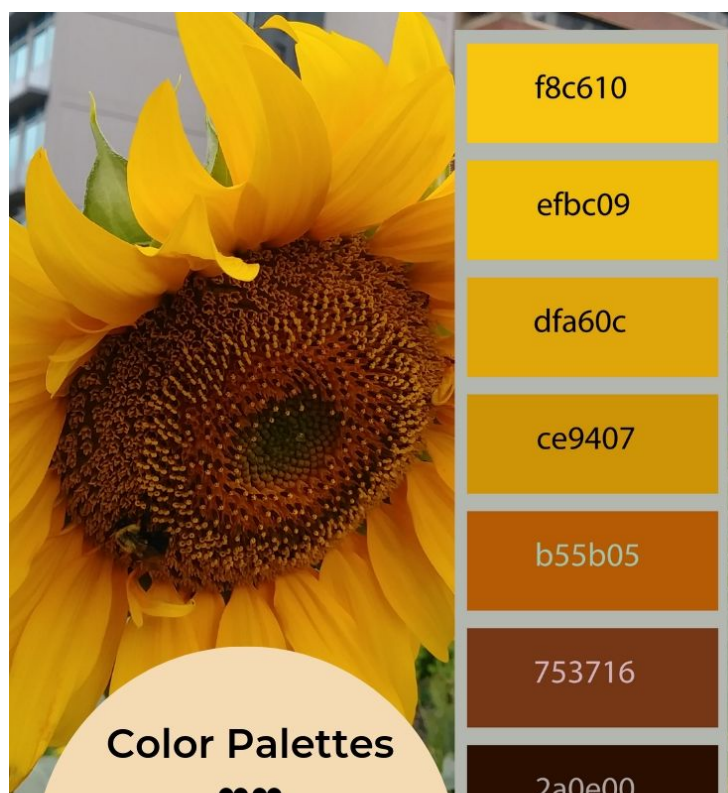


Taking Photos then Creating Palettes

With it now being mid summer, the flowers are all in bloom! The gardens here are absolutely amazing with so many photo ops along the way. I went for a walk down by Lost Lagoon in Vancouver to see a neighborhood garden that overlooks the tennis courts and the lagoon. It was chock full of almost every type of flower you could imagine! The blooms were at their peak and I took dozens of photos just so I could create more palettes! I am way ahead of my schedule for sure!

This week I decided to showcase my photo of a sunflower because I had been working on a sunflower crafting project. Looking closely at the center of the flower you should see a bee working away. I also took pictures of Sweet Peas, More Tiger Lilies, Snap Dragons, Dogwood, Hollyhocks, begonias, and the list goes on.

Here is this week's color Palette - the colors are a perfect match for making these yourself (see my [Sunflower post](#)). BTW I am thinking of making my photos available in my resource library - is this something you would like? ***Just reply to this newsletter and say "Yes to Original Photos"***





Michael's Classes

I mentioned last week that I would be teaching Cricut classes at Michael's over a 3 day period. That time frame has now come and gone and I will be scheduling more classes in the fall. I want to encourage you to think about teaching for them as well. Just click on the links below and register.

The application process is simple but you will need to have a photo, bio, class outline, image of the completed project, and a list of supplies (they would prefer you send your students into the store to buy their supplies). Apply here:

[Michaels.ca/instructors](https://michaels.ca/instructors) or [Michaels.com/instructors](https://michaels.com/instructors) - this is your chance to teach your crafting skills and make some money at the same time!

Another Learning Idea

I just discovered SliceForm! It is certainly something that I have yet to master, for sure. SliceForm allows you to create and make papercrafts where the pieces all fit into slots. (Like the inside of a box of glasses - you know, the dividers that fit into each other to make a partition). The application of SliceForm for making beautiful works of art is only bounded by your imagination. I found examples of very intricate "woven" patterns which were "slotted" together! Check out the application for yourself, it may be something you want to try. It is FREE to use:

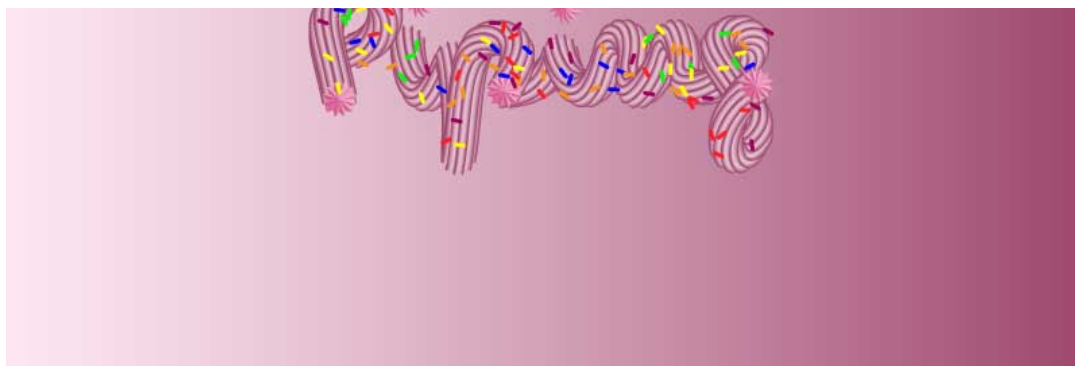
<https://www.sliceformstudio.com/>

I am certainly going to try it to see how I can make some pop-up cards.

Illustrator Classes

As a life-longer learner, like you, upping your skill level for any creative endeavor seems to be the norm. This past week I learned a new design idea from my favorite teacher, Helen Bradley (see her classes on [Skillshare](https://www.skillshare.com/) and other platforms). I learned to create a piping (like icing on a cake) technique i could use to make incredible designs for handmade cards and more. Take a look - it might be something you would love to do. I had a lot of fun creating the text and the blends. I am sure you could do the same thing in other apps with the right tools.





Do you have any really new or interesting crafts you want to share?

I asked last week if you had any makes from this past month and so far i do not have a lot of submissions or shares - do share what you are working on, I just love to see what others are making. Share in my [Facebook group](#)!



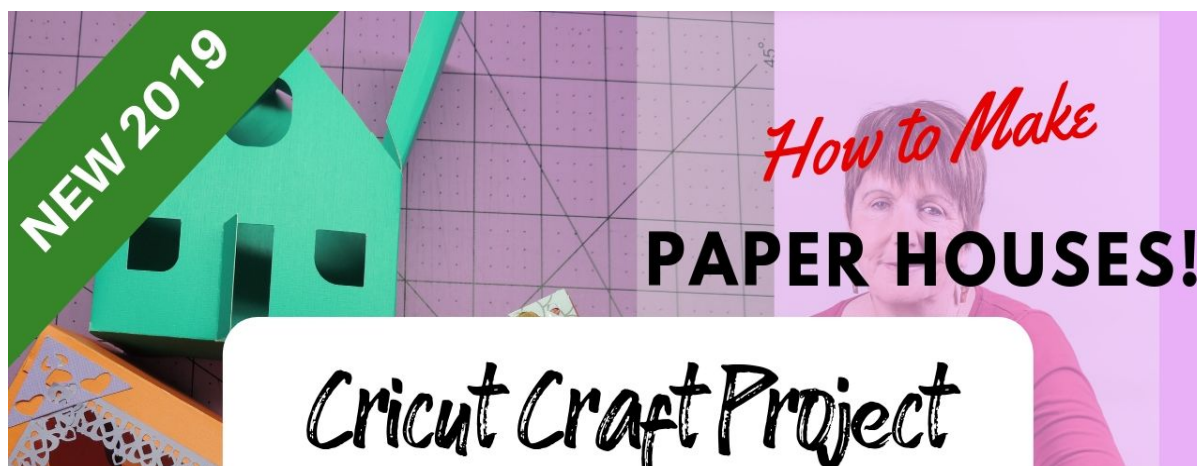
This week's post

Wow, this week was so busy as I did make a video that ended up being over an hour long after editing and then wrote the blog post to go with that video. The subject? Well it was interesting as i made a Simple Paper House!

The design of the house took a fair amount of time (I designed all of it after I found some incredible ideas on Pinterest), I made a few of them, then went through the whole process again while filming every single part of the making! What a lot of fun. I sure hope you try this project out and make a few of these houses yourself. This is another family fun project!

Read the post here: [**Cricut Craft: How to Make a Simple Paper House**](#)

See the Video on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/OwUh2JXAnBE>





Reminder About the Facebook Group

We now have 80 members in our new group <http://Facebook.com/groups/BettesMakes!>

My blog posts and the links to them are always posted in the group in order for you to have easy access. It is a great place to also add your comments and join in the discussions. The group is also the perfect spot for you to post your makes and ask for opinions. ***The group is a two-way street and in place to help everyone.***

I now have my survey results and my makes will primarily be in the 5 categories chosen. I will continue to do other crafts as well as good ideas are so hard to pass by. Have you ever walked into a store and loved something then thought, "I can make this"? That is what happens to me every time I shop. As a reminder, you can always email me with ideas to bette@bettesmakes.com

Pinterest

An update on Pinterest - we now at an amazing 2.5 million monthly views (up from 2.4m last week) with over 1585 followers (a jump of 45 this past week). If you have not yet followed [BettesMakes](#), [please click here](#) and follow me - many thanks in advance!

Don't forget to subscribe to my new YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzMHoceK1XiXi8lyk...>

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 who they are - I want to reward those who help us build our mailing list. I have plenty of Sakura Gelly Roll pen sets to give away.

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

Happy Crafting!

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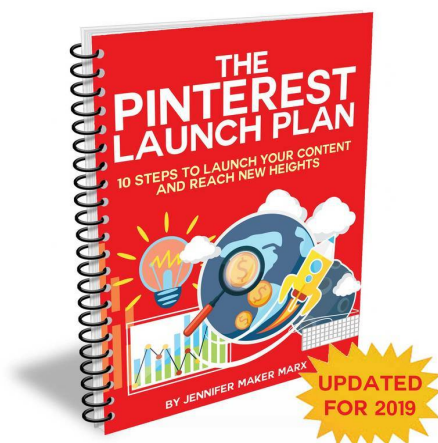
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Don't forget to subscribe to my new channel on [YouTube](#) - new videos each week will be posted. Creating videos for my crafts is the best way to add to my step-by-step blog tutorials.

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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