

## BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter August 17



***This Week's FREE GIFT for all my readers is a digital die-cut - the link is posted at the end of this newsletter.***

### Trellis Design

As I was working on making a couple of birthday cards for my family, I came across a design that really intrigued me. It was a Trellis in the background and the card had other cut and print features but I loved the trellis. The trellis was a die-cut that you can purchase but since I did not have the die-cut in my possession, I decided to design my own. I think you will love this one! I have made this my free downloadable for today's newsletter! I have it in both SVG and PNG format, just for you.



### It is Important to be a Part of a Group

This week i met a pinning colleague through a group - she is in the beading and jewelry making space and is just starting her Pinterest boards. I absolutely love her work and I would like to introduce her to my list of subscribers. Take a look at what she has and i know you will love it as much as I do.

Her name is Amy Romeu and her site is: [www.amyromeu.co](http://www.amyromeu.co). you can also view her

Pinterest profile here: <https://www.pinterest.ca/amyromeu/>



### The Color Palette for this week is all about Gladiolus!

I planted these Gladiolus 2 years ago and this year they have finally bloomed! Although all of the plants did not produce flowers, this pink one certainly did and it is my favorite for sure! These blooms do not last long but when they are out, the whole neighborhood is aglow with some amazing colors.





## Back to School

Is this really true that our kids are heading back to school in the USA in the next week and those in Canada have 3 weeks left on their vacation? It seems like they only got out yesterday and the summer is just starting to heat up with some amazing activities. Here are some crafts you can make with the whole family as the days of summer fade.



Do you have any back-to-school crafts you would like to share? I would love to hear about them/ Just email me at [Bette@bettesmakes.com](mailto:Bette@bettesmakes.com). I am looking forward to seeing what else we can create

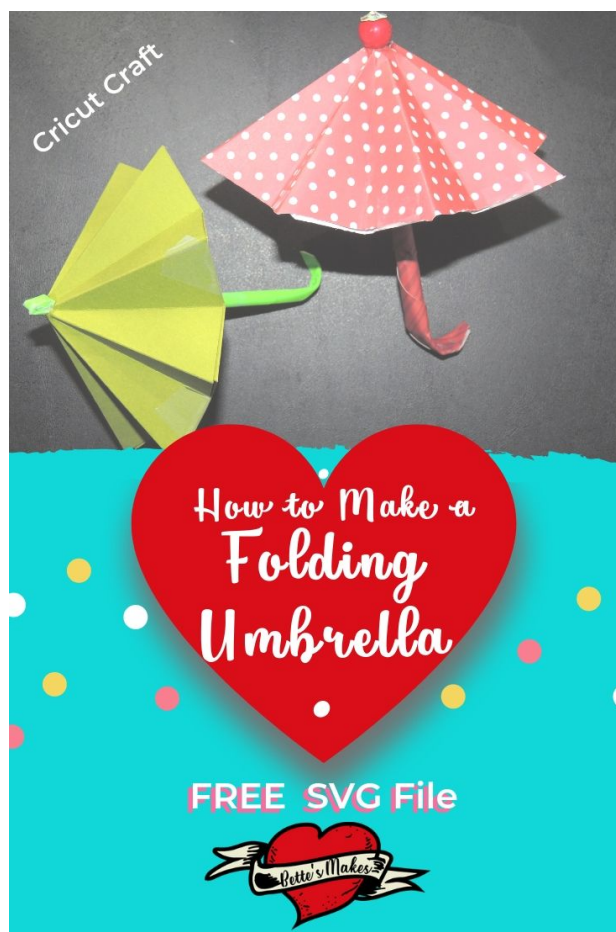
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## This week's Post - Folding Umbrellas

This post is all about **folding umbrellas** - a project that is challenging, yet simple. There are so many variations you can do with this such as two different paper designs, adding text to the outside of the umbrella, or even making swirls that come



out of the top, just to name a few. This tutorial will take you through the whole process of making these so cute folding umbrellas! BTW I made a template for the umbrella and you can use it to hand cut the pieces if you do not own a Cricut cutting machine.



I am looking at a Pinwheel project for the next post. You can not only make the regular style pinwheel, you can also create some gorgeous paper flowers using the same techniques! This project is going to be a lot of fun!

### Reminder About the Facebook Group

We now have 83 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](mailto:bette@bettesmakes.com)

### Pinterest

**An update on Pinterest** - we now at an amazing 2.4 million monthly views (exactly the same as last week) with over 1660 followers (a smaller increase than the

previous week). If you have not yet followed [BettesMakes](#), [please click here](#) and follow me - many thanks in advance!

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## ***Don't forget to subscribe to my new YouTube Channel***

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

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**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.

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**Let's really enjoy summer this weekend!**

Happy Crafting!



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

Join my Facebook Group: <http://Facebook.com/groups/BettesMakes>

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**

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**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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## FREE GIFT

this is for you!

This week I am giving each of you a digital paper pack - this set contains bark and stone patterns. Feel free to use these digital designs in any way you wish - it is my gift to you.

To get the free gift, go to [my resource library](#) and log in with the password **love** - The file should be at the top of the list and called **Trellis Die-Cut**.

Thanks for being one of my loyal readers! More freebies to come in the future.



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