

BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter August 31



FREE for subscribers - this week I am adding some more digital papers. These papers are Gingham in four different colors! The link to the files is at the end of this newsletter.

Welcome to my New Subscribers!

For those new to my newsletter, I will soon be posting the archives on the website so you can take advantage of all the news I have been sharing. I do hope you will stay with us as we explore new crafts and ideas.

Michaels in the News

I must say that Michaels is being very proactive in promoting their classroom sessions, especially the ones which are being sponsored by the company. A few weeks ago, they reached out to me regarding teaching their Circut 101 classes in Vancouver. I naturally was honored and without any hesitation I said absolutely YES!

The first class day is August 31st (today) and I have been informed that there are students registered and eagerly awaiting to attend my class. I couldn't be more thrilled!!

The project will be using vinyl with a design created in class. All the students are getting the materials for FREE from Michaels! This is going to be amazing to say the least, I can hardly wait to meet my students.

There is still a lot of room for more instructors - so check out the [Michaels website](#) and look for the Classroom logo for more information on becoming an instructor or simply attending a class.

My Favorite Artist of the Week - Barbara Boldt





I have known Barbara for over 25 years and have purchased a few of her paintings that are hanging proudly on my wall. Barbara works in oils and acrylics - she has a new book with many of her images plus she runs a gallery out of her home in Fort Langley, BC Canada. Did I mention that Barbara is well over 80 and still going strong plus her art is better than ever!

Barbara also teaches new artists and has many long standing students!

You can visit her website at <https://barbaraboldt.com>

Here is an example of one of her amazing landscape canvases - called "between a rock"



The Color Palette for this week is all about Chrysanthemums!

I love taking photos of all the Mums that are now in bloom in my neighborhood and this week's palette is just one example - this color scheme is amazing and I can hardly wait to use it for making some DIY Paper Flowers.





Is Hallowe'en on Your Crafting Calendar?

It seems that most of us are still in summer mode and thinking about Hallowe'en is just not on the radar (at least yet). I don't think Hobby Lobby, Michaels, or any other store got the message that we are still finishing off summer (which is September 21st). I like looking at the ideas (even the local Dollar Store is getting into the Hallowe'en spirit) and still am having a difficult time getting motivated about producing anything October related until at least the end of September.

I do have a list of ideas to work on - a Cricut cut pumpkin, Fall leaves in an arrangement, decals for the car, and the list goes on. Just the planning stages for me in this moment. What do you have planned?



This week's Blog Article

After many, many, many experiments with making a pinwheel that spins, I finally found a method that works and is safe for kids. To me the most important part of the pinwheel is the handle and how the wings are attached. If it is too tight, nothing moves. If it is too loose, then it wobbles. I think I have the solution and it is simple - as long as you can handle a screw driver and a wood screw! I do hope you will give it a try - I have uploaded a few different size and shape templates for you to try. They are all located in my [resource library](#).





BTW - I have not finished the video for this post but it will be coming very soon.

Reminder About the Facebook Group

We now have 86 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 2.7 million monthly views (this is taking my breath away as I can hardly believe that number) with over 1765 followers (an increase of 35 from the previous 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.

Let's really enjoy summer this weekend!

Happy Crafting!

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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.





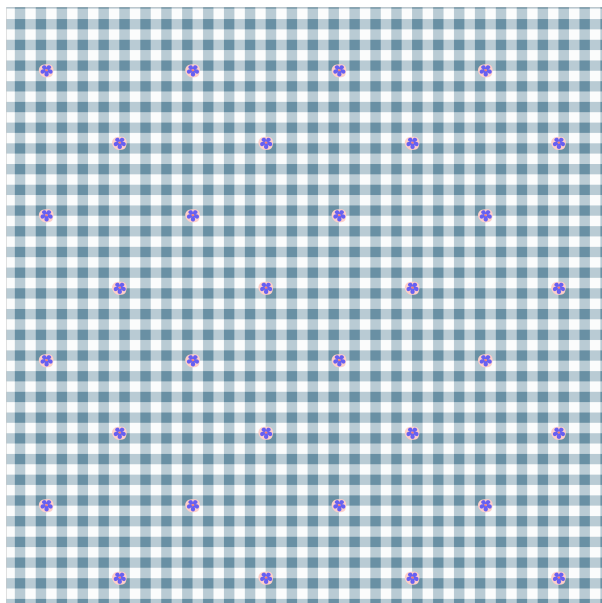
Jennifer also has a list building course called [List Love](#) - I am working my way through this program as we speak. As the first program was so successful, I am truly excited about diving into this one as well.

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FREE GIFT for This Week

this is for you!

This week I am giving each of you a digital paper pack - this set contains four gingham pages (I absolutely love these digital pages)- it is my gift to you. You can use digital pages for almost any craft. There is no need to purchase large volumes of preprinted pages, just print when you need to.



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

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



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