

BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter September 7



FREE for subscribers - this week I am adding some more digital papers. These papers are Hexagons and are part of this week's Pattern Design tutorial! The link to the files is at the end of this newsletter.

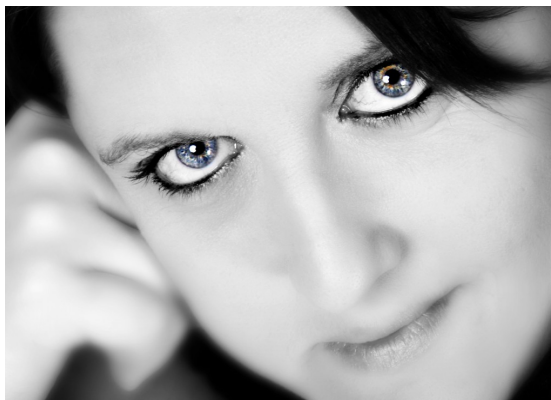
September Crafting!

Now that the family is back at school, the time to do crafts is expanding along with ideas of what to make. Even if the stores are pushing Christmas, I am still working on back-to-school and Autumn ideas. This week I have been experimenting with Engraving on plexiglass (acrylic sheets). I did my engraving using my Cricut Maker and although I was pleased with the results, I still have a long way to go to make a piece I will be happy to share. My first piece was a mandala with my husbands name in the center. Looked great until I decided to start painting in the design.

Oh well, back to the drawing board with a new design!

Have you done any etching? I would love to know more from you.

My Favorite Artist of the Week - Carina Grace



Carina is one of those artists who can take any craft and perfect it almost instantly! I have her first watercolor painting and it is jaw dropping! Her passion for Arts & Crafts takes the front seat in her life. These days she is pursuing a Master Knitting Certification - BTW she is also a published Fantasy author with a Trilogy. The first book in her series is called The Chronicles of Myriad - available from her directly -

just go to her website <https://CarinaGrace.com>

Carina also guest posts for BettesMakes.com - her article on [Knitted Felting](#) is incredible - a craft we should all try!

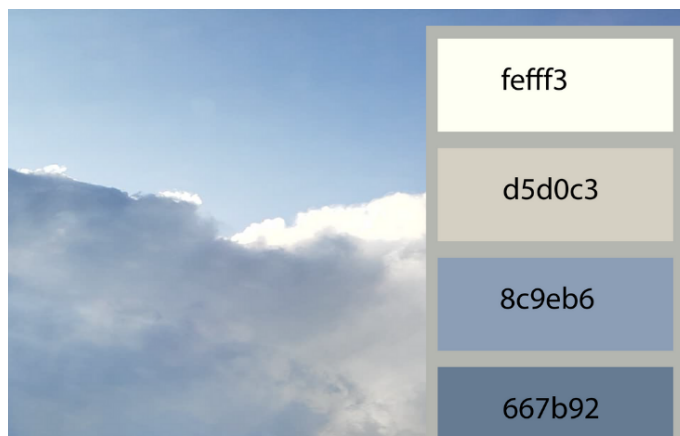
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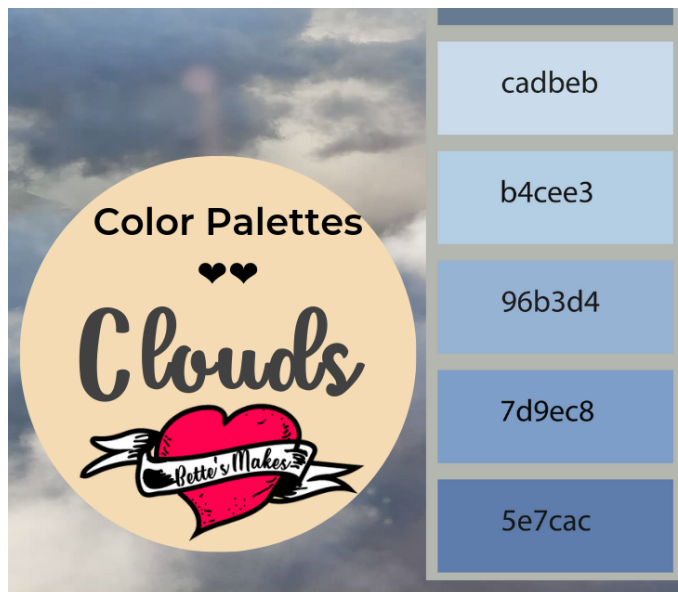
FREE Pattern



The Color Palette for this week is all about The Clouds!

i had always thought clouds were white and gray (grey) and never thought much more about them until i made this color palette. I was amazed to find out that the clouds have many shades of blue - way beyond what I had imagined! This color palette was created from a cloud shot that was taken from an airplane on the way into Vancouver airport. The image was taken by my favorite artist of the week Carina Grace!





Pinwheels Are Still My Favorite Craft

I ended my week with making even more pinwheels! They are truly addicting. As a matter of fact, I have a vase full of them - just another unusual bouquet on my desk!

This week I also made a new Apron with the new colors in my logo - you will see it in all the new videos I will be making in the next week or two. I filmed the iron-on technique and will put together a blog post with the step-by-step guide on the process I found works the best.

If there are any crafts you would like me to make - let me know - I am more than happy to learn something new and experiment with the process - just no glass blowing, Please!

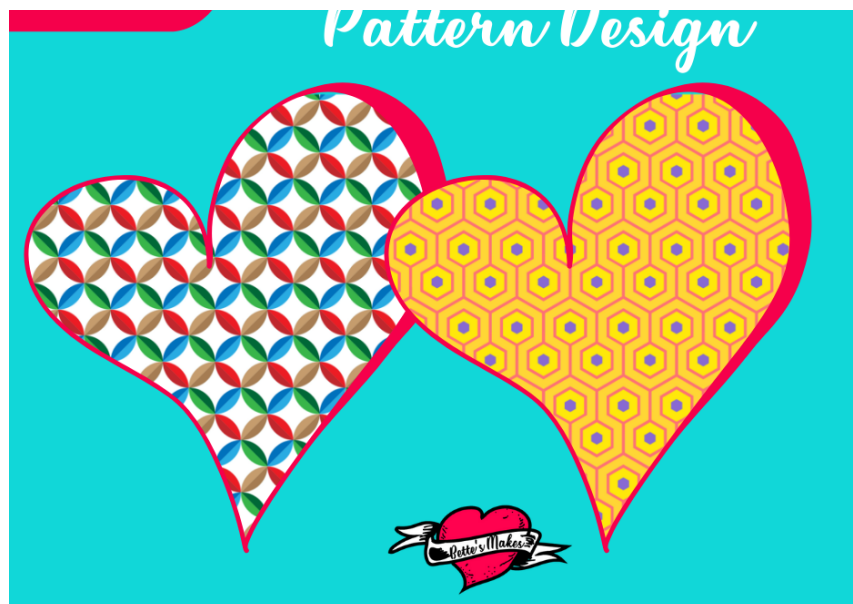


This week's Blog Article - How to Design Patterns (Step-by-Step)

We all seem to love patterns and the proof is in the fact that craft stores sell so many patterned papers to us just to do one or two paper crafts. The fun part of this tutorial is the fact that you can take any simple shape and make a pattern. Just look at the image below - these are both made from simple shapes (circles and hexagons). As part of today's FREEBIE I added some hexagon patterns just for you. They are all located in my [resource library](#).

STEP-BY-STEP
INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN



Reminder About the Facebook Group

Take a look at our group <http://Facebook.com/groups/BettesMakes>! and join in the discussion!

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.***

As a reminder, you can always email me with ideas to bette@bettesmakes.com

Pinterest

An update on Pinterest - we now at an amazing 2.9 million monthly views (I am waiting for the number to turn to 3 million) with over 1826 followers (an increase of 55 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 the waning summer days!

Happy Crafting!

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Don't forget to subscribe to my new channel on [YouTube](#) - new videos are always on the way.

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 set of hexagonal designs - this set contains designs with different colors (made from the step-by-step tutorial in the blog article)- it is my gift to you. i hope this encourages you to start making your own designs!



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 **Hexagons ZIP File**.

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

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