

## BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter September 28



***Tomorrow is my birthday! So here is a gift for you to help me celebrate. Just go to the end of this newsletter to find your birthday surprise!***

### **It Seems that Kindness is in the Air Lately**

Kindness does not need to be a trend, it should be what we practice every day. For kindness this following week I am putting together a card making class for seniors, recruiting a number of Starbucks store managers and Rotarians to help with the making class. I am going to provide all of the supplies which includes paper, stamping, die-cutting, and much more.

The center where I am giving the class is so excited about personalizing their cards for the holiday season. It makes me so happy that there is an opportunity to give back to my community and have others join in to be of service.

Do you have any Kindness projects in your work or personal life?



**The Color Palette for this week: Fall Dahlias!**

Wow - this image is from a local garden - the colors are incredible and this palette is something where you can match papers to make beautiful hand made cards and more. I am so fascinated with flowers in the fall as the colors stand out against the graying skies. Just click on the image to get a bigger view of these colors!



## Getting Ready for Halloween

I have spent this last week figuring out a great design for making paper pumpkins that I can put on display. It took a few tries to make this project the way I wanted it. It seems that the tweaking is what makes a project worthwhile! See the image below for this week's project - the blog article and video are not quite ready as I spent most of my time making sure I used the right materials. For you to get a head start, the SVG file has been posted in the [resource library](#).





## Other Activities Using my Cricut Maker

Do you love experimenting with crafts? it is so much fun experimenting with all kinds of crafting projects and since there are new tools to use with my Cricut Maker, I thought I would give the engraving tool a try! Well, as usual, there were a ton of adjustments to make before I could get my project done the right way.

The first thing I did was design a plate for a door using Aluminum! I purchased the materials from Cricut and started on the process of making my etching. Since the aluminum had two sides, I started with the dull side to see if my design would work. It kind of did but I had a lot of design errors to fix. The adjustments were made the adjustments only to find the etching was not centered properly!

Ugh, back to the drawing board! More adjustments and finally, I have a design that is working! The article will soon be posted along with the video soon, but in the meantime, you can get the downloadable before the article is published.

Just go to my [resource library](#) and download the aluminum etching design file. I think you will love it as you can add your own text to the middle to make it completely yours.



## What else is new?

Over this past week I went to the Teachable Summit. Wow, what a lot of information over a short period of time. The summit has encouraged me to put on a Bootcamp which I will start working on over the fall. Topics have yet to be determined but I think it will be a good fit for my blog. I am thinking along the lines of a Cricut Bootcamp at

it will be a good fit for my blog. I am thinking along the lines of a Great Bootcamp at this point in time. **If you have any suggestions for me**, I am all ears and would love to hear your suggestions. Just email me at [Bette@bettesmakes.com](mailto:Bette@bettesmakes.com)

## 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](mailto:bette@bettesmakes.com)

## Pinterest

**An update on Pinterest** - we are now holding steady at 2.8 million monthly views and at this point in time we have no idea of how many followers we have. it seems that Pinterest has taken down that statistic for the time being. Who knows what other changes Pinterest will be making in the near future.

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...>

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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. Lots of Free gifts!

**Let's really enjoy this Fall!**

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**

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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 for This Week

this is my birthday gift for you!

I have put together a set of Kindness designs you can use to make your own crafts. Keep kindness in your heart and your actions to help me celebrate my birthday!

Kindness is  
  
continuous





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 **My Birthday Gift for You**

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



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