

## BettesMakes and Copious Crafts Weekly Newsletter November 2

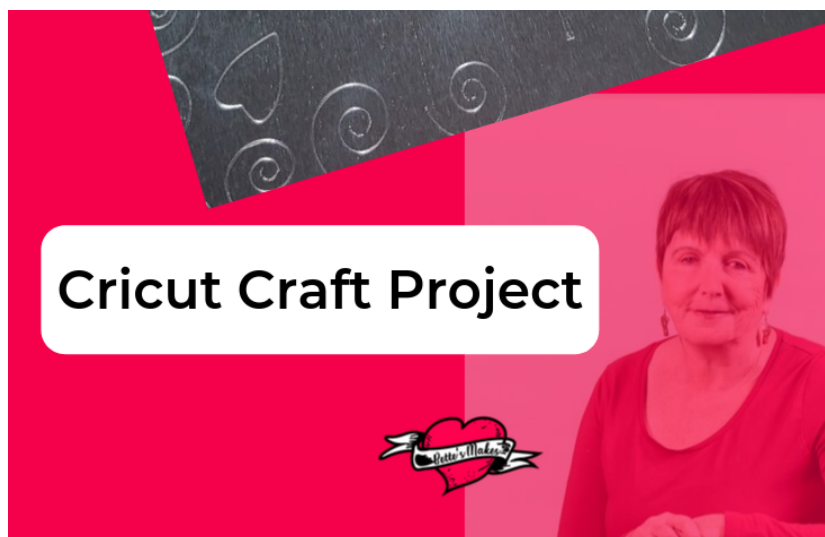


***Whew! Hallowe'en is done for another year! Now on to the Holiday Season with some really terrific crafting! This week I am giving you an advanced copy of my advent calendar files.***

## **Etching and Engraving!**

Etching (engraving) Aluminum using the engraving tool from Cricut (to be used with a Cricut Maker) was a great project. The biggest issue was making sure everything lined up and the engraving (etching) was placed properly. I purchased my aluminum sheet from Cricut.com but also found some at Michael's that were not quite the same size but would work with the engraving tool. The aluminum was a bit expensive as I tend to ruin the first one or two runs in any project! This one was no exception (someday I will learn to use paper and mockup the craft first). Still the results were fantastic! I included the template for the project in the resource library (the password is at the end of this newsletter, just in case you forgot it).





## The Color Palette for this week: Mallard Ducks!

Even with a cool fall, the Mallard Ducks are still hanging around in the ponds of Stanley Park. The food apparently is plentiful and they look as if they are not planning on migrating at all. I do believe they are residents of the park! As a child, I loved feeding the ducks and still do (it has to be the right food for them and not bread). These ducks are wonderful and there are a lot of them here. Remember you can download this image right from my blog and use it for your own crafting.





## Suppliers

Check out [CraftStash](#) - wow, a huge selection - I have found some materials and supplies here that I have not been able to find elsewhere..



## Other Activities This Week

I am finally getting a chance to design and engineer an advent calendar. It is almost ready for release and I hope to have it ready to go next week. Right now, it is finding out what fits in the spaces behind each of the doors. This has been fun to design!

I also had the chance to dress as a pirate and go bowling to raise money for an African water project. If you want to know more check out this page from my [Rotary Club!](#)

Back to crafting...

I must admit, I have more ideas on what to make than I have time to make them. Are you in that same spot?

I would love to hear from you on what you would like me to make next. Just email me at [Bette@bettesmakes.com](mailto:Bette@bettesmakes.com)

If you are in the Vancouver area, I have more classes scheduled at Michael's! I will be doing card making (including envelopes in November and more Cricut 101 classes in January! Check the schedule at <https://michaels.ca/classroom>

## This Week's Video

I finally finished up my video on my floral pattern card! Check it out here - you have likely seen this card in magazines! This video is the basis of this week's blog article as shown above!







## Resource Library

For all the FREE files that have been posted to BettesMakes.com blog, just go to my [resource library](#) and download anything you wish. The password is: **love**

**Spend some time browsing around for past downloads and be sure to download your weekly files!**



## What else is new?

More Cricut classes are coming soon! The proposals are in and now to wait for the scheduling! Cricut 101, Card Making and more coming to a Michael's soon.

If you are into it, you can go to the Michael's website (Canada and the USA) and apply to be an instructor. <https://Michaels.com/instructors> or <https://Michaels.ca/instructors> - share your talent and make some money at the



same time!

## Our Growing 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

Pinterest is finally working but not until I had a big loss in monthly views. Down to 2.3 million and dropping (not sure why) but the followers are still on the increase - tailwind also had an issue with scheduling posts - all seems to be fine for now. Time to start building this back up again!

## YouTube

I finally have a good format for my YouTube thumbnails but am always looking for feedback when it comes to what videos to create. Making stuff has been my priority and now to make videos of those makes. If you have not already, please subscribe to my channel (I am at 62 subscribers so far with a very slow growth - any help is appreciated).

<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 the Holiday Season!**

Happy Crafting!



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

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

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**BTW:** I received my mystery box with 7 rolls of iron-on, vinyl, and patterns - wow - a real great deal! The next time there is a mystery box sale, I will let you know so you, too, can take advantage of the incredible deal. I check their site often to see if there is something I can add to my growing inventory of craft supplies.

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.

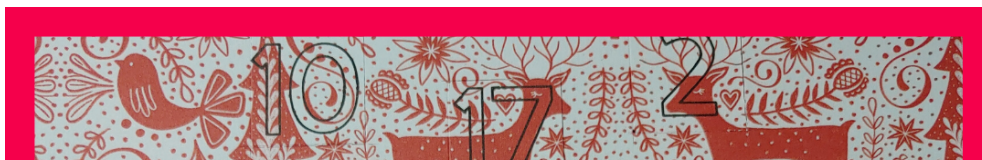


Jennifer also has a list building course called [List Love](#) - I am working my way through this program as we speak. As the first program was so successful, I am truly excited about diving into this one as well.

Just to let you know, there may be affiliate links in this newsletter. You will not pay a penny more for any product and I may make a few cents in the process. If you want to read more, read my [Disclaimer Policy](#).

## FREE GIFT for This Week

, I am giving you the advanced copy of my SVG and PNG files for making an advent calendar -The video will not be filmed until next week. You can get a head start of adding your own personalization with numbers, names, and treats! No license required.





Go to the [Resource Library](#) and download your advent calendar files in both PNG and SVG format.

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 named "Advent Calendar".

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

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