



Thank you everyone who participated in my annual survey! The results were amazing and I will be sure to focus on what you love in this coming year. Today, I created a layered vinyl (only 2 layers) project for a T-Shirt which I am sharing with you at the bottom of this newsletter.

Focus on Kindness!

After celebrating my twin granddaughters birthday this past week, they reminded me about being kind to everyone you meet. It seems it was a lesson they were taking at school and wanted to make sure I was on board with them. Of course, that is no issue with me! In helping them celebrate, I created an iron-on design to follow in the same vein. That is my shared downloadable for you today.

Here is something fun for this week - I have to try everything when it comes to crafting!

I am so happy you can actually buy wool already spun . Here is why:

While visiting, my daughter had me learning how to take wool from a shorn sheep (she was given 16 fleeces that were from Shetland Sheep at a local farm), and prepare it for spinning. BTW my daughter is really into the knitting scene and she has her own website at <https://knitindulgence.com>

What a fascinating experience! From the washing sequence all the way to using a drum carder took a very long time! It will certainly take her and her daughters weeks to get it all done and ready for spinning. I was happy to get my hands in there and work with the raw wool. You end up with very soft hands from the lanolin coming off the wool! Here we are at the washing tubs, I am on the right:

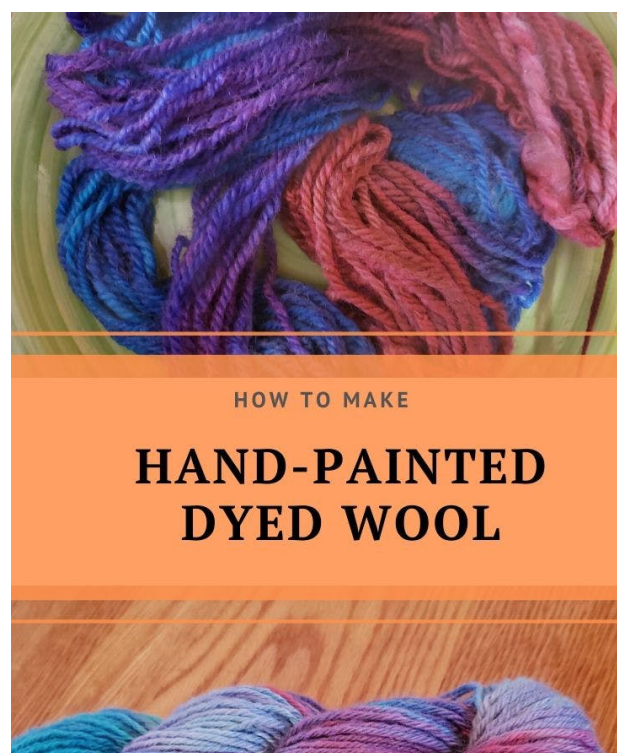




She has a lot more work to do beyond that as well, such as dyeing the wool, then making something with it. She actually wrote an article on part of the process for me.

This Week's Blog Article - [A Day of Dyeing Wool](#)

To follow along with my day of learning how to treat wool, I thought I would share this article from a day I spent with her dyeing some of the wool that had already been spun and was ready for the next stage. This was a very long day as we used many different methods to find out which worked the best. *If you are not into knitting or crochet, you will still find it interesting.*





BTW - if you missed any of these newsletters, the archives are in the [resource library](#) - at the end of the list of files.

My Color Palette For This Week - [Green Zinnia](#)

Of all the colors in nature, green flowers are the most amazing! Greens have so much to offer and most will match perfectly with each other. This phot was taken at a nursery!



Video of the Week - [How to Make a Stenciled Card](#)

Making the stencil then using it to make a card was so much fun! In this video I take you on an exploration on how to make your stencil. You will also learn how to experiment with using the stencil to make unique greeting cards. I made several designs with this stencil with some great results. I hope you will be able to make your own stencils and card designs, as well.





Take Another Peek Inside My Resource Library

I have been adding lots of templates and downloadables lately, so do not miss out on those extras! 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!



Have you given any thought about joining my Facebook Group?

Our Facebook group is starting to grow and I will be adding some new files for the taking in the next few weeks - don't miss out! Take a look at our group <http://Facebook.com/groups/BettesMakes!> and join in the discussion! Are you a member of the group? Time to join us - more to come for this group in the new year. 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.

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

YouTube - Take a Look at Some of My Legacy Videos!

I have been making videos for almost a year now and each one has been designed to help you make some incredible crafts. I love designing and making items, and getting suggestions on what you would like to see would be fabulous - just email me at Bette@BettesMakes.com - I would absolutely love to hear from you!

If you haven't already, please subscribe to the channel

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Take Time to Craft this Weekend...

Happy Crafting!

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature of the word "Bette" in black ink.



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This Week's Freebie! BEE Kind!

This is a direct download and will not be available in the resource library.

Just click the image below.



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Another Look at FontBundles and Design Bundles

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