



Each week, you will receive my newsletter which has a project or two you can make plus a FREE downloadable you will not find in the resource library. This week I have SVGs for "Save the Elephant"!

Save the Elephant Day is celebrated every September 22nd so design something special!

Saving on Vinyl and Cardstock!

One thing I have learned recently is that when you want to make something special and have all the materials on hand, something will go awry and you have to make adjustments. I cannot tell you how many times I have had to do test makes for a project before committing to using up all my valuable materials on the real thing.

Most of us seem to be gutsy enough to cut the final project right away before making test cuts! I wish I could be that perfect right away, but I am certainly not. For test cutting, I actually use newsprint or old magazine pages to make sure everything works out. I know it seems like a lot of work, but you will save a ton of money in supplies just by doing some testing.

BTW - I sometimes even use my test makes as the real project if it is working the way I think it should. Plus, I never throw away any scrap materials, I just make lots of shapes and quilling strips and have them on hand for embellishments!

In my class this last week I mentioned that [Cricut](#) has a really super program called Access, where you can get a lot of free images and other items. Make sure you visit their site and add those extra goodies to your account. You can cancel at anytime if you do not like the program. [Cricut Access](#) - this is the standard version, the best one to try before you buy the premium one.

Well, here it goes - So many of you responded yes (and I can't actually believe it, but it did happen, some people voted no), I am going to start the giveaway in September. Right now [Cricut](#) is out of stock on almost every machine it sells! You are going to love the give away each month and if you have not voted yet, you still can.

Please vote here:

[Yes, I want to participate in the giveaway.](#)

[No, I am not interested in a giveaway.](#)

This Week's Blog Article - [15 Incredible Cute Handmade Birthday Card Ideas](#)

I am always so surprised when it comes to September, how many birthdays we have in our family! I thought June was huge, but September really takes the cake! We have over 9 birthdays and making a decision on which cards to make is always a hassle! This is when I decided to put all the ideas together in a blog post - it will certainly make it easier to pick and choose which ones are a good fit for each member of my family. Personalizing cards just makes it much more special!

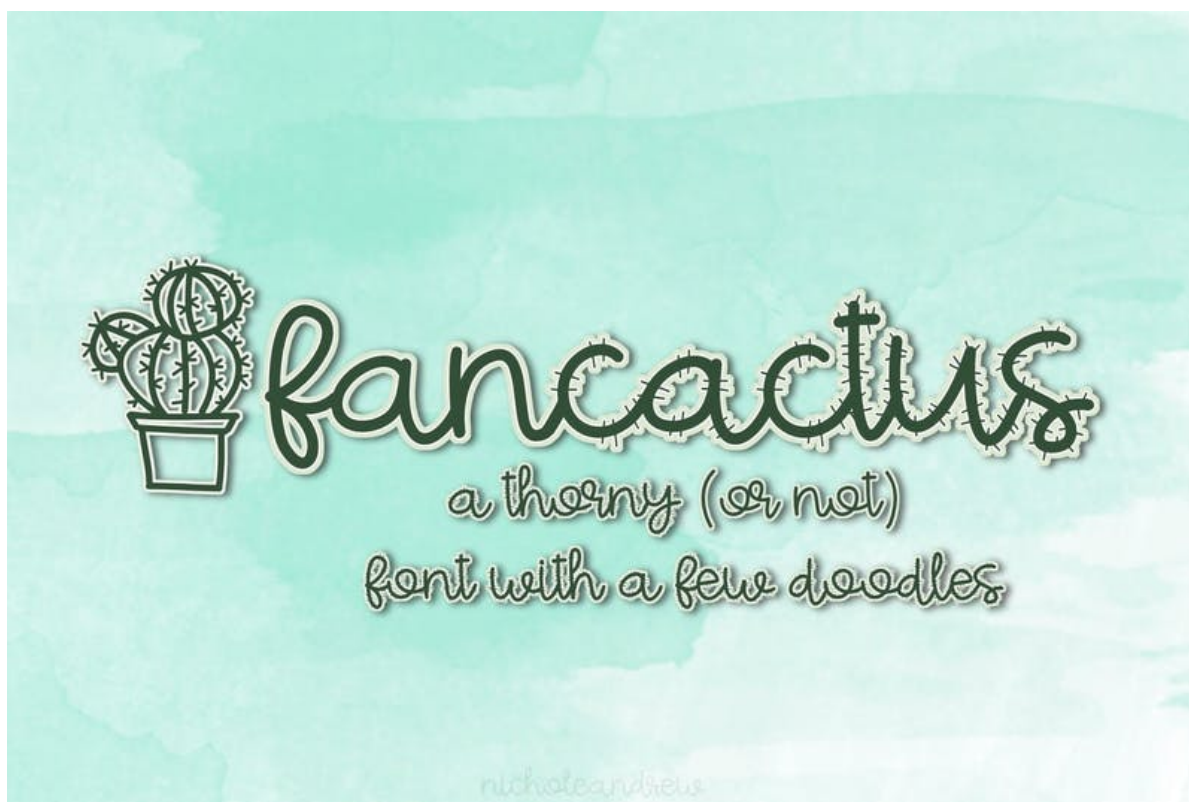


BTW - if you missed any of these newsletters, the archives are in the [resource library](#) - at the end of the list of files.

The FREE Font of the Week

Fancactus!

Fancactus - lots of little extras with this one - Free Font Of The Week is a brilliant font that is this weeks Free Font of The Week. It is fully accessible to everyone and all glyphs are available in Character Map on Windows and Fontbook on Mac.



Video of the Week - How to Make a Spiral Mum





FACEBOOK SPECIAL - Extended for New Community Members.

My readers are getting the first chance at grabbing my new guide "A Newbie's Guide to Cricut Design Space" Some of you have already purchased this guide under the name "Cricut Design Space Mastery" so no need to buy again.

[Click here to learn more about this amazing guide that was created to help you put away your anticipation about using Design Space and get you making a project or two.](#)

This is the missing user guide you should be getting when you purchase a Cricut!



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 for newsletter subscribers 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? 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

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!

Take Time to Craft this Weekend...

Happy Crafting!

Bette



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BTW - is there anything you would like me to make? Just email me at Bette@bettesmakes.com

This Week's Freebie! SVGs centered around Save the Elephant. This is a direct download and will not be available in the resource library. Make something special for Save the Elephant Day and share it in our Facebook group.

Just click the image below.





More FREE Stuff from Design Bundles - they are giving some incredible freebies this week



Last Note: A heads up that there will be a Holiday Maker Fest in November. I will give you plenty of notice for this one and will be able to get some free tickets.

Have an incredible weekend and week!

Bette

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