BettesMakes Weekly Newsletter October 8th



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 making tile ornaments!

Making Decorations for 3 Events!

This is a really busy time of year as it is time to make decorations for Halloween, Thanksgiving (Canada October 10th, USA November 26th), and the Holiday Season! I should have been planning long before today but with crafting, a new shiny object always gets in the way!

I finally bought the new <u>Foil Quill Kit</u> from Cricut and did a test design! I love this new tool and I know I will be using it for my greeting card decorations this year. This is certainly a distraction from what I originally had planned. But doesn't life always do that to us?

Don't you find this time of year the time to learn about your Cricut and try new projects? In our class this fall, my students are learning to make more projects using all the things that Cricut Design Space has to offer. We actually made some To Do Lists using the Flatten/Contour and Print and Cut features. So now we have added some planner items into the mix. Just another way to have some fun making crafts.

Did you notice that the big trend right now is to use Arabesque Tiles and decorate them? They are easy to find in places like Home Depot. I found them a bit heavy to hang on a tree so decided to make the shapes into SVG images and make layered paper ornaments instead. They are so much lighter. You are going to love all the different shapes you can use.

Another item you should put on your calendar is the Holiday Maker Fest. I will be sending you an email on October 15th so you can get your FREE Ticket ahead of line. So be sure to watch for that email. I want each of you to be able to take

advantage of the whole event and get a ton of ideas and more.

For those of you who purchased the Card Compendium, you will be happy to know that I am working on making SVG files that are predone for Cricut Design Space so you don't always have to change any of the lines. This will be smoother for Cricut users. This was all at the suggestion of one of our readers Karla - kudos and thanks for the suggestion!

BTW, you can still purchase your copy at a discounted price - learn more here.

Workshop Topic Winners

If you are in the Facebook group, you may have voted in a poll on what workshop you would like to see me put together. Here are the amazing results!

- 1. SVG Files the really big winner
- 2. Making Designs Using Cricut Design Space
- 3. Shapes Slice/Weld/Contour
- 4. Layering Both Paper and Vinyl
- 5. Text and Fonts
- 6. Acrylic
- 7. Working with Images
- 8. How to Use Contour and Patters
- 9. Single Line Designs using Foil/Engraving

If there are any more topics you would like to have put into a workshop, please let me know - just reply to this newsletter and I will be sure to add it to the list!

YOUTUBE

I am finally over 500 subscribers on my <u>YouTube channel</u>. I am still posting once per week but now I am planning on joining the **25 videos in 25 days challenge** which starts the last Sunday of November. Lots of planning on what videos I want to make, and of course, I will be making them ahead of time. *Do you have ideas* you would like me to share in video format? Just reply to this newsletter and share them with me. Also - *Please subscribe if you have not already done so*.

Video of the Week - <u>How to Use Glyphs (the curlyques in a font)</u>

You can make any design so much more when you start using glyphs in your designs. Add the swirls, the flourishes and much more with some fonts. Glyphs

are even periect for and a swoop or two below your text:



MORE EASY PROJECTS AND TUTORIALS FROM BETTESMAKES.COM

Here is a short list of my most popular posts and videos - I know you will absolutely love these because they are fun and easy to do!

Easy Christmas Ornaments - yes, it is time to start working on these

<u>Christmas Trees For Your Mantle</u> - So many ways to make these!

<u>Simple Button Art</u> - decorate the tree anyway you want - Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas or all 3!

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 <u>resource library</u> 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!

For the Love of Crafting

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

LEARN ABOUT DESIGN SPACE

Are you wanting to know more about Cricut Design Space? I created the Newbie's Guide to help you along the way! Don't get left behind, learn how to use Design Space and make your Cricut work for you.



The Newbie's Guide to Cricut Design Space is a 166 page guide that shows you all the popular tools and how to use them. Each page gives you instructions and examples as well as work along exercises. No more guessing as to what tool to use and when.

The best part yet - the book will never go out of date for you because I update it each quarter and you get the updates all for free - no extra fees to pay. Of course, I love to listen to what you have to say, so if something needs to be added, just let me know and I will add it.

Get your copy of A Newbie's Guide to Cricut Design Space at a SPECIAL PRICE NOW!

THIS WEEK'S FREEBIES & DEALS

Cricut is holding their Annual Trick or Treat Sale! These deals are well worth it ahead of the holiday season as you can save a fair amount on the following: If you are already a Cricut Access member you will get an additional 10% off!

Save 20% on Vinyl! Valid through 10/13

Save 20% on Infusible Ink! Valid through 10/13

Save 20% on Machine Tools! Valid through 10/13

Cricut EasyPress Machines starting at \$49! Valid through 10/13

Save 20% on Bulk Supplies! Valid through 10/13

Free Shipping on orders of \$99 or more with promo code SHIPOCT.

The FREE Font of the Week - Boogie Down

This font is just plain fun to work with. I love the heart that dots the i's and j's. Yhis is a fun font to all to your Halloween collection!



More FREE Stuff from Design Bundles

Design Bundles has a free design of the week and this week it is a wonderful Halloween design plus 5 others in the set! This week they added some digital papers that are gorgeous as well - get this one and you will find the others nearby - these are all free for you.





Cricut often offers some free projects for you to make - I found these that you may be interested in getting. FREE CRICUT PROJECTS

<u>Cricut</u> offers FREE shipping and 10% off with orders over \$50. Not only that, <u>Access</u> members get an automatic 10% off plus using this code will give you another 10% plus free shipping. I am all for saving money!



This Week's Freebie - some nice SVG Tile Shapes! Not sure if you want to use real tiles for decorations because of the weight? The solution is to make your own with paper using the SVG images in today's freebie.

I made some of these and used foam pads to separate the layers - they are all so cute! You will find this download in the resource library just look for image #282. The password to get into the library is **love**



Last Note: Wow, we are into Fall already - 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. Registration is going to open on October 15th and the tickets are FREE.

Have an incredible weekend and week!



PS - I do use affiliate links in my newsletter but you will not pay anything extra for any of the products I recommend. I do not recommend items that I have not used myself!

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