

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 a very unique Christmas Card template. Scroll down to the bottom of the newsletter to get your file.

BTW, if you did not already know - 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!

Happy Halloween!

The kids in my family really want to go out and collect their candy door to door, after all they are 12 and this is last year they will be piling up on the Halloween candy! The challenge is how to keep everyone safe and still have their candy overload. There are certainly a lot of creative ideas out there and most of them do not require knocking on doors!

Did you know that some communities are having drive-by trick or treating? It is just like the drive-by birthday parties only this time there is a long stick to pass out the goodies! As long as it does not rain, this sounds like a fun thing to do!

For my family, we are certainly dressing up and having a lot of fun. We decided to do some baking and treat making at home the week before and then have a family party with the kids only allowed to get their treats from our bubble. There is a treat they all want and we call it Nanaimo Bar - a layer of graham cracker sweet crust, a middle layer of vanilla icing and flavor, then topped with chocolate. The whole thing is refrigerated for a day or two ahead of time and then cut into squares (they actually sell them at our local Costco). A couple of these treats and your sugar levels will be through the roof! Oh, such sweet pleasure! I do not know yet what everyone else is making as they are keeping it a secret but I know that we will all be happy with our Halloween treats this year!

Now that Halloween is practically over, it is time to start focusing on the Holiday Season by making lots of decorations and even more treats. I am so happy that I will be attending the Holiday Maker Fest both as a participant and as a speaker! I am looking forward to making the light up angel for my house and there are so

many other incredible makes (a paper house also caught my eye).

Speaking of the Holiday Season, gift giving will be a bit different as well. I am doing almost all my shopping online. I will make most of the gifts but there are always items I want to buy as well. My first stop is to swing by the <u>Cricut online store</u> and add a few things to my wish list so others can see what I would like to have. In the crafting world, there are so many things to buy and so many different things you can make!

Over this time I usually get my next year's planner in place. I have been making my own with Build a Planner (release in just a few weeks). This is where you can create your own planner in any size you wish. You start with a blank page and start building from there. I add Happy Planner punch holes to all of mine so I can cut them with my Cricut (I ended up buying a punch because it was convenient). From there you pick the elements you want on the page and arrange them how you want them to be. You can even design the back of the page so it will print on both sides exactly the way you like it. I have even added checklists, task lists, and other elements including graph sections. The Build a Planner is something I can use all year and add to layouts as I go. You might want to check this one out and get on the wait list.

Have you used a laminator?

I bought an inexpensive one called <u>ABOX</u> and it is wide enough to laminate the tabs and pockets I created with the Build a Planner. I especially like the fact I can use it for my covers to keep them firm and in place.

I am also using my laminator to laminate my paper before I cut it into flower or other shapes. This way, I know my makes will last a little longer. Just something to think about.

Still waiting for my big roll of transfer paper to arrive even though it was promised within a week! It finally arrived just before I published this newsletter! I now can relax and start making more vinyl projects!

Holiday Maker Fest Starts on Wednesday!

There is still time to get your FREE ticket and an all-access pass. The price is now \$39 for the All-Access pass but still a super great value!



A couple of words about the All-Access pass compared to the Free Pass

I bought an All Access pass so I could get in on the recordings at a later time as I could not attend all the session! Right now the price of the **All Access pass is \$39 and it goes up on November 4th to \$49**, so it was great getting in really early! I will send out a reminder if you are not quite sure what you want to do right now. I know there is only so much capacity so I made sure I got my foot in the door right away. I know it is sometimes tough to think about spending but you should still get a <u>free ticket</u> and attend everything live!

If you are the fence about the All-Access pass - here are some things to consider:

- 1. You may find that you cannot learn so many different makes in one sitting each day and do a good job without access to the replays at a later date.
- 2. You can get started now so you can actually have the time to make everything on this list.
- 3. You really don't want to be in a brain fog while trying to make things on the fly as the workshop comes up they are every hour!
- 4. You will love to download the files, watch the videos, make the project and ask questions of the instructor!
- 5. You should try and get in early and pay the least amount for the biggest value (the price goes up Saturday at midnight from \$29 to \$39)

Get your Ticket or Upgrade here

YOUTUBE

Did you take time to subscribe? I am creeping up on 700 subscribers on my <u>YouTube channel</u> this week. My push is to hit 1,000 subscribers by the end of the year. I do hope you can help me get there!

Video of the Week - <u>Arabesque Paper Tile Ornaments</u>

The rage today is make Christmas ornaments using tiles. I found they were too heavy and wanted to make something that I could really enjoy and was similar. Thus, this design of 11 different tiles but made with paper. I hope you enjoy making htese (even with Holiday Maker Fest just around the corner)





MORE EASY PROJECTS AND TUTORIALS FROM BETTESMAKES.COM

In case you did not get a chance, 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!

<u>Easy Christmas Ornaments</u> - 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!



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THIS WEEK'S FREEBIES & DEALS

This is a FREE Shipping Offer from Cricut when you order over \$99 (believe it does not take long to get to that amount!) Last chance to take advantage of this is today!

Click here to get the free shipping offer (SHIPOCT)

The FREE Font of the Week - Mistrain

This is an interesting font with lots of glyphs you can use to really decorate that porch sign! The font is broken down into the basic font with 3 stylish add ons plus the swashes. It makes it interesting to work with. It is fully accessible to everyone and all glyphs are available in Character Map on Windows and Fontbook on Mac.



More FREE Stuff from Design Bundles

Christmas is sneaking up on us and this week's freebie is absolutely perfect for making these porch signs, or making a gorgeous banner. I love these options in color and background. You can even take the design apart and make something totally different! <u>Get your free design here</u>:



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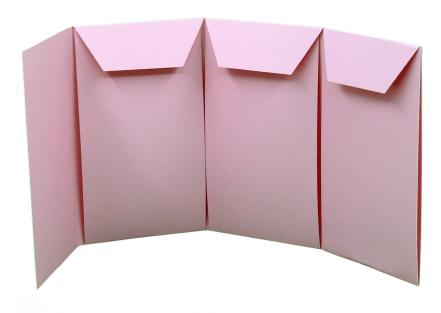
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This Week's Freebie - 20 Surface Card!

OMG - this is an amazing card that keeps on folding and you have a chance to show off your skills when making it pop with your embellishments and more! What a way to keep your imagination working! You will find this freebie in the resource library! Look for design #285

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