



For the Love of Crafting

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 2021 New Years Card. 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!

Final Decorating Touches!

It somehow feels like scrambling to get all the last minute things done before the big day. The shopping list never seems to shrink and all the details around the dinner table still have to be created. Thank goodness, as a crafter, you have everything under control!

Just when things seems to be going the right way, a wrinkle in the timeline shows up. Last year it was 4 days before thanksgiving when the power went out and the turkey was still frozen in the freezer. We learned that we may not get power for a few more days and then the panic set in. How were we going to save all the food we had purchased and how were we going to be able to bake the pies and other goodies. Storms always seem to find a way to present themselves at the most inconvenient times and this was right on queue.

Were we to panic or find a way to save our dinner? Panic is always first for me, then calm to figure out what to do next. Running to the store for a generator sounded like a good idea. So with our fingers crossed we drove to the hardware store to find one. That is when I realized that many minds think alike and the lineup was huge! I was so afraid the sold out sign would appear before we got to the store doors!

I must give it to the staff at that store, they had anticipated the storms this year and had brought in an overabundance of generators! No one went without! Our dinner was saved!

As a person who often procrastinates, thinking ahead like this should be something I should do but find myself always scrambling at the last minute. In other words, I will still be making decorations the night before Thanksgiving!

Somehow it is just fun to be that way!

I made a simple banner pattern this week with holes to thread glittery ribbon and was able to use up some of my scrap papers to make it. It is an easy project to make and you can also decorate them with your own theme. As a matter of fact, you can use this pattern for any special occasion! Find the template in the [resource library \(Asset #291\)](#).

I also found another use for the [coffee barista stencils](#) (asset #290) - I am using spray snow to decorate the windows and the patterns are great - stars, snowflakes, snowmen, and trees (I wonder if you can get green spray snow).

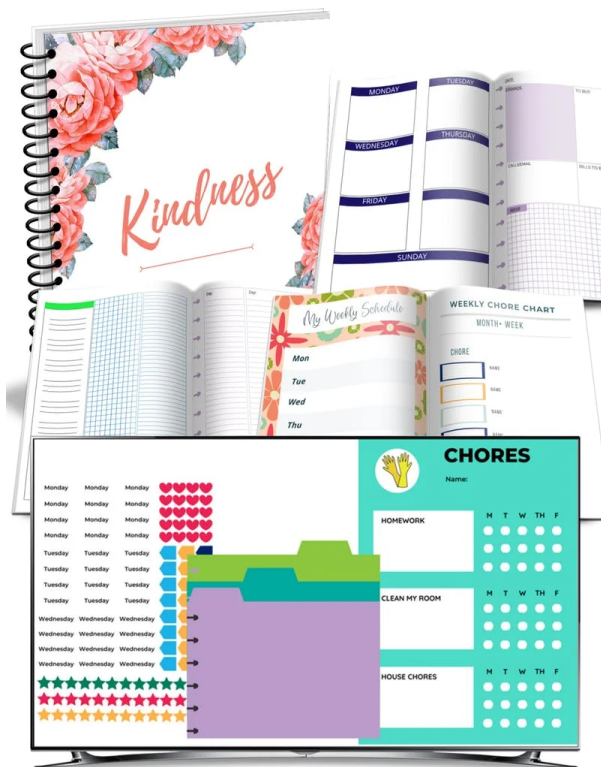
, Here is a fun one - I purchased a [Zentangle style font from FontBundles.net](#) (the Christmas Bundle) and am using that font to create foiled designs on cards. I am using the basic card fold from the Compendium to make a personalized front. There are so many ways you can use tools together. For this test I used Deboss and Draw for the Monogram M and for the name I used a fine point Foil tip. the interesting thing was to use one-sided paper so you can use the white side for the details and when folded over it becomes a seasonal card.

Anyone want to try this one? It is super easy and you do not need to use the [Foil tool](#), you can use a fine tip pen. For the Gold monogram I used the [0.08 Gold pen](#) and it worked perfectly for my needs. I used one-sided paper and did the writing on the white side by flipping the design face down on the mat.



NEW Release!

Thanks to all of you who are on the waitlist for my Build a Planner. It is finally finished and now available here. This is a special offer only for those who want to create their own planner pages. Newsletter subscribers will get this program at a discounted price. This is a program that I created for myself because I could never find the perfect page or layout. You can register for a special introductory offer here: [More Information](#)



This Week's YouTube Video - [Christmas Tree Box Card](#)

This Christmas Tree Box Card is an easy make and when you decorate it with your own touch, it is a great card to add a little something extra for your loved ones. For those just starting out you will love the premade Design Space score lines. All you need to do is check the size and make it!



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!

[Easy Christmas Ornaments](#) - yes, it is time to start working on these

[Christmas Trees For Your Mantle](#) - So many ways to make these!

[Arabesque Paper Tile Ornaments](#) - lots of shapes here - there are 11 in total and so many creative ways to use these!

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!



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Card Season is Coming!

Making cards can be easy as long as you have dozens of templates to get you going. The Card Compendium has tons of unique card folds plus 6 months of weekly folds you can add to your skill set. All of the cards allow you to make anything you want for any occasion. This guide is the compendium you have always needed for unique folds and cuts. [Check it out here](#)

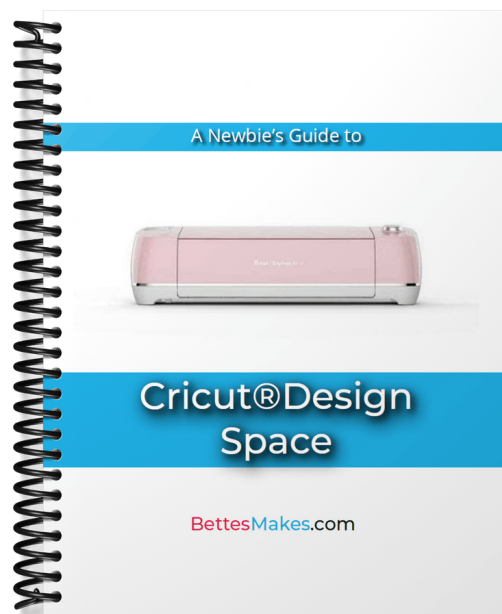




Just imagine all the fun you can have making cards with every unique folds and surfaces for adding embellishments! I know spending time looking around, measuring, and testing your card cuts can be time-consuming, to say the least. Because you would rather be making cards instead of working through the design and test process, I created this compendium to give you everything you need to push your own creativity! Not only will you have instant access to dozens of ready-made folds & cuts, but you will also get a weekly email with the latest fold & cut right in your inbox for the next 6 months. Yes, that means an additional 26 projects you can use! All of these designs have been tested by other greeting card makers and have their stamp of approval.

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.

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THIS WEEK'S FREEBIES & DEALS

I hope you were able to take advantage of the Mystery box on the 19th - they sell out so quickly! I kept an eye on the link so I could make sure I actually got one this time around.

[Circut has added a 50% off sale again for selected accessories](#) - just before Thanksgiving - you might want to stock up on some items as this sales goes until November 25th.

There is also a sale on the [12 x 10 Easy Press](#) - \$199 - less than I paid for mine!

The FREE Font of the Week - Dragon

This is a Victorian Typeface with lots of unusual addons to the regular type. If you are into fantasy or know someone that is, then you can use this font to decorate a card or gift for them.



More FREE Stuff from Design Bundles - [Christmas Mockup Set](#)

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*One set is a JPG & PSD type mockup with a mug and soup mug nestled in a festive holiday scene.

*The next set is also both JPG & PSD mockups and are round ceramic ornaments, one with a pink background and the other in a blue. Not your "typical" Christmas colors but they'll show off your designs perfectly. Imagine Baby's First Christmas designs and being able to show your customers how they will look on their own or gift ornaments.

*The third set is a set of yard flags (one white and one burlap) with candy cane poles in front of gorgeous pines.

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[Cricut](#) offers FREE shipping with orders over \$50. Not only that, [Access](#) members get an automatic 10% off.



This Week's Freebie - New Years Card

Get ahead of the curve with this great New Year's Card. You can find this freebie in the [resource library](#)! Look for design #292

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Have an incredible weekend and week!

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