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BettesMakes Weekly Newsletter February 6th

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Each week, you will receive my newsletter which has a project or two you can make plus a FREE downloadable you will find in the resource library. This week I have some Valentine's Quotes. 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!

Valentine's Day is Just Around the Corner!

I am still furiously making cards and getting them in the mail - hopefully everything will arrive in time!

I am saddened that the groundhog in Pennsylvania saw his shadow on the 2nd - that means we have 6 more weeks of winter! Does it mean we will be stuck inside even more than we have been for this last year? Probably not but just in case I am planning on making some of those items I have been collecting as ideas. I have a huge list and often not enough time to get everything done.

This week I was able to get in a few walks and even went to our downtown area to buy a few specialty items. As I was walking by our local Michael's, I discovered the store all papered and shuttered up! They were gone! No more Michael's close to me at all. The only advantage to that is I will be spending less money in store and more online. No more spur of the moment purchases for sure. I am saddened as I often get some inspiration just looking at some of the products they sell.

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How is your town doing? We have tons of restrictions here so I can totally understand why a store would close for good. We no longer eat at restaurants and just order take out instead. Somehow the experience is never quite the same.

What is happening this week?

For those of you who are in my Gold level course, we had our first "Office Hours" meeting this past Thursday, it was a lot of fun! If you are in my course (GOLD level), this is a great way to get answers to your questions.

The Make an envelope class was also released if you purchased either Silver or Gold, you should have received a notification. The bonus class is in the last section of the course. Have lots of fun with this one!

If you want to join the class, you can register for our Silver program here:

<https://bettesmakes.com/cricut-confidence-silver> - I will make sure you are included in Make an envelope class.

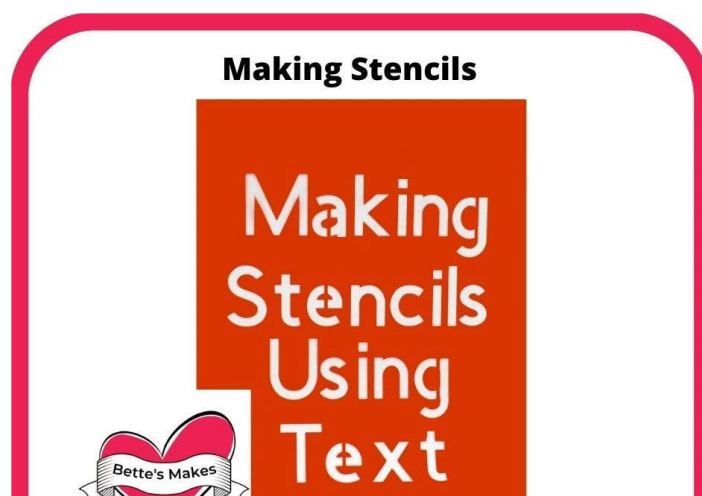
Trouble with Design Space?

The latest update of Cricut Design Space has been causing some issues. When you are updating to version 6.3.90 (Windows 10) you will find the software will continually reboot itself and not let you into your projects. I hope they have a fix for this very soon as it makes it very difficult to make anything!

My Make of the Week - How to Make Stencils Using Fonts!

One of the toughest things about stencils is making sure you get the right cut. This week, I put together a video on how to make your own stencils using any font you want to use. This same technique can be used for other "closed" shapes as well. Remember that a stencil only works when the design is cut up so that the pieces are readily identifiable. Who wants to have an O in a stencil that cuts the entire shape without leaving the center in place!

Check out my channel <https://YouTube.com/c/BettesMakes>. I made a video and there are no files to download with this make.





My February Videos

There is nothing like planning ahead, and this month is no exception. With Valentine's Day very near and St Patrick's Day looming in the near distance, my focus has been on some videos for general skills and a few for St. Patrick's Day.

Here is what is planned for this month:

Feb 6 - [How to Make Your Own Stencils Using Any Font](#)

Feb 13 -Pantry Labels - this one is oh so fun!

Feb 20 - St. Patrick's Day Gatefold Card

Feb 27 - Irish Love T-Shirt

Is there something else you want to see on this list? Just reply to this newsletter and make your suggestion.

[Cricut Access](#)

I know some of you are **on a budget** and thinking about paying monthly for a program is not high on your list. I just want to encourage you to take advantage of this program as you get a ton of fonts and designs you would otherwise have to pay for when you want to use them. There are so many adorable elements as part of this program and I found that I was spending more on buying the fonts when I wanted to use them than I would have paid for the monthly program. Cricut has some incredible deals going on right now and [Cricut Access Premium](#) is part of their program - if you are hesitating about joining, don't, start with the free trial to see if you like it. ***You can never have enough fonts, images, and projects to use.***

This Week's YouTube Video - [Uploading and Using Patterns](#)

Most Cricut users do not understand how to use patterns in Cricut Design Space. This short video will explain how you can use them with shapes and even text. You will have a lot of fun with patterns and digital papers once you know how.

This is a great place to start and then go to the playlists and choose Start Here - you are going to love it! **You do NOT need to be an [ACCESS MEMBER](#) to use this,**





MORE EASY PROJECTS AND TUTORIALS FROM BETTESMAKES.COM

Lots of things to make this year! I have plenty of projects to share with you and they are all beginner-friendly. They are even fun to make if you are beyond the beginner stage.

In case you did not get a chance, here is a [shortlist of my most popular posts](#) and videos - I know you will absolutely love these because they are fun and easy to do!

[Easy Cricut Project Ideas](#) - Begin gently with these easy projects - perfect for getting the whole family involved

[Pull Tab Slider Card](#) - You can create these amazing pull-tab cards using my designs or your own - start here to learn how

[Cricut Paper Flower Templates](#) - lots of things to make with this one!

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

Resource Library

FREE Files and Downloadables





Spend some time browsing around for past downloads and be sure to download your weekly files!

Have you given any thought to joining?

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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In case you forgot, the password for the resource library is **love**

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

THIS WEEK'S FREEBIES & DEALS

The FREE Font of the Week - [Corlita](#)

I am so impressed with this font! It has tons of Glyphs to use - I love those swirls and flourishes! If you are not sure about glyphs or what they are - here is a video [on my channel that will help you out!](#)



More FREE Stuff from Design Bundles - [Valentine's Digital Papers](#)

I love these digital papers. You can upload these as patterns into Cricut Design space and make gorgeous print and cut letters or shapes! Here is your chance to put to use your new knowledge about using patterns!





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

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



This Week's Freebie - Valentine's Day Quotes



You can find this freebie in the [resource library](#)! Look for asset #319. this freebie is in PNG and SVG format, so you can adjust it to make it your own!

The password to get into the library is **love**

Have an incredible week and Happy Crafting!

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