

BettesMakes Weekly Newsletter May 1st



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Welcome to all our new Subscribers!

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. My newsletter is jam-packed full of ideas, free files, and a lot more! I know you will love to get this every week!

This week I have a Grad Themed freebie! 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!

Are You Exhausted?

Even with a pandemic, there is so much to do and so much you want to accomplish. I have heard from a few of our community members that have taken this time to do more than ever! One person is busy making items for the homeless such as pillows and hats. Another is making lap blankets for senior centers. An yet another is finding ways to help fill up the lives of others with cards of kindness.

This last person is making tons of cards on her Cricut and taking them to people who are essential workers. I don't have any photos yet but I can imagine the

who are essential workers. I don't have any photos yet, but I can imagine the appreciative looks when they receive these.

I know more of you are doing these random acts of kindness and I would love to know more about what you are doing!

All in all with everything going on, it is so refreshing to know that people, even exhausted people, still take the time to give back to the community. We certainly need more of that!

I am continuing to give back by creating designs and giving them to you so that you can make even more. Even with this, I give back to my community through my participation through Rotary. There is nothing like giving!

It is time to open the doors wide to the May 2021 Give away! This time it is a mug press bundle - go register right now to get in on the draw. It is free to enter!

[Enter the Giveaway Here!](#)

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GIVEAWAY

We are now putting up 2 videos per week on [YouTube](#) as I have so many ideas that I need to make them and share them with you. I so sometimes feel

overwneimed with all the things I want to make but making a list and working through it has certainly helped and I know I get much more pleasure out of my Cricut when I am making it do most of the work!

A Note About 143vinyl.com

I suggest that you create an account so that you get notified about their sales - they often have 2 day sales in the middle of the week. I used a vinyl from 143vinyl.com that was perfect for the make. I have used [Starcraft removable vinyl](#) for some projects and the price is definitely right!

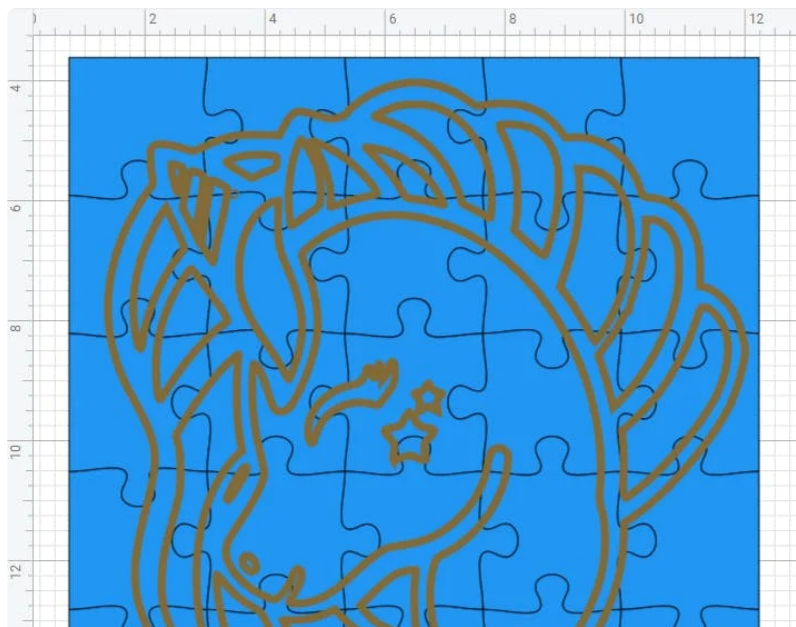
BTW they have a lot of free downloadables as well. **They also have popup Mystery box sales from time to time!**

I just missed their big sale last week, so make sure you get on the mailing list. The savings on Vinyl were amazing.

What Experiments I am Doing

A community member challenged me to make a puzzle using an image that could be drawn on the pieces before they were cut. I am still working on perfect it but here is the result so far! I am thinking of using a photo and having it printed on the paper before I cut the pieces. For now, I am having my Cricut draw the design before the cut. No images ready for sharing just yet...still working on it.

What would you like to see as a puzzle project?





My Make of the Week - Making Wedding Invitations (You can use these for any event)

I love playing around with different ways to make cards and this week was no different. This card uses double-sided cardstock, pens, and ribbon! This is so easy with the template and tutorial!

Check it out on my blog! I made a video and the files are in the [resource library](#) - asset #340.



My May Videos

May is a fabulous month when it comes to flowers! This month i chose a Lily of the Valley as the flower of the month - so easy to make and you can use any type of paper you wish.

Here is what is planned for this month:

May 1 - [Wedding invitations](#)

May 8 - DIY Paper Flower - Lily-of-the-Valley

May 15 - Plant Markers

May 22 - Sock Talk - Iron-On Sock Project

May 29 - Cut Wood Letters

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

This Week's YouTube Video - Off-Center Gatefold Card

There is still time to make that Mother's Day Card and this easy tutorial will get you there quickly. Look for asset#336 in the [resource library](#) for this make.

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,**



Mother's Day Cricut Sale Deals

Starting today through 5/4, Cricut is launching their Mother's Day Sale featuring the Joy for \$149, Explore Air 2 for \$199, and the Maker for only \$329! Be sure to spread the word that iron-ons, smart materials, and machine tools are also 30% off!

[Joy machines only \\$149.99! Valid through 5/4.](#)

[Explore Air 2 only \\$199.99! Valid through 5/4.](#)

[Maker machines only \\$329.99! Valid through 5/4.](#)

[Save 30% on iron-ons! Valid through 5/4.](#)

[Save 30% on smart materials! Valid through 5/4.](#)

[Save 30% on machine tools! Valid through 5/4.](#)

[Save 40% on handheld tools! Valid through 5/4.](#)



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. I was so happy to know that our Paper Flower Templates are wildly popular on Google!

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!

[FREE SVG Files for Cricut Paper Crafts and More](#) - lots of places to go and get your files.

[Coffee Barista Stencils](#) - Use these templates or make your own. This tutorial is a lot of fun to make and use!

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

Take Time to Craft this Weekend...

Happy Crafting!





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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

More FREE Stuff from Design Bundles - Sunflowers and Happiness

What a great way to make a window decal! This is an easy cut project and you will absolutely love it. Just remember to grab this one immediately as often these designs are only free for a very short period of time. [Click here to get this one.](#)





This Week's Freebie - Grad Theme!

For my Grad Cap design, go to the [resource library](#) and get asset #355 - you will find a zip file with PNG and SVG files! You can also buy more like this from [DesignBundles!](#)



You can find this freebie in the [resource library](#)! Look for asset #355. 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!

Bette



PS Don't forget to grab your copy of our DIGITAL version of the [Ultimate Cricut Toolkit](#)!



Card Compendium

The Digital guide to making dozens of fold and cuts to take your card making to the next level



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