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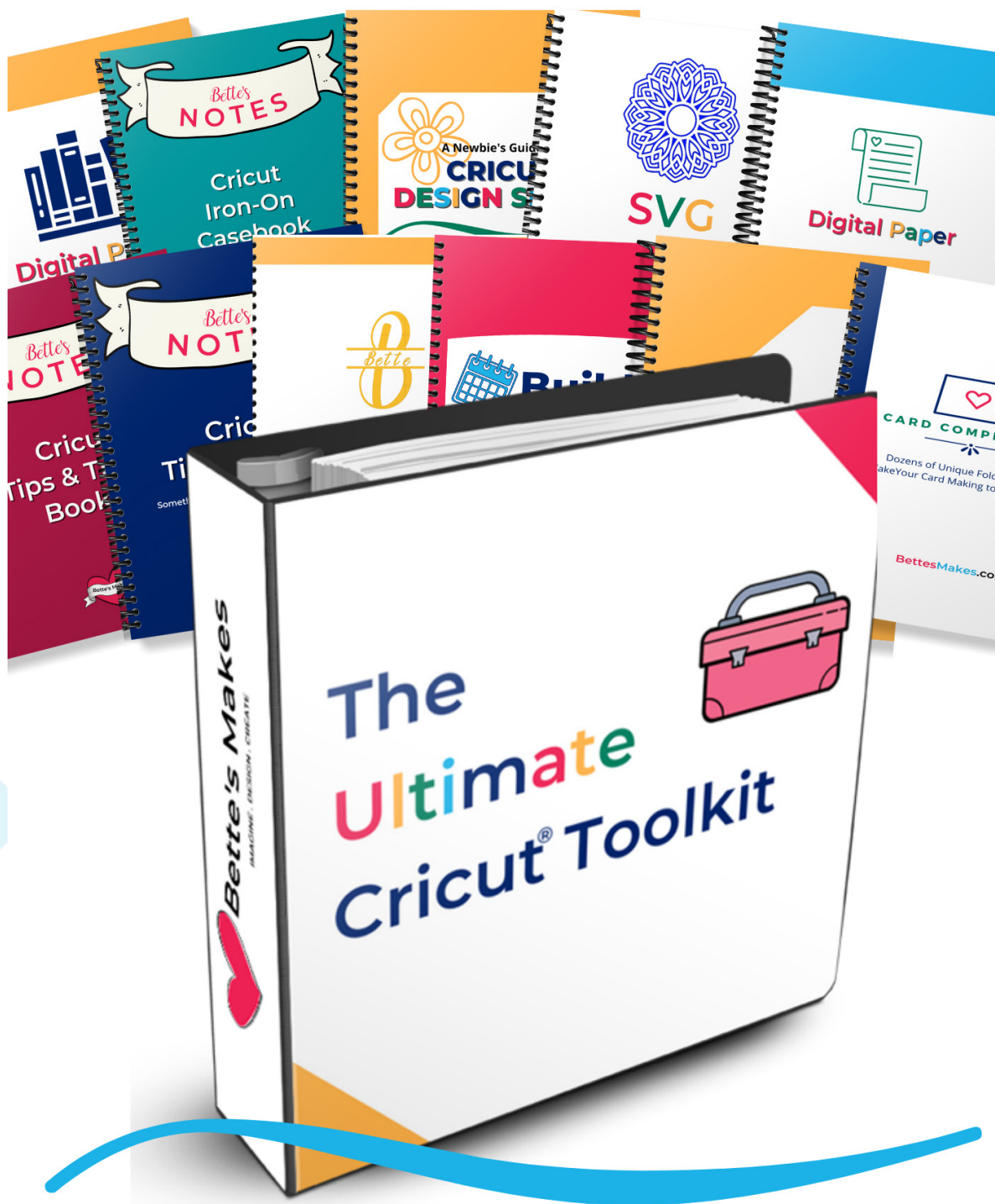
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Welcome

Welcome to our first edition of the Crafts Club Quarterly hosted by BettesMakes! We are truly excited to have a digital magazine that is all about Cricut® Crafting and projects that are easy to make.

Our goal is to give you the projects that you can make, all the way from starting out to doing something you never thought you could make. Yes, there are a couple of challenging projects in this edition along with easy makes!

We would love to have your input! Future editions will include letters to the editor along with answers to any questions asked. Email editor@bettesmakes.com with any comments or questions you have. We are so looking forward to being a part of your crafting experience.

Be sure to take advantage of our challenges, monthly draws and contests over the next few months! Every time you join in the fun, there are giveaways you are eligible for.

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Jennifer Maker

How I got started working with a Cricut Machine:

Do you have time for a story? If so, here's what happened:

I had a craft project to make and I was frustrated at how long it was going to take to do it. I happened to be at a Joann store when I was feeling this frustration and remember thinking, "I wish I'd had a tool to speed this up." I then remembered there WAS a tool that would do what I needed. I'd seen it a few aisles over (I'm a regular visitor to my craft store, of course). I went to look. And there it was ... a Cricut[®] cutting machine. I'd always ignored them because a) they aren't cheap, and b) I thought they were for scrapbookers. But now I had a reason to buy it and I had the ability thanks to some client work I'd just done. And, hey, it was on sale! So on impulse I bought a Cricut[®].

I got it on a Friday afternoon. By Friday night, I'd already made the thing that had been frustrating me and was rather surprised at how easy it was. The next day, I figured I should write up a post about this cool Cricut[®] thing, but I knew I needed a project to share on the blog. So, I Googled "cool Cricut projects" and found LOTS and LOTS of things. Then I spotted paper flowers and was amazed. That same day, I made a paper flower. Then that evening, I tried to open up the

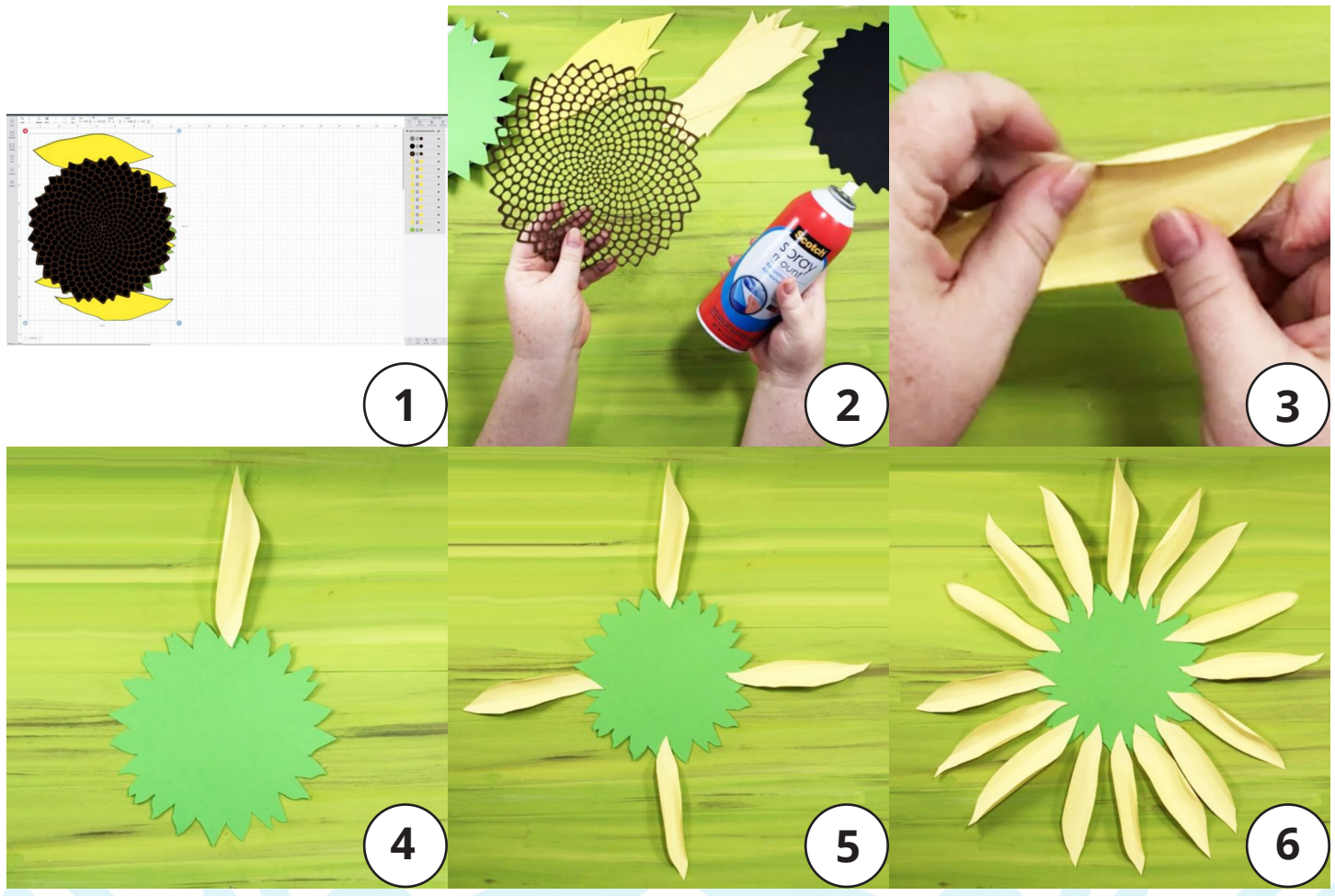
paper flower file in Adobe Illustrator, found I could do it, realized how crazy easy it was to make my **OWN** designs, and proceeded to make my first design: a paper peony. I posted it on my blog on February 21, 2017.

At the time, I thought I was just making another blog post about a fun craft and craft tool. I didn't realize what it would lead to. I shared a photo of my paper peony in a Cricut® group on Facebook and quickly discovered that others really liked my paper flower, too. This was so much fun that I made and shared more and more paper flowers. Then I tried cards and more kinds of papercrafts, like 3D designs, learning and sharing as I went. Four and a half years later, and I've now reached over 20 million people with my crafts — it's been the greatest gift to watch people make beautiful things with my designs. And that was the happy accident of how I came to design Cricut® projects!

Readers can enjoy a \$15 off coupon for my PHOTO TO FILE workshop, which teaches crafters how to turn photos into SVG files for their crafts. Includes in-depth 3-hour workshop video, 36-page printable workbook, material list and step-by-step directions to make a personalized photo block, and sample photos to learn with! Learn more at <https://makeracademy.com/photo-to-file/> and use coupon code BETTESMAKERS

The project we are going to make today is the paper Sunflower project! Enjoy!





Big Paper Sunflower

- 13 sheets of 65 lb. 8.5" x 11" cardstock — 9 yellow*, 2 brown, 1 black, and 1 green. I used Core'dinations Cardstock.
- Spray adhesive
- Hot glue gun and glue
- A 12" x 12" sheet of foam core
- A 20" piece of 22 gauge floral wire (optional, for creating a hanger)
- A way to cut out your pieces (I used a Cricut®, but you could also use a Silhouette Cameo or scissors)
- [Design #36](#) – The SVG/DXF/PDF files (in my free resource library — the password is **craft**)

Step 1 - First, cut out your petals, seed head (base), and foam core cover. You can cut everything with scissors or a cutting machine. If you cut things out with scissors, you'll want to print the seed head rather than try to cut it. If you're using a Cricut®, simply upload the SVG file to Cricut Design Space® and click Make It — everything is sized and in the correct number for you to just load up your mats with paper and feed them into your Cricut®. There is no scoring or attaching to worry about.

Step 2 - Attach the spiral seed

pattern to the black seed underlay. To do this, spray the backside of the spiral seed pattern with spray adhesive, wait 30 seconds, then attach it to the underlay. Pay attention to how it lines up so you get it in the right place. If you see spots where the spiral bumps out over the underlay, just keep rotating it until the bump-outs disappear. Once attached, set the seed head aside.

Step 3 - Now it's time to work on those petals. If you cut out petals on different intensities of yellow, start with the lighter colored petals. Start by creasing your petals



lengthwise several times so you have about 7-8 creases parallel to each other on your petal, then smooth it out. This simulates the texture and shape of a real sunflower petal.

Step 4 - Once the petal is shaped, put a small dab of hot glue at one tip of your petal (whichever tip you want), then attach the petal tip to the edge of your sepal.

Step 5 - The next petal goes on directly across from the first. The third and fourth go at 90 degree angles to the first and second, so you have one petal at each of the cardinal points around your sepal. Doing it like this helps you

keep your petals balanced, like a real sunflower.

Step 6 - Continue shaping and attaching your petals around your sepal, filling in the spaces between petals as you go. Keep going until you have about 16 petals attached.

Step 7 - If you cut darker yellow petals, switch to using those now. Shape and attach petals and place these around your sepal, in between the petals you already attached. You should notice your sunflower start to fill in.

Step 8 - Once you've put another 16 petals on, take a good look at your sunflower. Do you see any gaps in petals?

Use your remaining darker yellow petals to fill in those gaps.

Then go back and fill in any additional gaps with the lighter yellow petals, being sure to sandwich them between layers.

Step 9 - Once you have all 55 of your petals on your sunflower, it's time to build up the center. Cut out two circles from your foam core (I used regular scissors to cut them out). Your circles should be just under 6.5" in diameter. Glue them to each other with hot glue.

Step 10 - Now fold down the tabs on your foam cover piece,

then attach to your glued circles. Glue down the tabs to the edge of your foam circles as well.

Step 11 - Now glue this center support to the very center of your paper sunflower, cardstock side up. It'll look like a big Thin Mint!

And now you can glue the seed head to the center support in your sunflower. Make sure you put hot glue in a spiral starting at the edge of the support and going all the way into the middle, then attach the seed head.

Step 12 - If you want to hang your paper sunflower on a wall or backdrop, cut out

another circle about 5" wide, cut two small notches in either side and then wrap stem wire around it. Glue the wire down on the back to keep it in place, then attach the hanger to the back of your flower with hot glue.

Step 14 - Want to attach a stem to your paper sunflower DIY? The easiest way is simply to put a dowel (wrapped in floral tape) through the hanger on the back of your sunflower, which is what I've done in my photos. If your sunflower will be seen from the backside as well as the front, cut out another green sepal piece, fold it in half, cut a slit in it along HALF of the fold's edge (sepal edge to sepal center),

then put this around the top of your dowel at the back of your paper sunflower. Glue the sides of the slit so it makes a cone shape, then glue the cone itself to the back of your sunflower.



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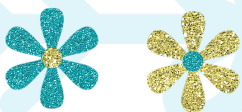
Technique Corner

5 Ways to use Glitter in your Makes

Glitter is just one of those craft items that gets everywhere and months later you are still cleaning it up. It does not always have to be that way - here are 5 truly easy ways to use your glitter with very little mess in the end. As a special note: glitter can be used on almost any surface such as paper, vellum, metal, glass, wood, fabric, plastics, transparencies, and even journal covers that have been laminated. You can even seal glitter to have it wear longer.



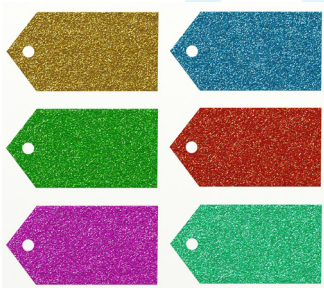
1. Buy a glitter shaker if your glitter does not have one to start. Glitter shakers allow you to apply the glitter more evenly to your project. This goes for ultra fine glitters as well. Most Dollar stores sell shakers that are perfect for glitter. You can also use old spice jars that have the shaker lids.



2. Buy Glitter Glue - yes, it is premixed and you will not have to clean up any extra glitter. You can write, draw, and accent any surface and the glue will dry clear.



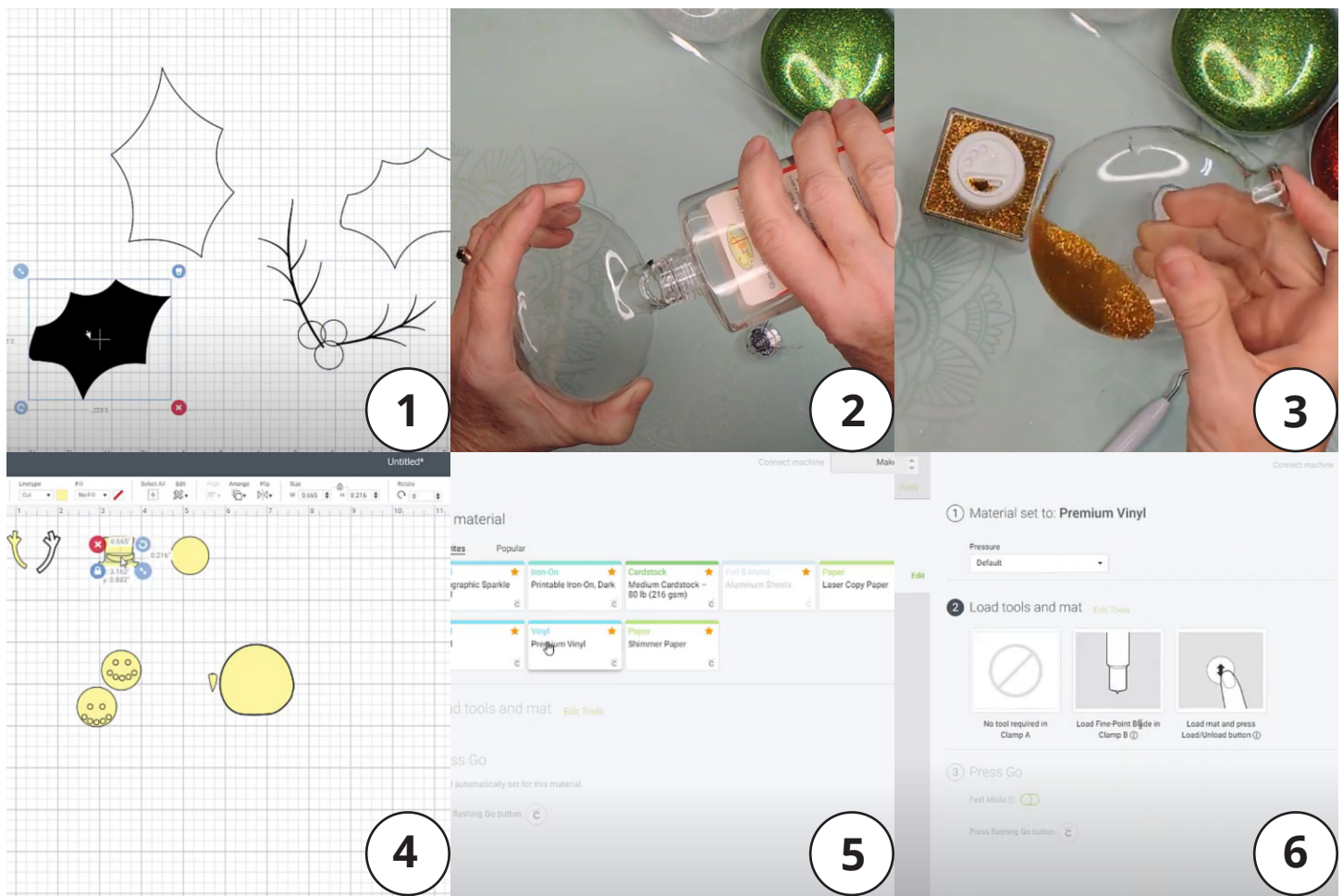
3. Pre glue the surface where you want to use glitter. This means prepping your areas one color at a time. For example, you are adding glitter to a design that uses at least 2 different colors of glitter. Spread the glue for the first color, then sprinkle the glitter over the surface and tap any excess onto a sheet of copy paper. Once the first pass is dry, do the same for the second color.



4. For making the perfect glitter edges, place your glitter in a bowl. Pre glue the edges of your project (such as petals), then dip the glue edges into the glitter. Gently tap off the excess into the bowl.



5. Glitter is amazing for accenting pieces of art you make. It can highlight snow, rain, fog, tree branches, or anything else. Just imagine using glitter as a drop of moisture on a rose petal.



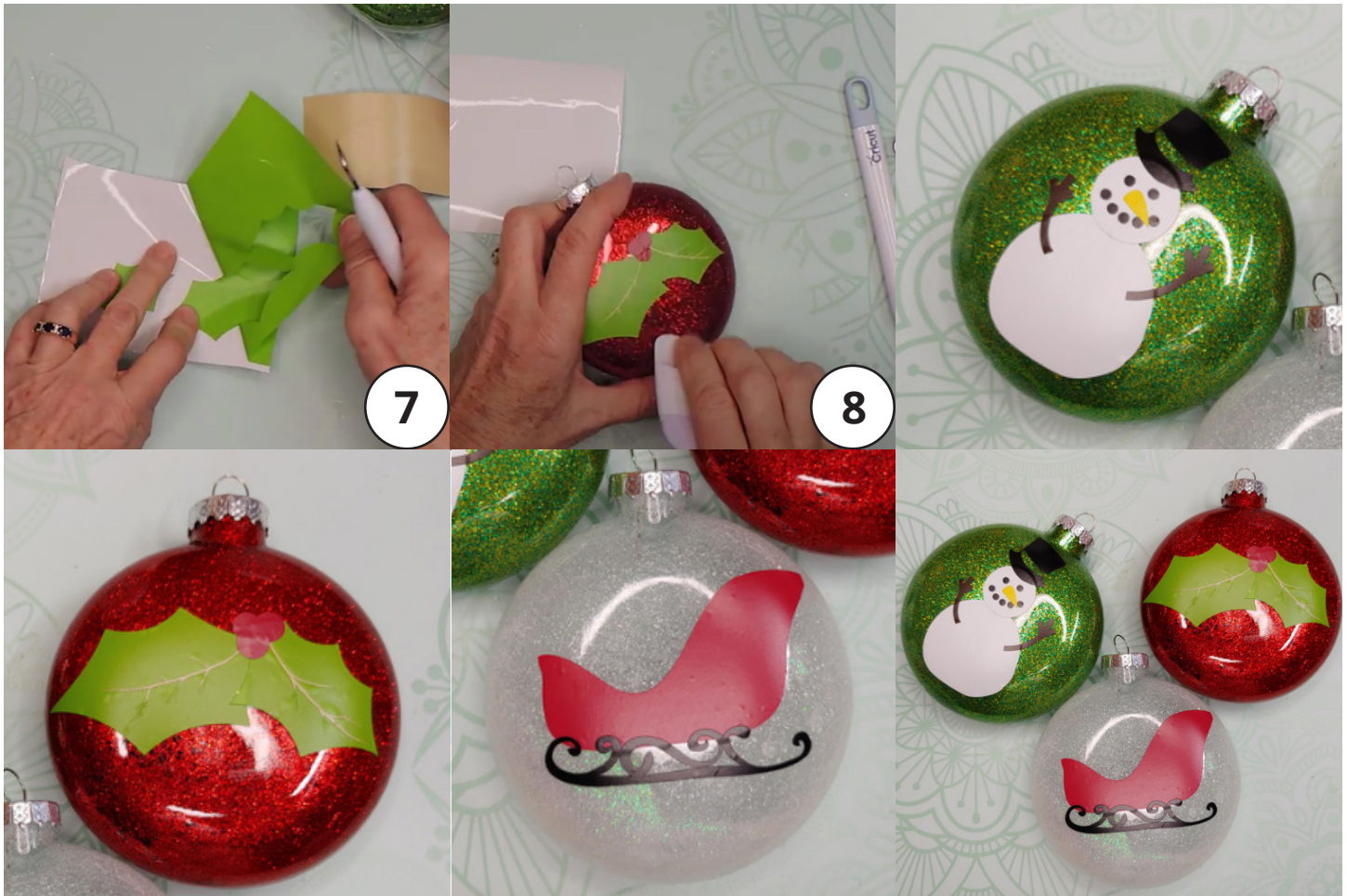
Christmas Glitter Ornaments

- Cutting Machine - Cricut® - you can use the Joy, a Maker, or any Explore machine
 - Standard Cutting Mat
 - Colored Premium Vinyl for Snowman, Holly, and Sleigh (white, black, orange, green, red, brown)
 - Weeding Tools
 - Scissors
 - Glue (use a glue that takes a little time to set. Fast set glue works but you have to move very quickly)
 - Glitter - as many colors as you wish - these are for inside the ornaments
 - Plastic plain ornaments (most craft stores have these)
 - [Downloadable](#)
- Step 1** - Download the template to use for this project. Load the design into Design Space. We will come back to design space once we have our ornaments ready.
- Step 2** - Open the top of your clear ornament, pour in a fair amount of glue, swirl the glue until it coats the entire inside of the ornament.
- Set upside down in a paper cup to drain. Drain it for at

least 20 minutes to make sure you don't have globs of glue in one place.

Step 3 - Once the glue is drained and still tacky on the inside, pour your glitter into the ornament and swirl it around until the inside is completely covered. You may have to do this a couple of times to make sure you don't have any bare spots.

Turn the ornament upside down to remove the excess glitter (return the glitter to your jar), then place the upside down ornament into a paper cup and let drain some more and let the glue set. This



may take a fair bit of time. For my ornaments, I had to let it dry overnight.

Step 4 -Time to start working in design space. You will be cutting out your snowman, holly, and sleigh.

Measure your ornaments so you know the size you will be needing for the final product. Size your objects so that they will fit on your ornament. Set the colors and prepare your mats. I often put everything on one mat, organize the mat after I hit Make It so that I can put smaller pieces of vinyl on the one mat (using different colors).

Make sure you know the exact placement of your vinyl before continuing to the next step.

Step 5 - After you click continue, choose the correct material for your project. I use premium vinyl made by Cricut but yours may be different.

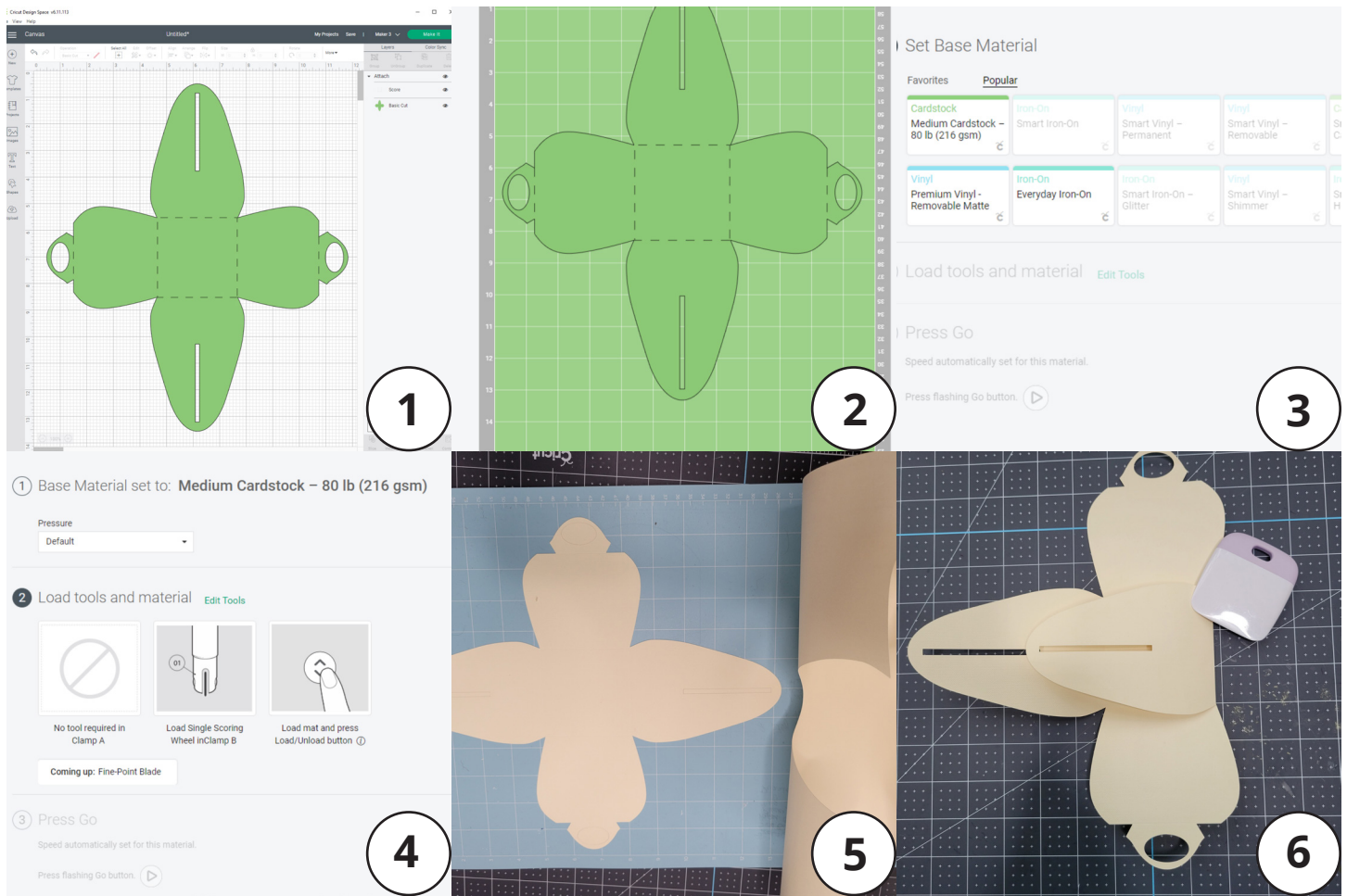
Step 6 - Follow the instructions on the screen for your cutting machine then load your mat, and cut the project.

Step 7 - When your project has finished cutting, release the mat, then gently remove the negative parts of the vinyl, leaving only the pieces you want on your ornament.

Using transfer tape for each

set of objects, place the topmost element first then work your way down to the bottom piece. Once you have gathered all the pieces of the object, place it on the ornament and smooth it in place. If you are using a round shape, you will need to make cuts around the edges so your object will lay flat.

Step 8 - Repeat the transfer process until all your ornaments are decorated and share the results at <https://facebook.com/groups/bettesmakes>



Treat Boxes

- Cricut® or other cutting machine - Maker or Explore models are best
- Standard grip 12 x 24 mat
- Spatula tool for making crisp fold lines
- Scoring Wheel or Scoring Stylus
- Fine Tip Cutting Blade
- Medium Cardstock - 1 12 x 24 sheet of any color you wish
- Our Template to this project - Click [here](#) to download it

Step 1 - download the template for this project and upload the SVG file into Design Space. Then add the file to your Canvas.

Step 2 - Make sure everything looks good on the Canvas and then click Make It! You should then be able to see the image on the mat. Here is where you can make any adjustments (this should be necessary for this project. Remember that you will be using a 12 by 24 inch standard grip mat.

Step 3 - Choose the cardstock for your project. Medium cardstock is the best choice but only you can decide.

Often I do a test cut with light cardstock to make sure everything works but this is optional for you as I have done all the testing with this one.

Step 4 -Cut your project - you will need to use the Scoring Wheel for the Maker or the Scoring Stylus for the Explore series of cutting machines plus the fine tip blade for the cut. Just follow the screen prompts and change the tools when directed to do so.

Step 5 - Pull the project off the mat and save any excess material you want to have for a later project.

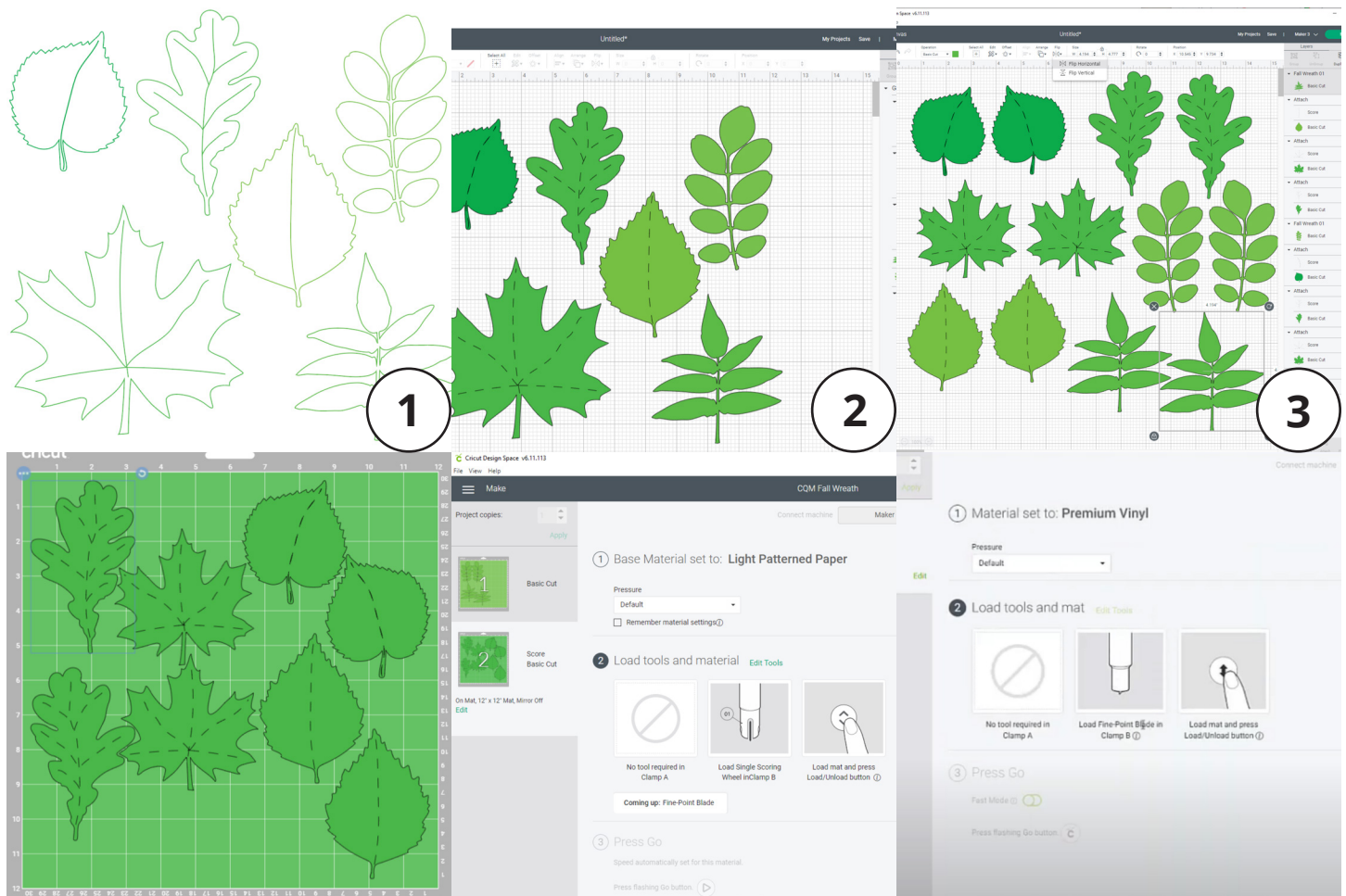


Step 6 - Crisply fold those score lines! Use a spatula tool for making sure they are crisp. This includes the handle of the treat box.

Step 7 - Optional - add stickers or draw decorations on the outside and possibly the inside of your treat box!

Step 8 - Fold the treat box and push the handles through the slots as shown.

Step 9 - Share your project at <https://Facebook.com/groups/BettesMakes> - we would love to see what you made!



Wreath

- Cricut Maker®, Explore series, or Joy cutting machine
- Standard grip mat
- Scoring Wheel or Scoring Stylus (for the Joy, use a pen)
- Cardstock in various fall colors (3 to 6 different colors are recommended)
- A metal or wooden circle that will be used for the wreath You can actually find these at most Dollar stores.
- Ribbon or string for hanging up the wreath
- Glue
- Scissors
- Spatula Tool
- Wreath template that we designed for you: [Click here to get the template.](#)
- Optional: Distress inks and ink pad

Step 1 - [Download the template](#) and upload it to Design Space. Add the template to your Canvas. This template has all the score lines ready for you so no need to make any adjustments.

Step 2 - Decide on the number and size of the objects you will be using for your wreath. Generally, you will want to have some larger leaves

and some smaller ones. My recommendation is to have them less than 5 inches in height.

Remember, if you do not cut enough, it is easy to cut more as you need. We started with 5 of each leaf type. You can either duplicate the leaves on the screen or cut duplicate mats. For this project we also cut 5 mirrored images of each. (to mirror just a few, it is easiest to flip them horizontally on the screen).

Step 3 - Click on Make It! Check your mats to make sure you are happy with how the leaves will cut. Click



Continue and then select your paper type. Although medium cardstock is tempting, we found that a lighter cardstock worked the best.

Once you have decided on your material, go ahead and place your Scoring Wheel or Stylus in place (pen for the Joy) and put your Cricut® to work!

Step 4 - Gently remove all the cuts from your mats as the next part of the process is to start bending the leaves and shaping them. Shape them like real leaves and you could also add some distress inks on the edges (optional). You want to make your leaves look as realistic as possible. The distress or just ink pad ink on

the edges makes those leaves look fabulous.

Step 5 - Optional - you can add wire to the center of each leaf before gluing the halves together. I only did this with the thin center leaves.

Simply add glue to one half on the leaf on the inside and place the two halves together. Match them up as best you can. If there are white edges showing, do not worry about it as we will add some inks to the edges to really make them stand out.

Step 6 - Also Optional - you could wrap your wreath circle with fabric or paper as this will give you a surface to work

with. Gluing the leaves will often be easier as long as your wrap is snug. I did not do this for my wreath as it was a twisted twig frame from the Dollar store.

Step 7 - Add inks around the outside edges of each of the leaves - this will hide any white pieces that are showing. The look with the ink from the ink pads is absolutely stunning!

Step 8 - Make those scoreline creases for the leaves that have them. Bend them each to the center, this will also give you a very realistic look!

Step 9 - Arrange your leaves around your wreath before gluing them in place to make

sure the design you have in mind works.

Step 10 - Glue the largest pieces in place first and then work your way to the smallest details. This will likely take you some time to put together so be patient as you work your way around the circle.

Step 11 - Take a photo of your finished work and share it in our Facebook group: <https://Facebook.com/groups/BettesMakes>





How to Decorate Your Home for the Holidays

By Jamie Matthews

I love the holidays! Each year I look forward to the changing weather, the beautiful colors, and all the cozy feelings that each season brings. I especially enjoy the opportunity to bring the holidays to life at home. I'm so excited for you to come with me as I share how to decorate our homes for the holidays!

We'll look at the five elements of decorating and then talk about how to implement them throughout the four holiday seasons of fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

Are you ready to get started? Here we go!

The Five Elements of Decorating

Let's start with the five elements of decorating. These are some fantastic decorating tips to keep in mind as we start pulling out our tubs of holiday décor:

- 1) Theme
- 2) Room Focal Point
- 3) Anchor Piece
- 4) Accessories
- 5) Final Touches

Theme

What is a theme? A theme is a collection of items and colors combined to tell a story. It reflects our own individual personality and can be as simple or intricate as we would like it to be. We'll be looking at a few examples of themes for the different holiday seasons later in this article.



Room Focal Point

Once we've figured out which rooms we'd like to decorate, we should try to find their natural focal point. The fireplace mantle or entertainment unit is a good focal point for a living room or family room. Countertop corner nooks in the kitchen and bathrooms are excellent focal point places as well. Extra spots can be an entryway table, dining room hutch, or even a bedroom dresser.



Anchor Piece

The anchor piece or pieces are the main decorating items which are front and center in the focal point areas of each room. They are the important items that we want to “anchor” all our other decorations around. Holiday signs or large theme items like pumpkins and turkeys are terrific anchor pieces.



Accessories

Accessories are the smaller decorating items that we add to the anchor pieces. Examples of accessories are floral and greenery garlands and picks, multiple size candles, and smaller seasonal figurines.



Final Touches

I love the final touches. These items are the pieces that make it “feel” like the holidays. Cozy throw blankets and pillows, seasonal scented candles, wax cube melts, or aromatherapy oils are a few suggestions. Holiday mugs, aprons, hand towels, and hand soaps are also fantastic for final touch items!



Now that we've gone over the five elements of decorating, let's look at each holiday season and see how these elements can be put into practice



Fall Season



There are so many colors and trends to choose from for the fall season! The traditional earth tones of bright orange and warm brown or the farmhouse theme with light seafoam green, creamy white, and shiny copper are gorgeous. Plaids and buffalo check patterns in a variety of colors are quite cozy too!

- 1. Theme:** We want to choose a color theme that best suits our style and personal taste. We can find inspiration in the nature around us or by checking out the current trends.
- 2. Room Focal Point:** Some good places to decorate for fall are the fireplace mantle or the entertaining unit in either the living room or family room. A corner of the kitchen countertop and a side table or two in the entryway are fabulous spots. And we can always add touches of fall to other rooms in the home like the bathrooms and bedrooms.
- 3. Anchor Piece:** A fall wreath, antique clock, framed family portrait, or a fall sign can be beautiful anchor pieces. Potted chrysanthemums, lanterns with candles (battery operated or real flame), or even some large pumpkins are wonderful anchor pieces too.
- 4. Accessories:** Leaf garlands, dried bouquets of flowers, loose leaves, acorns, small pumpkins and gourds, fake apples, small figurines, or anything else that seem to say “cozy” are fantastic decor accessories to layer around the anchor pieces.
- 5. Final Touches:** Pumpkin spice candles and hand soaps, fall-themed kitchen and bath hand towels, and the occasional baked fall treat are perfect final touches for our fall decor!

Halloween



Halloween is like the ultimate kid's party for the entire family. We all have a guiltfree excuse to eat candy! Whether we enjoy the scary and creepy or love the fact that we can be our favorite superhero for a day, we can all agree that Halloween is certainly one of the best holidays of the year!

- 1. Theme:** Halloween themes can be centered around characters like witches and haunted houses, or carnival and harvest parties that include lots of candy!
- 2. Room Focal Point:** The living room or family room fireplace or entertainment unit are great places to add Halloween décor on top of fall decorations. The front porch is also a fantastic place to decorate, especially if we're expecting tiny trick or treaters!
- 3. Anchor Piece:** The anchor piece can be a specific favorite Halloween item, or even a fall anchor piece like a framed family portrait or large pumpkin with fake spider webs draped over it.
- 4. Accessories:** Apothecary jars, dripping candles (real flame or battery operated), fake spider webs, creepy crawling bugs or even candy corn in a glass vase can add both whimsy and a touch of scary to the room.
- 5. Final Touches:** Candy apple or caramel scented candles and kitchen hand towels with a Halloween theme are fantastic final touches to our haunted house décor!

Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving is the day that we gather our family together to share love, gratitude, and an epic feast! This is perhaps the coziest of holidays, with all the attention focused on the food and conversation.

1. Theme: We can use our fall decorations and add in a few turkey statues among the pumpkins. If we're a little tired of the orange and brown fall colors, we can always switch up our table decorations to something more refreshing like soft green and white colors.

2. Room Focal Point: The table is a big focal point for Thanksgiving decorations. However, if there's no room on the table due to all the delicious food, then side tables or kitchen countertops make excellent focal points for our decorations.

3. Anchor Piece: Since food is the true anchor piece, then the serving dishes are the second anchor pieces. Dishware with turkeys or pumpkins are fun and playful. Simple white dishes with copper or gold plate chargers are beautiful and elegant.

4. Accessories: For the table or serving areas, candles, flowers, greenery, or even fruits and vegetables add interest and dimension. Placeholder name tags and decorated napkin holders are wonderful accessories too.

5. Final Touches: The aroma of garlic and sage from the feast itself can be enough atmosphere to get everyone in the grateful mood, but a vanilla or cinnamon candle can be a nice touch in the entryway.

Christmas



Christmas is truly a wonderful time of the year. Whether our style is all about vintage Santa Claus and his reindeer, or we cover our mantle with snowmen, our décor is what helps us create magical memories for our families!

- 1. Theme:** Christmas themes can be inspired by characters like Santa Claus, snowmen, Christmas elves, or angels. Other themes can include natural elements like evergreen boughs and red holly berries. We could decorate a wintery wonderland using sparkly silver, soft cream, and deep blue colored snowflakes.
- 2. Room Focal Point:** For this holiday season, each room in the house can be decorated from top to bottom in Christmas cheer! The Christmas tree and stockings in the main family area, holiday baking showcased in the kitchen, and decorated mini trees in the bedrooms.
- 3. Anchor Piece:** The Christmas tree is without doubt the largest anchor piece we'll have in our entire home. A Nativity Scene, Christmas Village, holiday signs, or family holiday portraits are beautiful anchor pieces to display.
- 4. Accessories:** Christmas accessories like floral and evergreen stems are great to fill in around the anchor pieces. Small ornaments, pinecones, or candy canes are fun accessories too.
- 5. Final Touches:** Scents of peppermint and gingerbread, or pine and citrus can invoke images of sweet treats and falling snow. Christmas theme mugs or even a crackling fireplace streaming on the TV can really bring the holiday magic home!

In conclusion, the five elements of decorating: theme, room focal point, anchor piece, accessories, and final touches, help us to create the joy of the seasons in our own homes. Fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are special times to share. The opportunity to make the holidays come alive by decorating our homes is truly a wonderful gift to our family and friends!

I wish you and yours a very happy holiday season!

XoXo,
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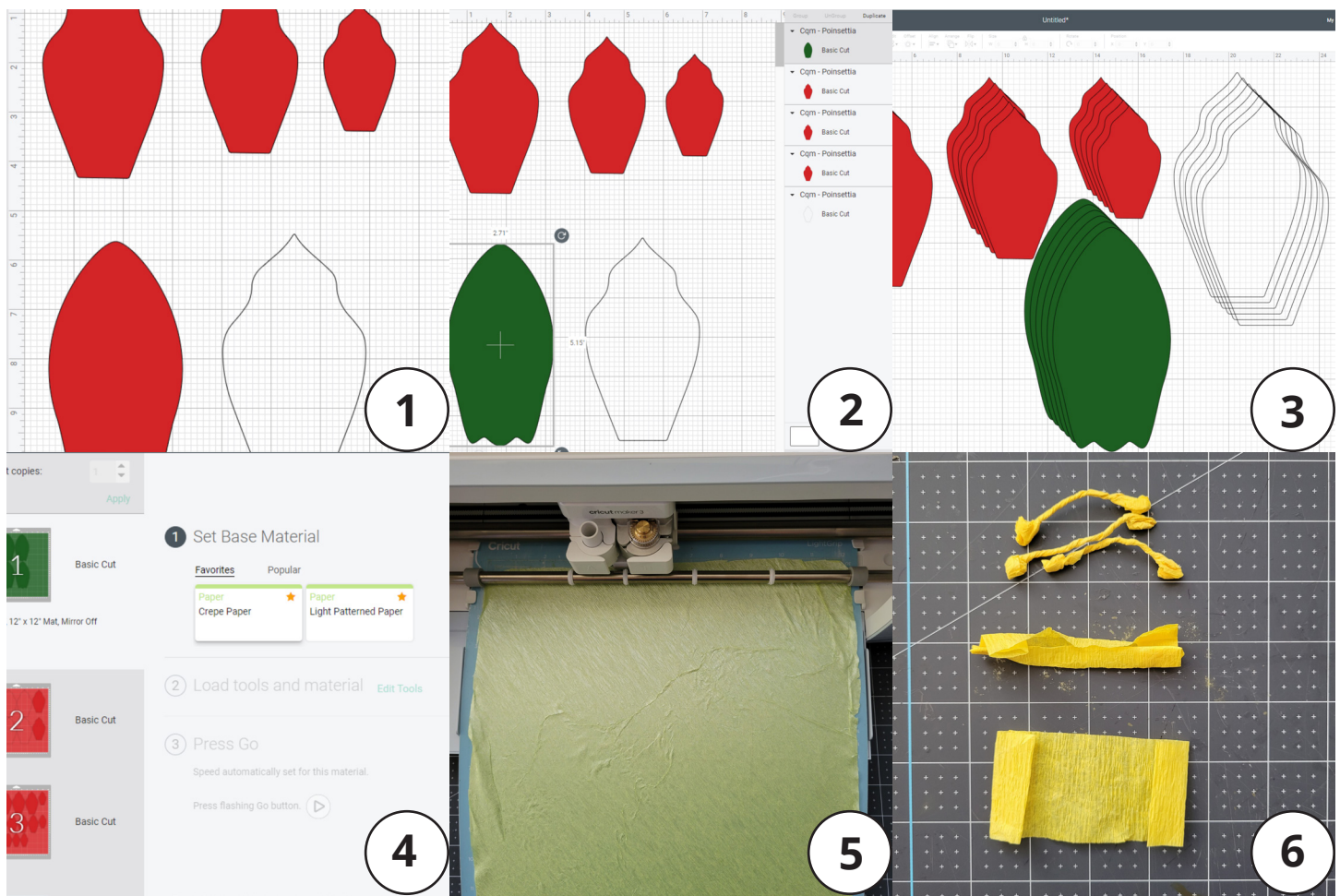
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Poinsettia

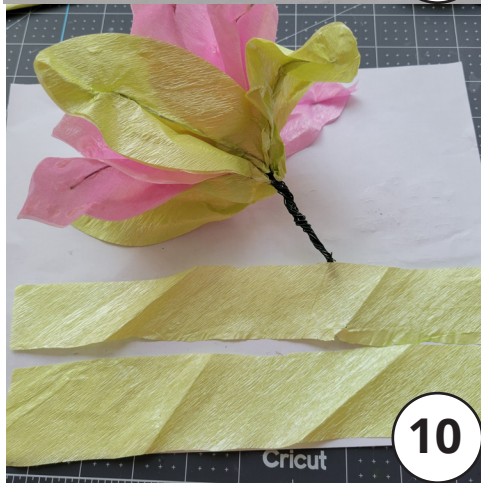
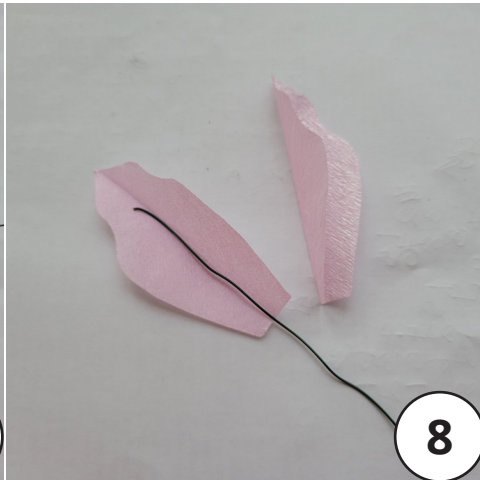
- Cricut Maker, Explore series, or Joy cutting machine
- Standard grip mat
- Scoring Wheel or Scoring Stylus (for the Joy, use a pen)
- Spatula Tool
- Crepe-paper Green for the leaves and wither Red, Pink or White for the petals, also thin strips of yellow for the stamens
- Glue
- Scissors
- Floral Wire
- Poinsettia template that we designed for you: [Click here to get the template.](#)

Step 1 - [Download the template](#) for this project here (link to come) and upload the SVG file to Design Space then add it to your Canvas.

Step 2 - For this poinsettia you will be using tissue paper or crepe-paper for maximum effect. Having said that, you could also use light cardstock if you do not have either of the other papers available. One you have the template on the Canvas, you will need to make sure you have 4 petal sizes and 1 leaf size. At this point you will need to make sure you are happy with the size - my suggestion is to make a maximum size of 6 inches and

work your way down from there for each component. This project has been set to 6 inch leaves and petals at the smallest are 3 inches. You will notice that the leaf is also red! Change the color to Green.

Step 3 - You will be cutting 6 of each petal and each leaf. Although you do not need to duplicate this on the Canvas, I find that it works best in this case. After you have completed your duplication, save your project, then click on Make It!



Step 4 - Set your materials for the make - in my case, I used crepe-paper but you may use any materials you wish to use. You will be placing the crepe-paper on the diagonal so that the stretchiness goes from bottom left to top right - on the bias!

Step 5 - Let your machine do the cutting! As there are no scorelines, you will be able to cut this project on the Joy as well.

Step 6 - Time to make your stamens. Your stamens can be purchased but if you want to make your own, all you need to do is cut a strip of crepe-paper (or other material) 5 inches long and 1 inch wide (a

streamer works well here). Roll the ends towards the middle with 2 half inch folds. These folds will be the bud ends.

Now roll the paper on the long edge over a few times. Hold the stamen in the center and twist it around until it is tight and tuck in the ends and keep them tight as well. Place some glue at the outer ends and roll the "buds" into a nice shape. You now have stamens you can use for this project.

Step 7 - Assembling the poinsettia - Cut a piece of floral wire approximately 6 inches long and make a small half inch hook on the end. Fold over 3 of your stamens and place the centers in the hook

then squeeze the hook closed.

Step 8 - Making the petals. Each of the petals will be made with 2 of each size. Cut a piece of floral wire the same length of the petal or leaf plus 2 to 3 inches. You will be gluing this wire into the center of the first petal and gluing the second petal over the top. Do this for all the petals and leaves until you have them all ready.

Step 9 - Start with the smallest petals (you should have 3 all assembled) and twist the bottom wire around the stamen wire (at the top), do the same for the next 2 small petals but place them off to the side of each other.

Make sure all the petals are as far to the top as possible. You want the petals and leaves snug against each other.

Repeat the twisting with the next 3 levels of petals and then finally the leaves.

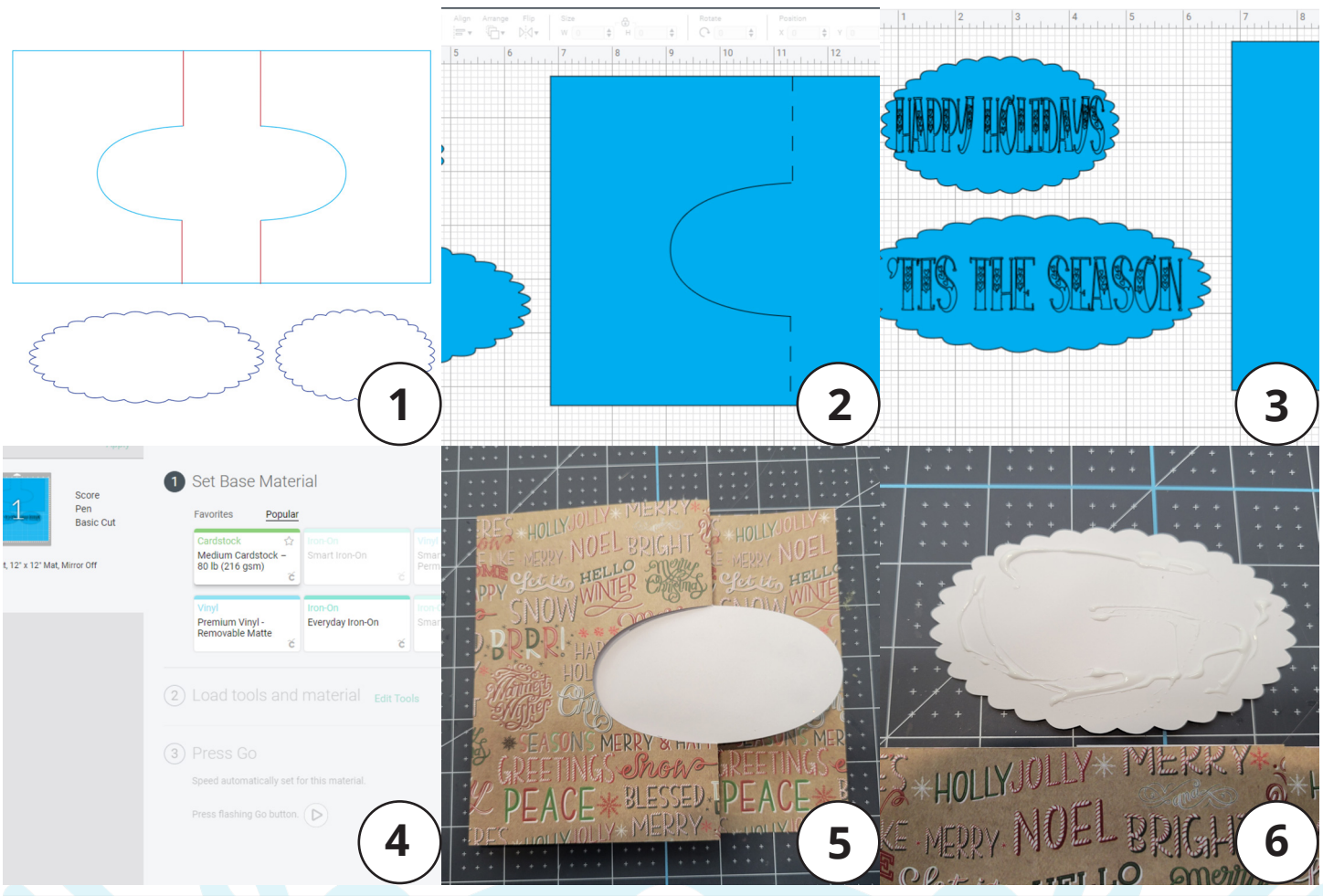
By now you will have a nice looking poinsettia!

Step 10 - Making the stem look good. With all the wires twisted around, the stem is going to need some help looking great! Take some of the leaf colored crepe-paper and cut it into 1 inch strips that are approximately 8 inches long.

Start at the top and glue the crepe-paper in place. Add some glue to the stem and twist the remaining crepe-paper around the stem, making it tight without ripping it. Continue to add the strips until you have happy with the size and look of the stem.

Step 11 - Show off your poinsettia in our Facebook group (<https://facebook.com/groups/BettesMakes>)





Incredible Card

- Cricut Maker, Explore series, or Joy cutting machine
- Standard grip mat
- Scoring Wheel or Scoring Stylus (for the Joy, use a pen)
- Spatula Tool
- Cardstock in brown, red, green, and white
- Glue
- Scissors
- Card template that we designed for you: [Click here to get the template.](#)

Step 1 - [Download the template](#), then upload it to Cricut Design Space® (use the SVG file)

Step 2 - Ungroup the project and make sure the card portion is attached.

Step 3 - Add text sayings to the embellishment pieces. The small oval will show on the front of the card and the larger one will show when you open the card.

Step 4 - When cutting your project, you can move the embellishments to the bottom of the mat and use a different color of the same material.

This way you can cut both pieces at the same time.

Step 5 - Now that everything is cut, it is time to add your folds. Your back panel folds will be valley folds (they will fold over the back of the card while the other fold will go in the opposite direction. This means the cut out oval will swing backwards behind the main card and the front part of the "swing" will only show approximately half on the oval.

Step 6 - Glue your large embellishment on the inside of the card on the "swing"

Step 8 - Your swing card is now ready! Make more by changing up the cardstock you use and the sayings. This way you can use this design for any occasion!



New Products

October:

Are you ready for Halloween?

25 videos in 25 days to help you celebrate the month of October

Here is what you will see

Oct 1 - 7 - Pumpkin Week - 7 videos with pumpkin projects

Oct 8 - 14 - Witches Week

Oct 15 - 21 - Spiders and Ghosts

Oct 22 - 25 - Costume Party



November:

This is the month to give thanks not just this month but for the whole year.

Time to learn something new

Get our Holiday Maker Bundle that will get you set up for the holidays - includes a decorating guide, things to make, things to bake, and things to do this holiday season



December:

Year End and the Holiday Season brings you:

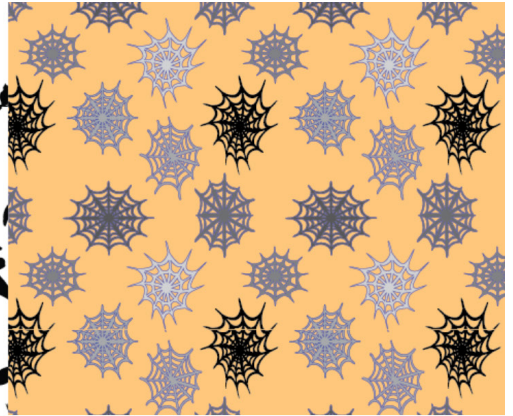
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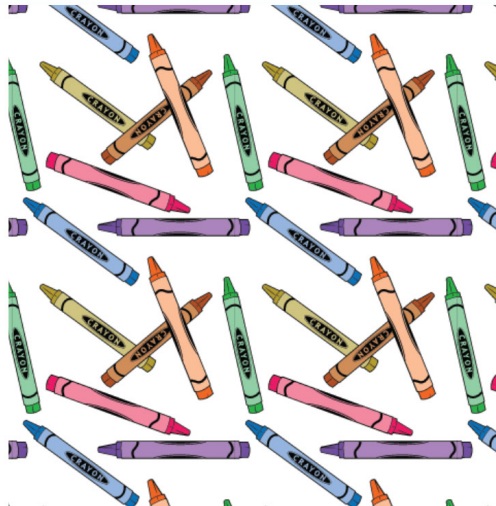
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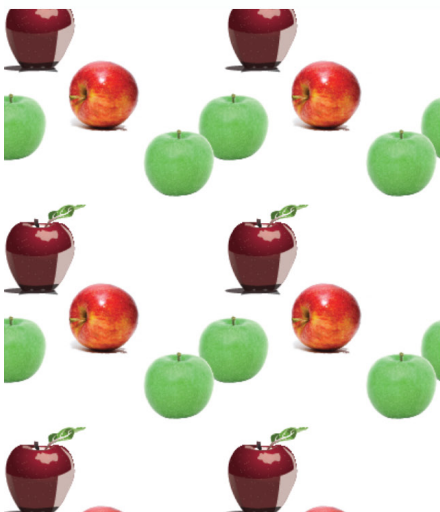
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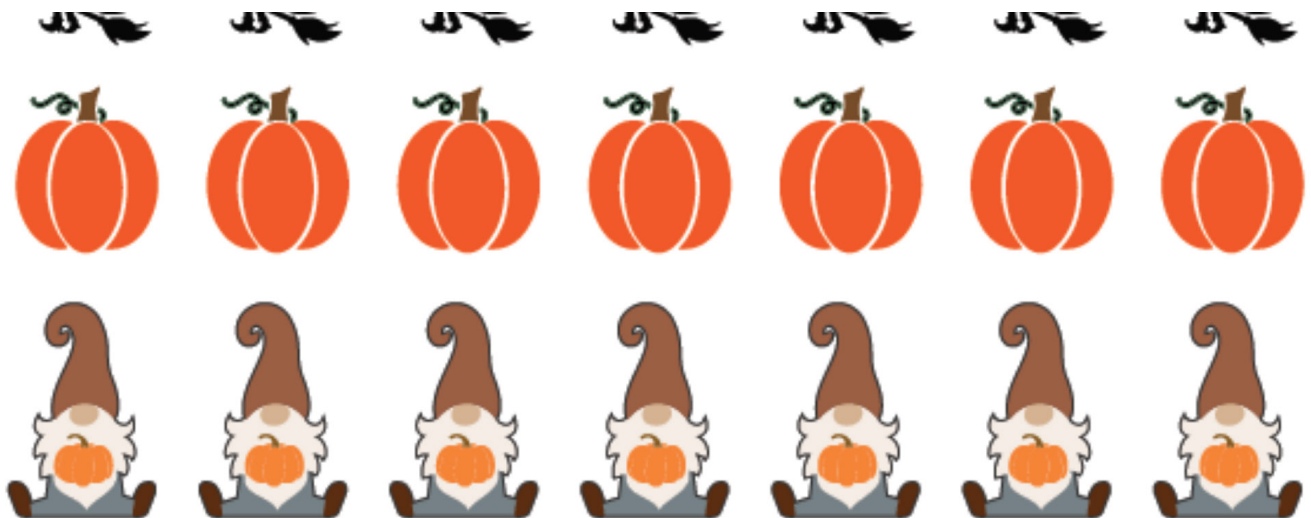
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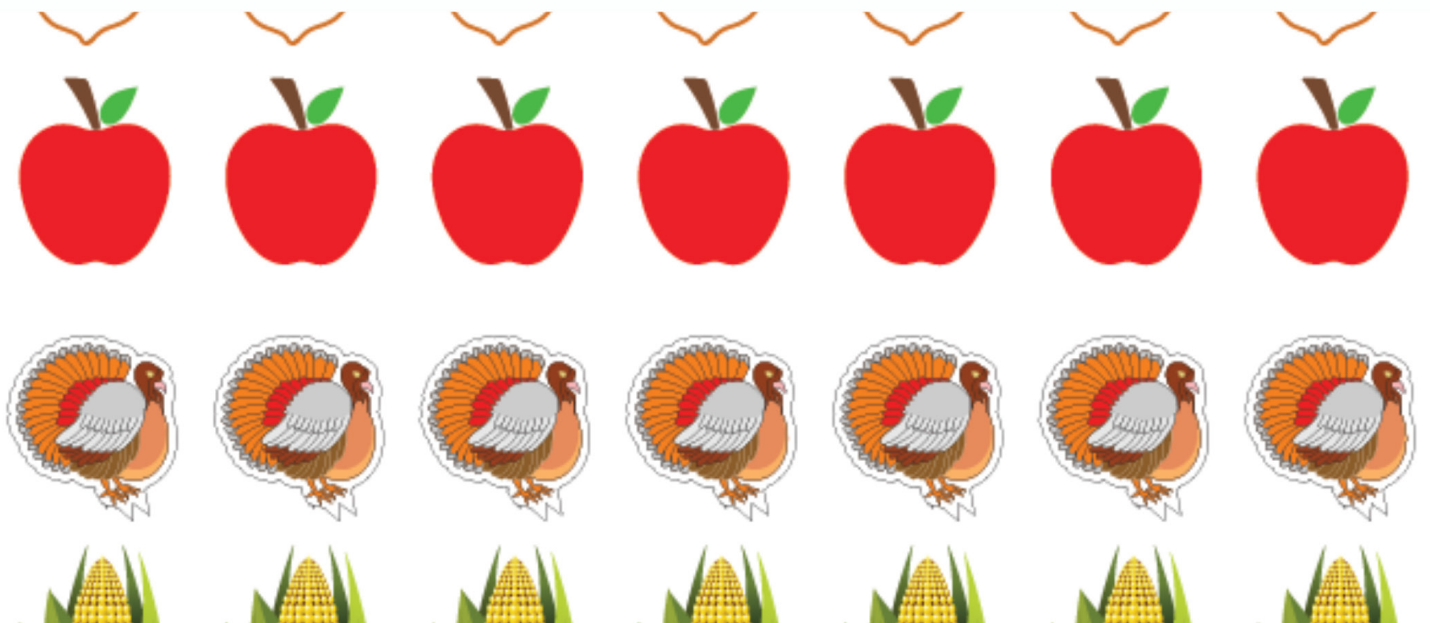
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Quarterly Challenges

October

5 days, 5 lessons text-based designs

Are you ready to take your knowledge of the text tool to the next level? This challenge will give you some insights on what you can do to make those wearable sayings, embellishments for cards, and working with vinyl. Text can be placed almost anywhere, including etched into glassware or acrylic. Take this challenge and add some wow factor to your designs. October is the time to think about what you can do with text. Join this amazing challenge in October

November

5 days 5 lessons making the perfect card

Card making should be at the top of your mind this month with the holiday season sneaking up quickly. This challenge is designed for you and will give you some new ideas that you may not have tried yet! Cards are more than just a folded piece of paper, they can be oh so much more with cuts, folds, popups, and embellishments. You will get a taste of these plus a little more. Be sure to join us in November to get your card making on!

December

5 days 5 lessons making your own SVGs

Ever wondered about SVG files and how you can get them to work for you? Take this challenge with 5 unique lessons and things to make over the month of December! You will be surprised at how easy SVG files can be and how you can make some amazing projects just with these simple techniques. Put on your creative hat and join this fun challenge in December!

Date:

Something I will Do For Myself Today

One Thing I Can Do For Someone Else

[illegible]

Today's Date:

ToDoS

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Gift List



The image displays a 16x8 grid of squares. The first column consists of 8 solid orange squares in the top half and 8 solid light gray squares in the bottom half. The remaining 7 columns (columns 2 through 8) follow a checkerboard pattern. In each of these columns, the squares in the top half (rows 1-8) and bottom half (rows 9-16) alternate between orange and light gray. Specifically, in each of these 7 columns, the squares at rows 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15 are orange, while the squares at rows 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 are light gray.



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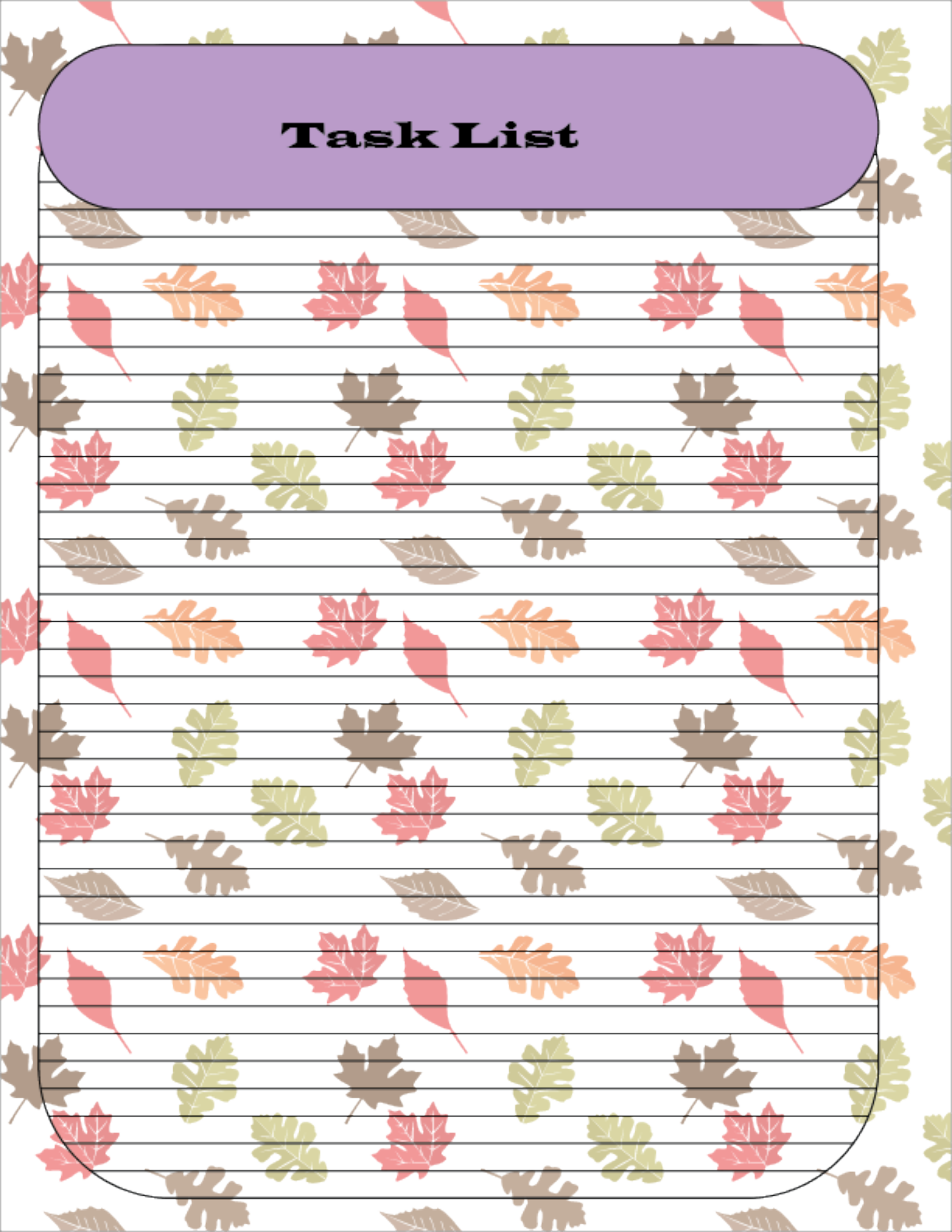
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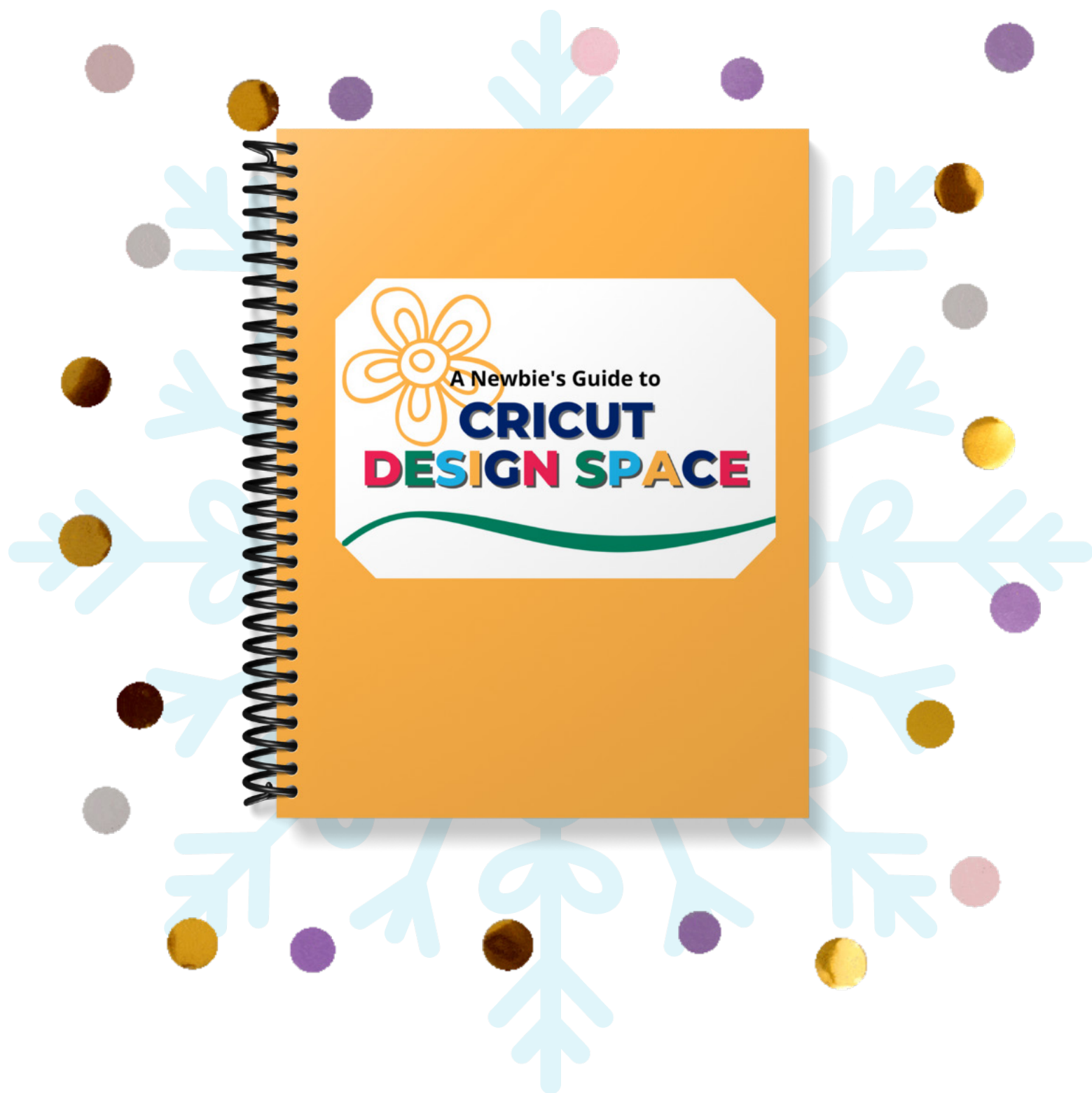
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OCTOBER GIVEAWAY

OCTOBER 2021



GIVEAWAY

Cricut® Brightpad Go! There is nothing like having a light pad to make work easier! The Cricut® BrightPad is a light pad (illuminated) that helps you to see all those delicate cuts you have made - therefore making it easier to weed your projects! You can trace almost anything without having to hold the design up to the window to see the outlines and details! Did you know that tracing, weeding vinyl and iron-on, paper piecing, quilt blocks, and model building are some of the ways to use the Brightpad? This is a tool everyone needs to have!

Just go to <https://bettesmakes.com/cricut-giveaway/> when it's time to enter.

NOVEMBER GIVEAWAY

NOVEMBER 2021



GIVEAWAY

Cricut® SportFlex is a type of iron on vinyl that is thin and lightweight and is made to stretch and move with the base material. Just think of all the materials you wear that need that extra stretch! Think swimsuit, leggings, jersey tops, sweat gear, and so on. It is the perfect material for using with any polyester or nylon fabric! This bundle will give a big array of everything you need! And who doesn't need more crafting materials!

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DECEMBER GIVEAWAY



DECEMBER 2021



Cricut® Mats and Blades. You can never have enough mats or enough blades when it comes to crafting and using your Cricut® machine. No matter what you love to make, or how often you like to make things, extra mats are perfect. You can prepare many mats ahead of time and be assured those extra blades are on hand! This bundle will set you up with all the goodies you need to make your crafting extra special.

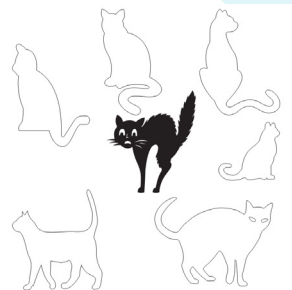
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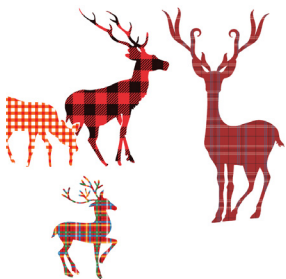
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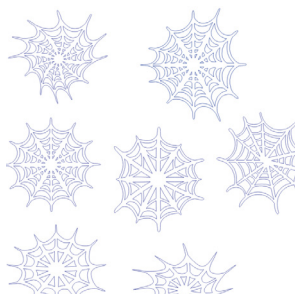
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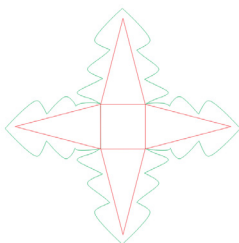
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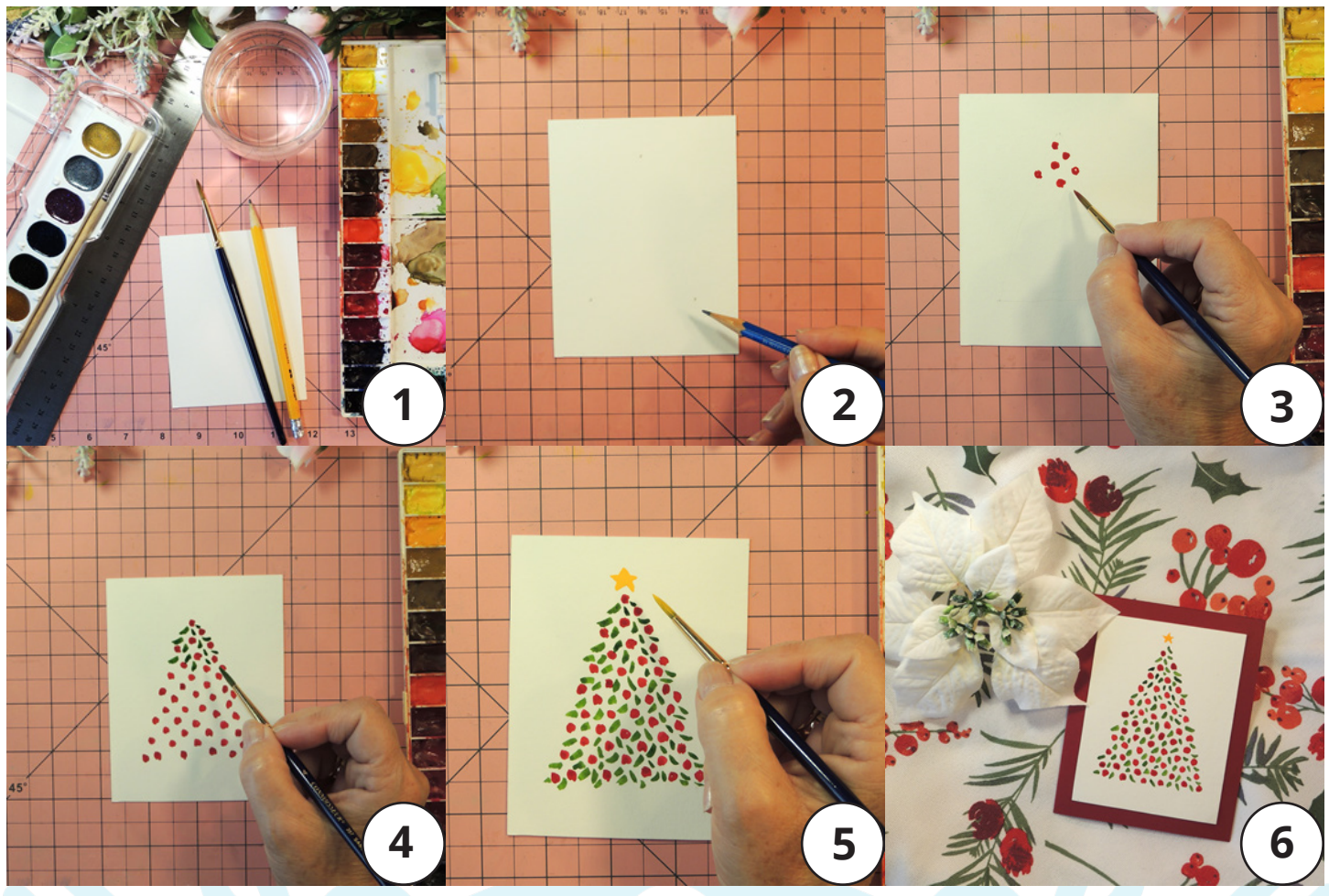
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Watercolor Christmas Cards

By: WendyDewar Hughes

Get a jump on the holidays this year and make your own Christmas cards. These simple DIY watercolor cards will not only get the job done lickety-split, but if you've never tried painting with watercolors before it's your chance to learn a fun new skill.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Watercolor paper
- Size 4 small paintbrush with fine point
- Watercolor paints including dark green, red, yellow, or any colors you prefer.
- Card stock for the card base
- Pencil
- Eraser

STEP 1 - Decide what size you would your finished cards to be, then cut a piece of watercolor paper to fit on the front leaving some space around it. You may want to use colored card stock to contrast with your painting. You can cut your watercolor paper to any size you prefer. Mine is 3.5" x 4.5".

STEP 2 - Using a light pencil line, draw a triangle on your watercolor paper, to represent a Christmas tree. This is the outline for your tree and will

be erased later.

STEP 3 - For the decorations on the tree I chose red paint. Using your paintbrush, paint a scattering of small circular dots randomly around the triangle, allowing some to go slightly outside the lines.

If you prefer to have more colors on your tree, go ahead. Allow this paint to dry thoroughly, and then lightly erase the pencil lines.

STEP 4 - Once your decorations are dry, choose your dark green paint, add water and make a nice strong puddle of color (more paint,

less water). As before, you can choose any colors you wish as the technique is the same. In fact, you can make all your cards in different colors if you like. It's up to you.

With your green color, paint tree boughs by adding short downward strokes with your paintbrush, between and among the decorations.

STEP 5 - Draw a little star at the top of your tree. Or, you can freehand paint it if you feel confident. Use yellow paint, as dark as you can make it.

STEP 6 - Once your paint is all completely dry, simply glue your little watercolor to the

front of the card using craft glue.

OPTIONAL STEPS and TIPS:

- Further decorate your cards with colored glitter glue. Drop beads of glitter glue onto the tree decorations. Keep in mind, if the glue smears it will also smear the dried paint.
- Photocopy your original watercolor painting to make multiple cards.
- Sign your original painting with a fine tip black pen. You are the artist after all.
- Use pearlescent paint for decorations, tree limbs, star, or everything.
- Distress or outline the edge of the watercolor paper with distress ink or marker.
- Don't want to use watercolor? You can create a similar (though not quite as elegant) look with brush markers on card stock.
- Craft acrylic paint will also work for this project. The effect will be slightly different, however.



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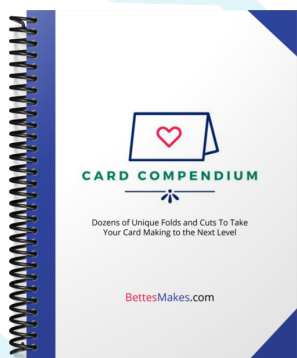
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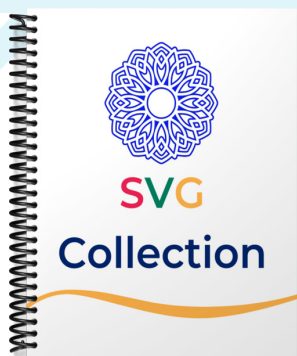
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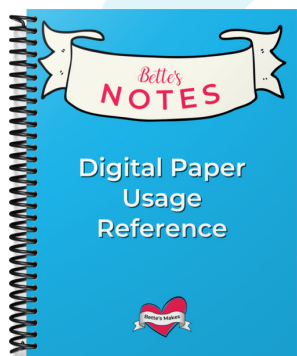
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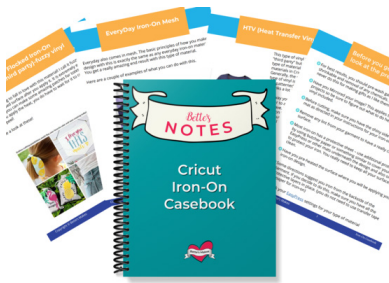
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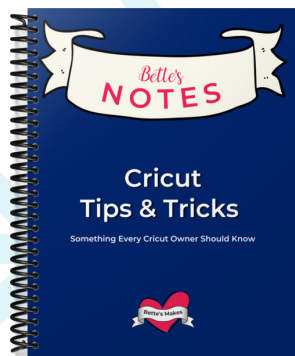
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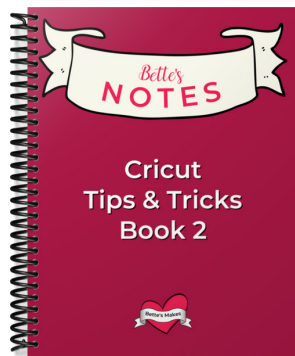
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