Basics of Creating PDF files for Crafting-Patterns.com

To create PDF files from most any program. Install your PDF software, a printer Driver will be installed.
1. Open your Program open a file that you are ready to create into a PDF file.
2. To create the PDF file you will act like you are printing.
3. Choose Print from the menu.
4. You will choose the PDF printer from your list of printers.
5. You will be prompted for a destination/filename.
6. When you click on PRINT - your computer prints a PDF file to your hard drive.

In some cases you may want to use 1 page from 1 program and another page from a different program. If this happens you will need to be prepared to combine all the needed PDF files into 1 PDF for distribution on our site. I do know that Acrobat allows you this option and so does PDF Converter.

Most customers print at 150 DPI, please do not set your DPI to high or the PDF files are huge.

Check the size of your PDF files - we would like to keep the files less than 100kb. The size of the pattern, how much color you use, DPI/printer setting (I like 100-150 DPI), etc help determine the file size.

The graphics also play a large role in the size of your PDF file. We recommend that you use RGB or Indexed colors, do not use CMYK.

Please print the finished PDF file yourself - make sure if you were purchasing this item it is useable. If you make the grid/symbol small or hard to read, you are inviting people to COPY/ENLARGE your patterns. You will also find that your sales may be lacking in repeat customers. I know that more pages means a larger file size you will have to use your best judgment in this - Think about what you like when purchasing a pattern.

You will use a lot of time experimenting - it is normal. This is not a get rich quick scheme - we plan to be here for a very long time. I myself love to design and being able to make a few dollars is wonderful - otherwise a regular job might have to happen. We want to provide quality products and also enable designers a way to make a buck - I have published books myself and know that the process is emotionally draining as well as very expensive. This is a way to help keep good designers designing.