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YOUR IDEAS

I guess I need to confess that I do this pattern stuff, not because I am the best in the world, or need to have the biggest clientele.

I do it because I totally get absorbed in creating images using the computer, and it's gratifying to me if someone besides myself can use these patterns in some creative way. My interests, frankly, include about every craft that was ever invented by mankind (LOL). Seriously, I love all crafts-from knitting to carousel horse carving-and everything in between. I just want to be a part of a greater creative, and world health responsive community.

But I don't pretend to know what most of YOU-- stained glass artists or quilters--want and like, or what is most desired by scrapbookers or pysanky enthusiasts, so thats where YOUR IDEAS play a role.

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Send me YOUR IDEAS

YOUR IDEAS: Part of our mission is to facilitate the crafts and arts which you do and to make patterns that you desire, so that your home, and the gifts you give, become something that you have created. This is, in my opinion, what we all need to do---that is, to create "homes" instead of just "houses". To buy locally and create love with the least impact on our environment and the world. This is best done by a hands on, multi-participant home centered effort. Perfection is not a requisite. Every single item I have ever made is flawed, but nevertheless it has much greater value than an item made by machine and shipped 12,000 miles. The added benefit is that it is then a fairly traded item.

ASK for a custom pattern on your favorite topic, from photographs, or your child's drawings, or memorabilia, a friends name, your favorite flower. My challenge is to create the pattern of your choice, for your particular craft, and then place it on PDQpatterns for you to buy at the same NORMAL low PDQpatterns price of all our virtual products. Then others will enjoy your ideas also. Added incentive, is that if your custom pattern becomes a best seller, I will return to you, all the \$\$ over my labor. Its a great deal.

New Patterns

Some new categories have been added, and dozens of new patterns too, so please check us out. There is the beginning of a new alphabet series - Ornamental Alphabet, and there are Easter eggs (real product) and Easter egg patterns (virtual product) which should inspire you to get ready for this holiday. THANKS FOR SHOPPING WITH US--PDQpatterns.com

For those of you with an appetite for complicated windows, check out the category "repairs" for a pattern I did from a window which "fell out of a house" (NOT SO LOL) and needed to be restored.

I also added a needlepoint canvas image of this month's free pattern, so those of you out there that also do needlepoint, understand that you can have virtually any image we have as a color file to download and print onto a transfer for your canvas. I can transfer these for you if you like.

Next month I will write a little about my favorite Easter egg technique "pysanky", which is a terrific batik technique for creating wonderful Easter eggs. There are many "masterful" examples of this on the internet. I don't profess to be a master. My supplies are purchased from the "UKRANIAN GIFT SHOP" <http://www.ukrainiangiftshop.com/>

They have been in business for many many years and offer all kinds of exciting Ukrainian batik ideas and gifts. I have made Easter eggs from childhood, and remember the day and individual who introduced me to this shop. I determined at that point, because I was so grateful to have the dyes and the kiska, that I would donate all my pysanky eggs to charity, including ostrich eggs. (which I have done and will do).



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artisan's email
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your choice
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Pattern for January

