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Best wishes to you all, and I trust that spring has arrived for everyone by now. Here in Cincinnati we are getting our spring rain, but have also had some sunshine.

Seems like I am still having to put out requests for a list of your favorite topics so that the website can be more reflective of what you guys--the crafters--want most.

Believe it or not, there is a "person" behind this e-business and webpage who is responsive to your suggestions and wishes.

Have the most wonderful May possible, and visit us often, and thanks for your continued business.
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I mentioned in the last newsletter that I don't seem to be able to move away from kaleidoscope patterns, and this is true still. So there are many new geometric patterns posted on the website.

The freebie for May is a quick and fun panel for kids whose parents do stained glass. Make this soccer ball (pg 3) with your daughters and sons to give to dad, or your coach, to hang in their home or office. A pattern special just for Father's day. It is also a great project for teachers to make for their class rooms. Totally simple to do, but sometimes simple is what we need-----"begun and finished in the same day".

In April, as well as adding many new stained glass patterns, we added a new category -- Counted Cross Stitch. Making these patterns is really a fun to do in Corel Draw, and I am more than happy to help you set up your own file with which to create cross stitch patterns from your scanned-in tiffs or jpg,

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or Photoshop images. Putting together the grid for making the cross stitch patterns took a little thinking, but once in place, it can be used over and over again. The Corel draw template grid file (.cdr) is available for purchase (by Corel Draw users), or for purchase as a pdf for those who want to hand color the squares. The template is made for 14 count aida cloth, but can be used with any counted cross stitch cloth because the size of the squares on the pattern is just for counting and color reference. Of course the blank canvas as a Corel Draw file can have the colors filled in with a mouse click, whereas the pdf file needs to be printed and colored by hand (unless you have a program which will open the pdf as a vector file). The template as a tiff or jpg could really also be worked up in Photoshop or other bitmap editing program.

The great thing about Corel Draw is that it will import a bitmap file, which can be placed behind the cross stitch grid, so that the coloring can be coordinated with the imported image. This is how I create my patterns.

The colors used in Corel Draw of course can be matched with the color swatches available from yarn and floss companies, like Anchor and DMC. However, I personally don't rely on those color maps, but choose my own colors individually. Request a custom cross stitch pattern (same low price as premade patterns) at <http://pdqpatterns.com>

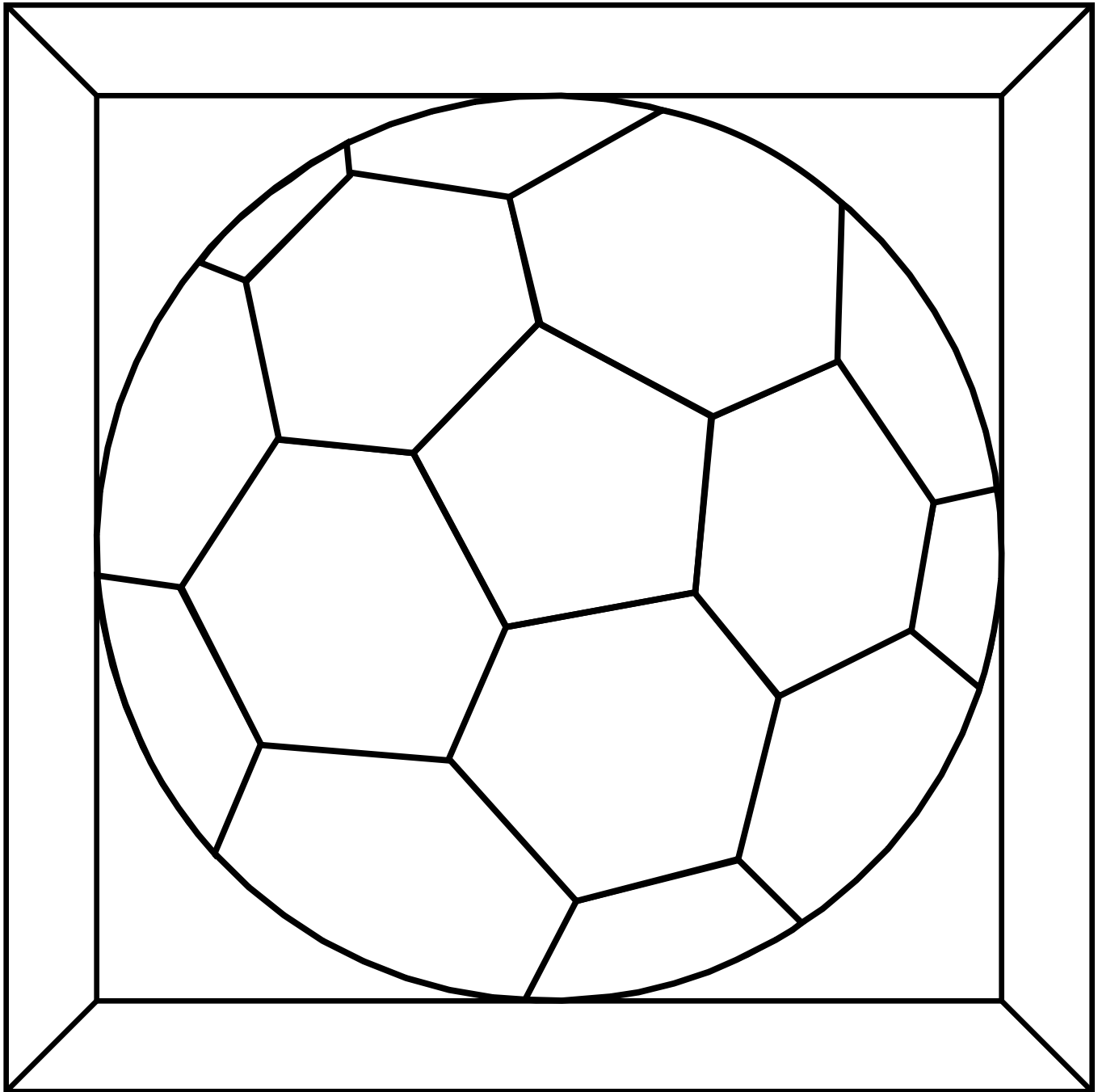


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