



Patterns: Tips & Advice

Thank you for downloading these resources. Your support means that I can continue to make creative elements and share them with fellow artists and designers. All patterns are created as vector artwork which means they will work at any size and not lose quality. They are great for using as backgrounds on textiles, products or on the web. This guide will help you install patterns in your Adobe program and show you how you can use them in your own projects. Happy creating!

How to download and install patterns in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator:

Photoshop CC: Open the .png version of the pattern in Adobe Photoshop. All of the .png pattern files are saved at 300dpi so the quality is fairly high. Once your pattern tile is open in Photoshop, go to **Edit - Define Pattern**. Here you can name the pattern whatever you wish. The pattern is now added to your pattern swatch library in Photoshop. If you go to **Layer - New Fill Layer** and select **Pattern** you can apply the new pattern to your document. If you put your pattern layer directly above an object and then to go **Layer - Create Clipping Mask**, the pattern will be printed into your object.

Illustrator CC: Open the .ai file in Illustrator and then select the pattern swatch. Go up to **Object - Pattern - Make**. The pattern will be added to your swatches panel. You can see the patterns and colours in your **Swatches** by going to **Window - Swatches**. Another method for adding the pattern to your swatches is to drag the swatch over to the open Swatches panel and then let it go. The pattern will now be added to your swatch library.

Older versions of Illustrator: You used to be able to choose **Edit - Define Pattern** in older versions of Illustrator, so if you're using CS6 or before, try this.

Examples of patterns applied to different surfaces:



As always, if you have any problems or further questions about how to use my resources in your work, feel free to email me at [✉ joliverdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:joliverdesigns@gmail.com). I work full time so it might take a couple of days to reply, but I will reply.

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