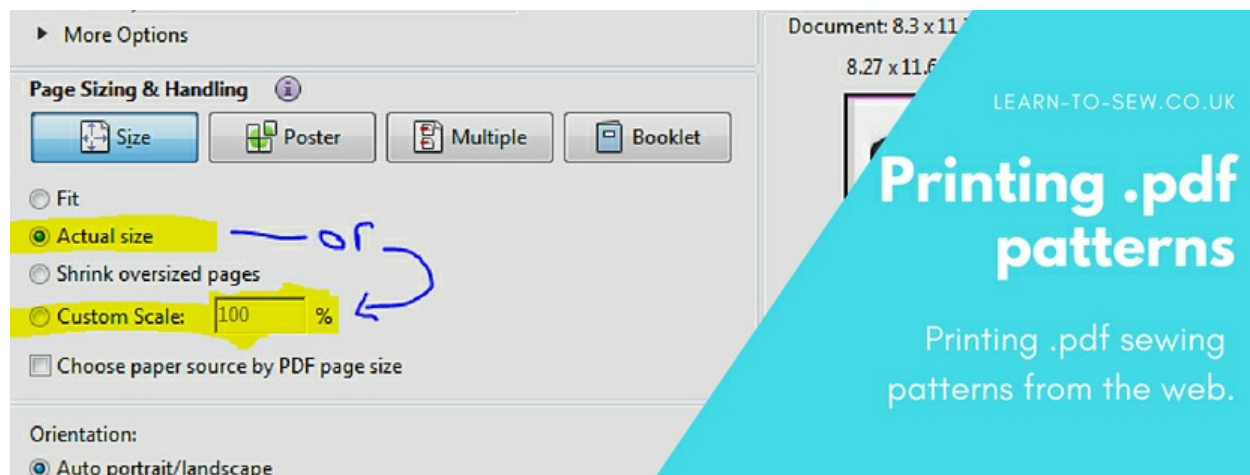


# How to download and print pdf patterns.



In this day and age we are all looking for free inspiration and downloads on the Internet. Downloading and printing pdf patterns is very easy, all we need is to have a printer with ink and paper, making it ready to go.

## Clicking the “download now” to download the pdf pattern

When you click the download link the file will start downloading to your computer. It's a good idea to immediately find the file. Most computers are set for downloads to go to the Downloads folder. Some browsers show the download while it is downloading and will have a pop up when completed. Locate the download and move it to a designated place on your computer so you can find it easily and print it.

## What is inside the file?

Some downloads contain only one PDF file, meaning the instructions and pattern pieces are all opened and viewed as one document. Other downloads may be a zip file that actually contains several files. These will involve a PDF for the instructions and one or more PDFs for the pattern pieces. If a pattern has different versions, there may be separate PDFs for each version.

Regardless of how the pattern pieces are organized, they will be formatted as tiles across a number of printer paper-sized sheets. The best way to imagine it is to think about a large piece of pattern tissue unfolded and cut into small rectangles. The PDF will be printed on your home printer and the pages will be taped together to reconstruct the pattern tissue-sized layout.

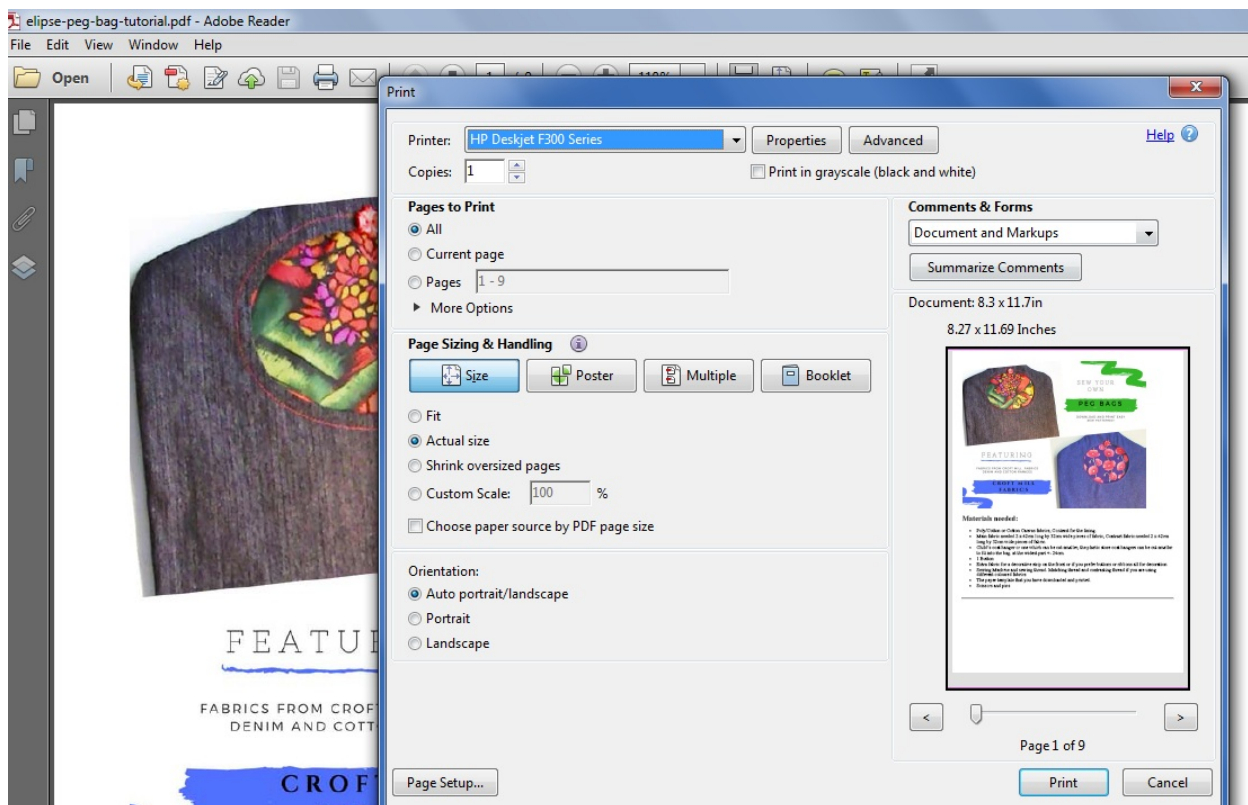
Some of the more recent patterns also come bundled with a separate file that can be printed on a wide format printer.

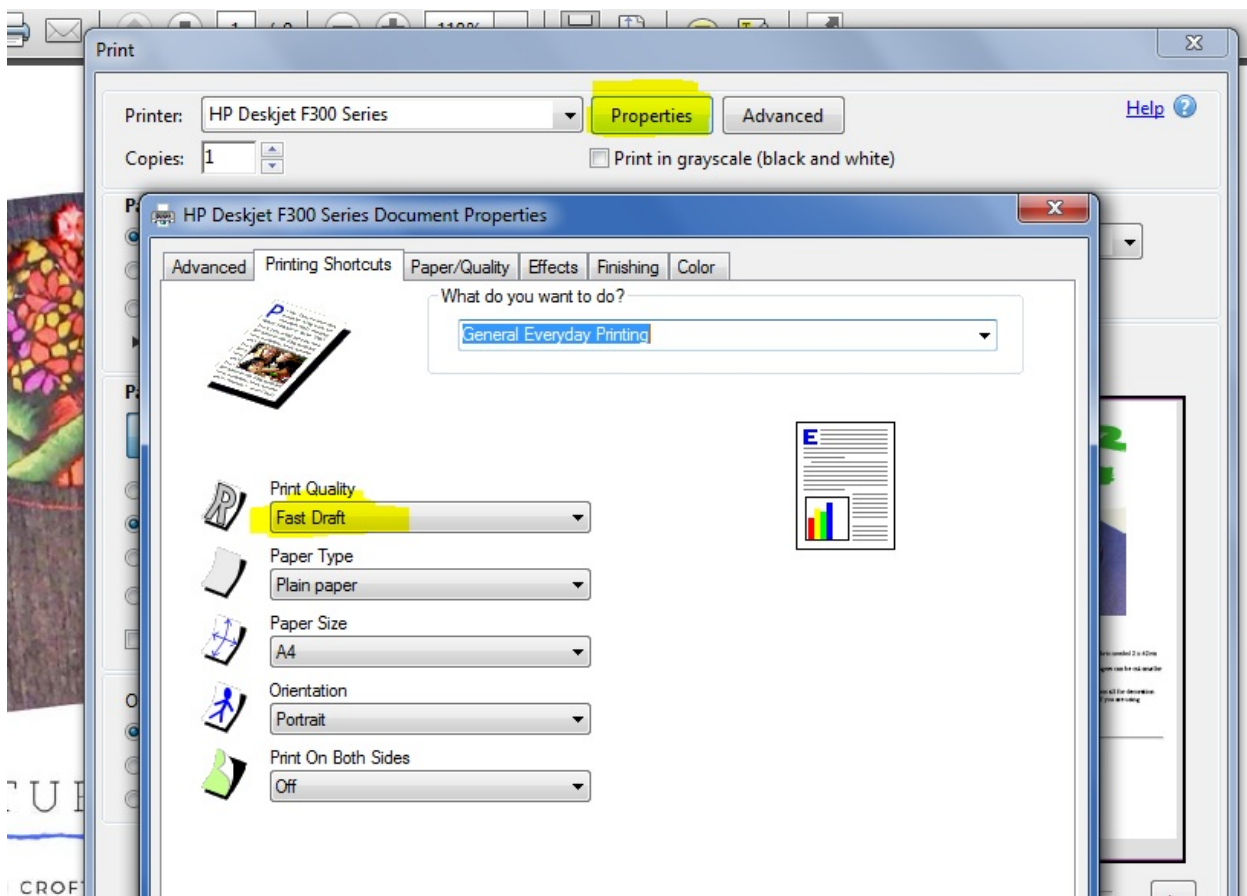
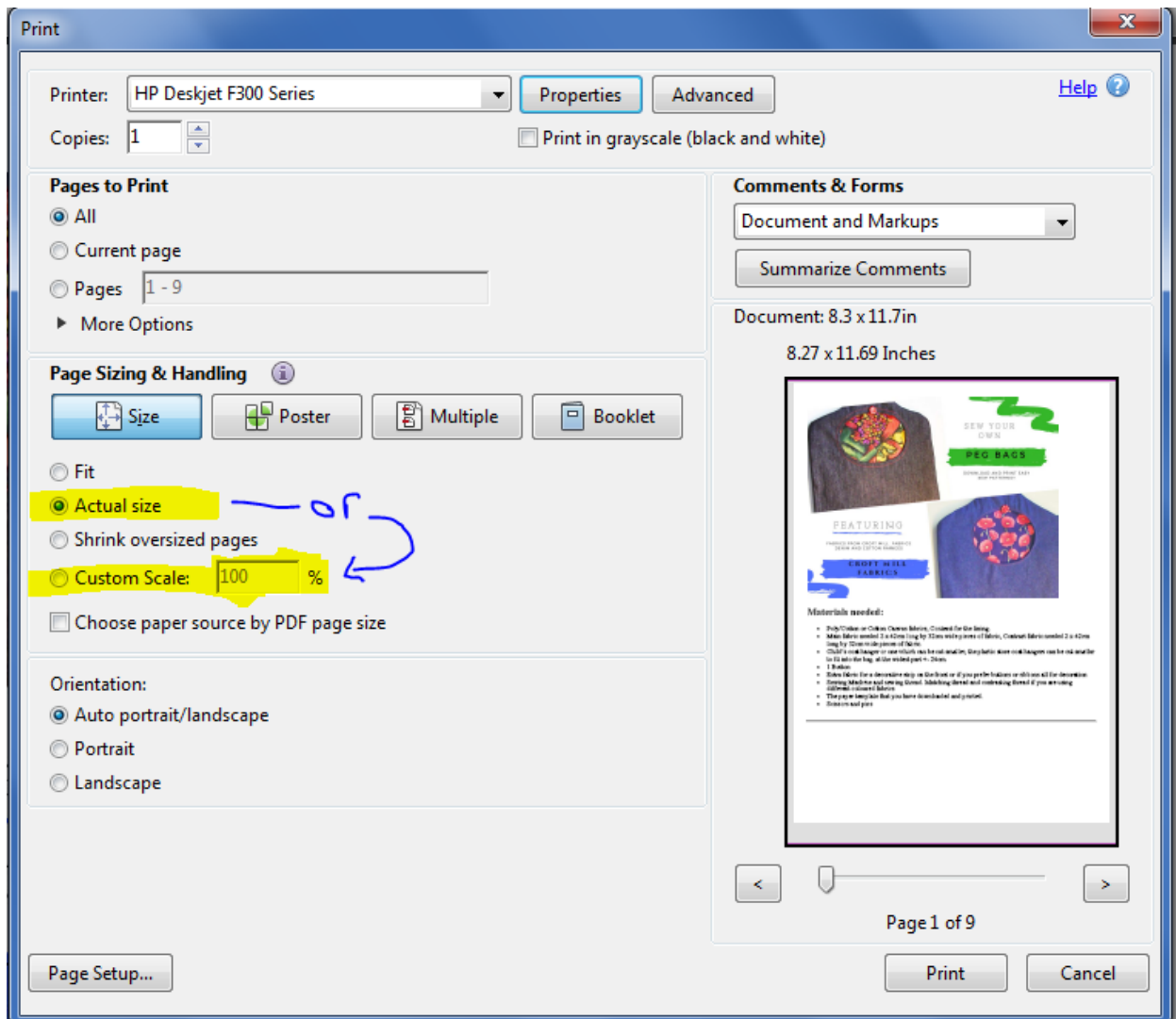
# How to print the pattern out.

Printing a pdf pattern at home is the same as printing any document. Open the PDF, making sure you are opening the correct one if your download came with multiple files.

When you choose File>Print and your print dialogue box opens, set the print scale at actual size or 100%. Do not check "Scale to Fit".

Click on the printers properties and choose fast draft or draft as this will save ink and also print out quickly.





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- The first step of PDF pattern assembly is trimming. This will allow us to overlap the edges accurately.
- Using paper scissors cut each page one leaving enough to overlap the cutting lines.
- Another option is to fold the margins back rather than trimming them off. This can be a bit faster than trimming.
- Once the pages are all trimmed you can start putting them together. Your pattern will have an alphanumeric marking system to help you figure out which pages should be next to each other. Line up the marks and all pattern lines and use clear tape to tape the pages together. Make sure you are lining up the edges super straight and that the pages are laying flat.
- You can use a glue stick to assemble the pages, which makes for a very neat pattern. The only drawback is that you must wait for the glue to dry completely before you cut out the pattern pieces.
- Once all your pages are taped together, cut out your pattern pieces just as you would pattern tissue.

## STORING PDF PATTERNS

Since PDF patterns are printed on computer paper, you can't fold them up quite as small as tissue patterns. Everyone has their own pattern storage preferences, but I fold mine very carefully and place them into an A4 size envelope, I then tape a picture of the item on the front. I also write any changes or preferences on the front of the envelope as I never remember what I did when I first made it.

