

## ORGANIZING YOUR DIGITAL PATTERN FILES

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This is the way I have my own pattern files organized in my computer and this is what works for me. You may find a different method is more to your liking, but at least this may give you some idea of where to start.

You can organize by Designer, or by Type (Allovers, Borders, Motifs, etc.)

When I purchase and download patterns, I make sure I download them to their appropriate DESIGNER file right away, instead of saving them to my Desktop, or some obscure file folder. After downloading, open the file and "unzip" it. Discard the patterns you don't need (for other systems) and drag and drop the rest to the appropriate category, as shown below.

Browse to:

My Computer

C: CompuQuilter (or whichever system you have)

DESIGNERS

Darlene Epp (or Trillium House Designs)

JoAnn Hoffman

Jessica Schick etc.

You can further create file folders under each designer's name:

Example:

Darlene Epp

ALLOVERS

Leafy Swirl

Paisley

BORDERS & SASHINGS

Crown of Jewels Border & Corner

Stars 'N Loop Border & Corner

Swirl Border/Sashing

Up & Away Border & Corner

COLLECTIONS & SETS

Budding Ferns

Drifting Leaves

Feather Flower

Up & Away Balloon

MOTIFS

Arrays

Musicale

Sedona

Wreaths

Ribbons 'N Bows

Pieced Block Inserts

Romance DWR

Springtime Irish Chain

Persian Carpet Snowball

PLACEMATS

Daisy Chain

Drifting Leaves

Shooting Stars

JoAnn Hoffman

ALLOVERS

MOTIFS etc.