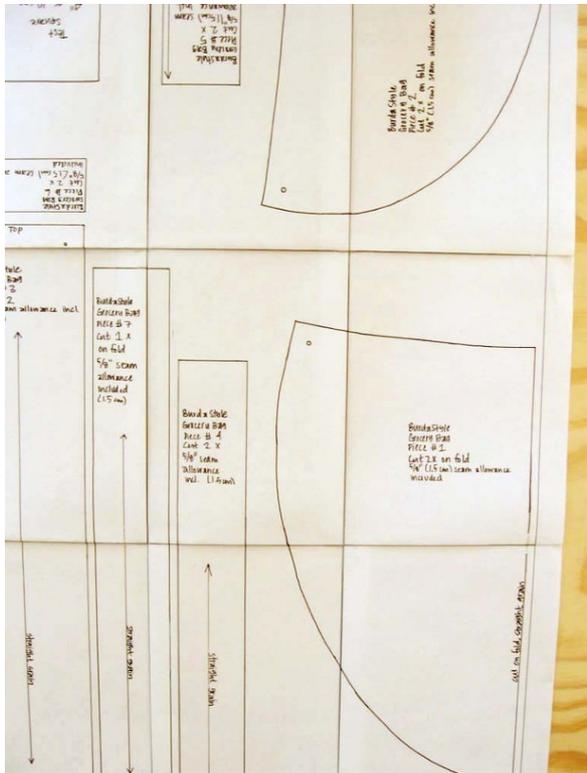


# Create a Print-at-Home Pattern PDF

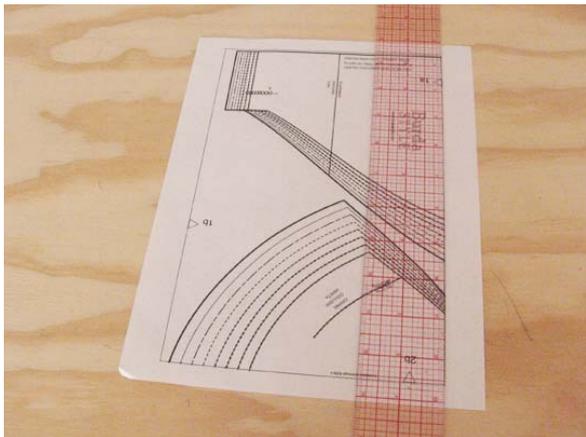
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This How To has instructions on how to tile a self-made pattern and upload into a PDF that can be downloaded by other members.

## Step 1



To begin, print 1 page of an existing Print-at-Home pattern PDF from the [pattern database](#).

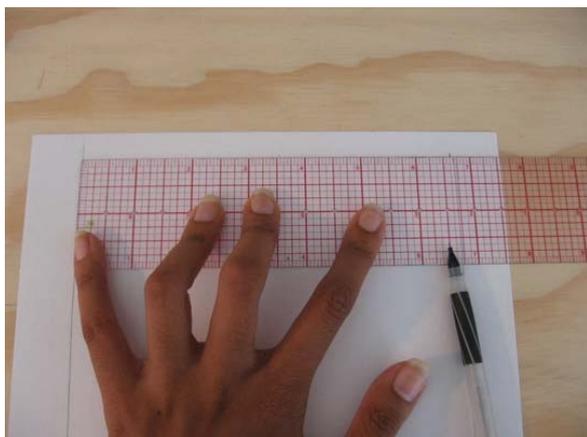
## Step 2



Measure the tile size. It should be  $6 \frac{5}{8}$ " wide by  $10 \frac{1}{32}$ " long ( 16.82 cm by 25.47 cm)

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## Step 3



Using either Photoshop or a pen, paper, and ruler, create a template of a tile this size. Photoshop is easier because you can create a rectangle at the exact size and ensure that each square is the same size when you print it.

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## Step 4



Print/make as many tiles as you may need (For a bag, I needed about nine sheets. Look through other patterns to get an idea based of how many sheets you may need.)

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### Step 5



Tape together the tiles. I suggest folding in the margins as opposed to cutting them off as this will help ensure accuracy when scanning each full page later.

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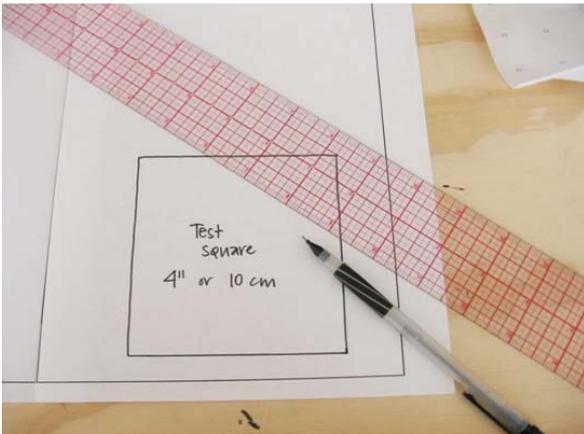
### Step 6



Arrange your pattern pieces over the tiles in a way that minimizes the amount of paper needed when re-printing.

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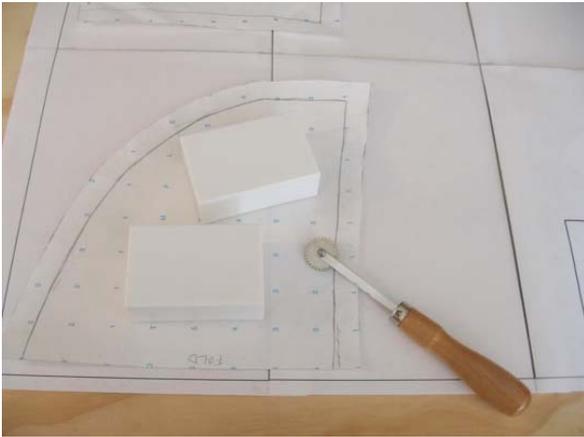
### Step 7



Draw a test square on one of the tiles that is 4" X 4" (10 cm X 10 cm). Be sure to mark it as the test square and what measurements it should be.

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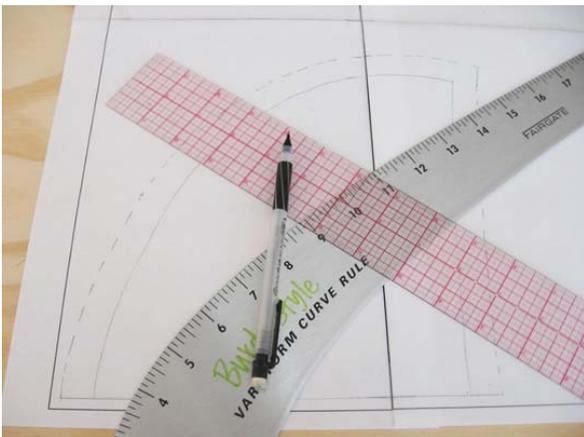
### Step 8



Trace off your patterns using a spiked-tracing wheel. Mark the actual sewing line if your hand-made patterns already have seam allowance added, and then when you are finished add the seam allowance to the tiles. This helps prevent error.

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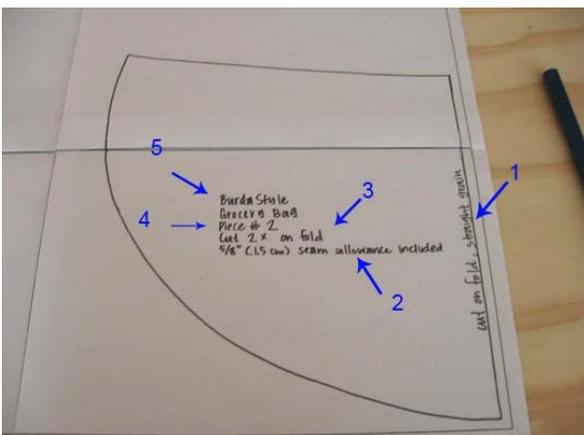
### Step 9



Finish all pieces with necessary seam allowances, using tools like the oh-so-handy clear, plastic ruler and the french curve.

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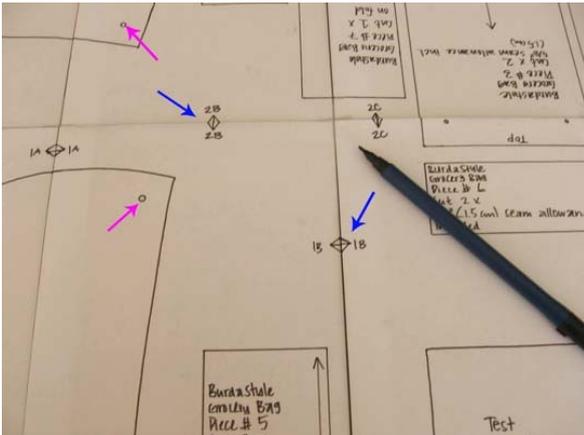
### Step 10



Make all necessary markings: (1) Be sure to mark the grainline, and any where the piece is to be cut on the fold. (2) Mark whether or not the Seam Allowance is included, and what the seam allowance is. (3) Mark how many of this piece is to be cut. (4) If you have given the piece a number, mark that. (5) Label it with your name (if you're the designer- you should give yourself credit!) and the name of the pattern.

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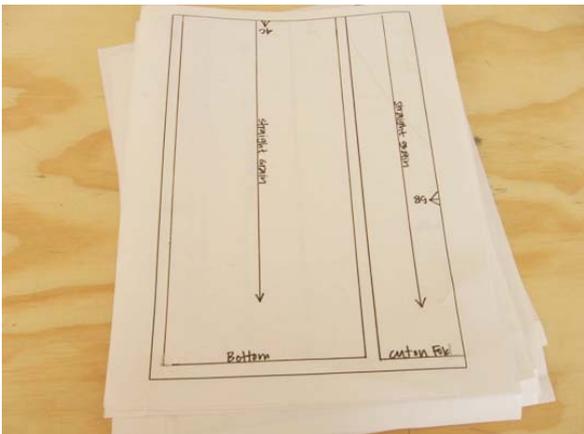
### Step 11



Like the BurdaStyle Print-at-Home PDFs, mark points where the pattern tiles should join together (Blue arrows). If your pieces include the seam allowance but don't show the sewing lines, it might help to mark the points where pieces will join (pink arrows).

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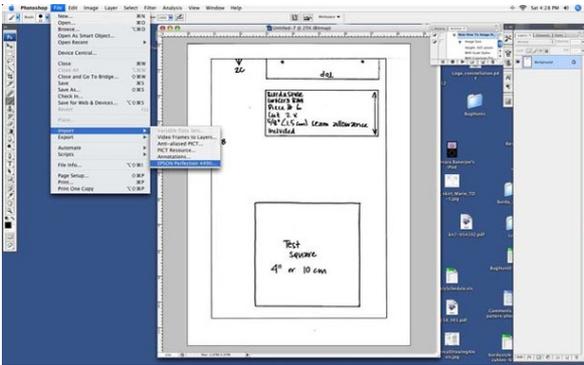
### Step 12



Disassemble the pattern, keeping the pages in an order that you can understand- like bottom row-left to right, second row- left to right, etc. .

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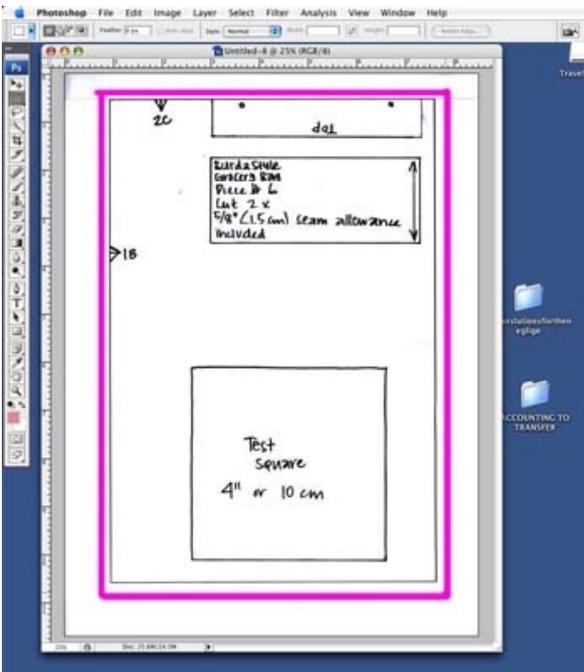
### Step 13



Scan the tile with the Test Square on it by importing it into Photoshop at 300 dpi, in Black & white, for Print Quality.

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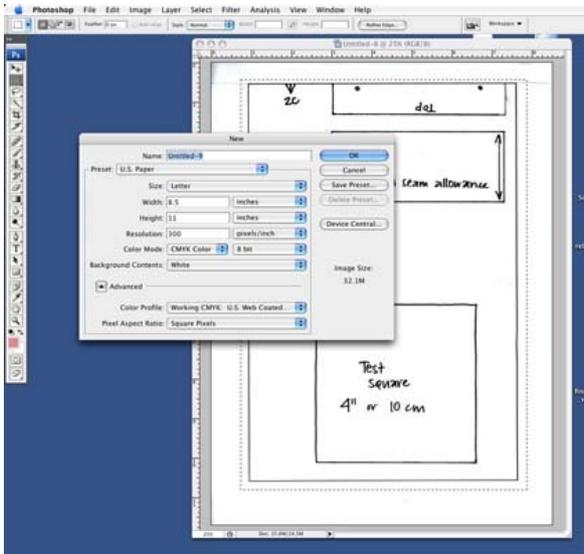
## Step 14



Select 1/4" (6 mm) around the entire tile, and COPY.

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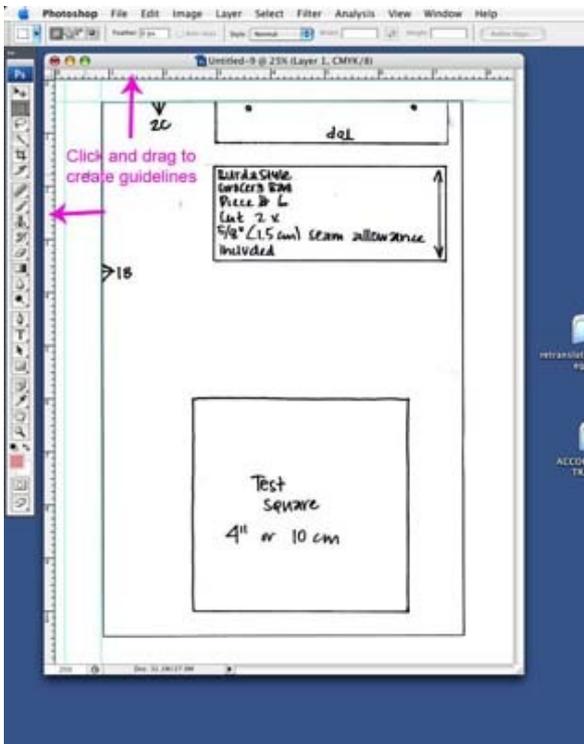
## Step 15



Create a new document L U.S. Letter size or A4 in CMYK Color. Paste image.

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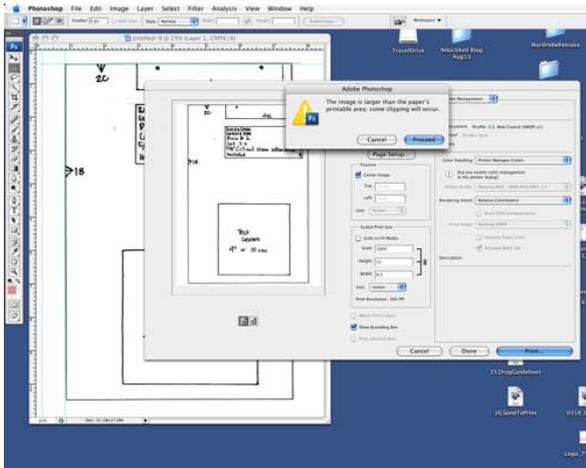
### Step 16



To make sure the tile was scanned straight, drag guidelines by clicking in the rulers on the side, and align with tile sides. If it is not straight, Click Edit, Transform, and Rotate and rotate the tile until it is straight.

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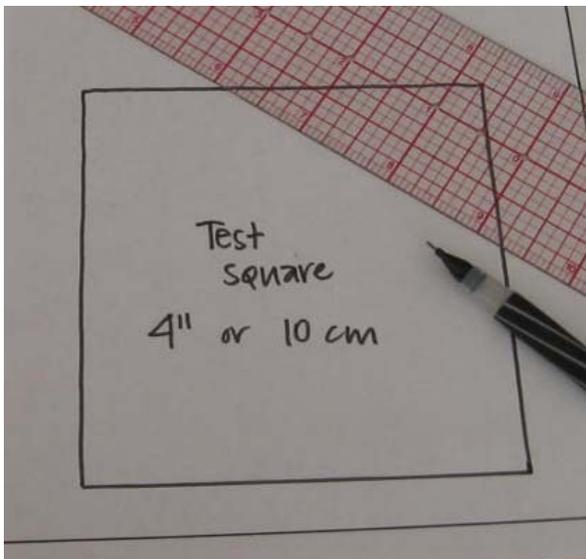
## Step 17



Send to print. Center Image- do not scale/fit to print. If prompted with a "some areas will be clipped. . ." message, press proceed.

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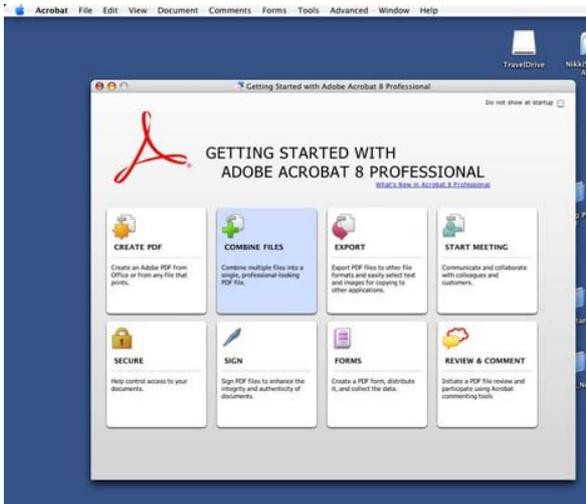
## Step 18



Check measurements of the test square and the tile. If it printed properly, scan the rest of the tiles and save each page in order, as a jpeg. If it did not print properly, try again with different scanning options.

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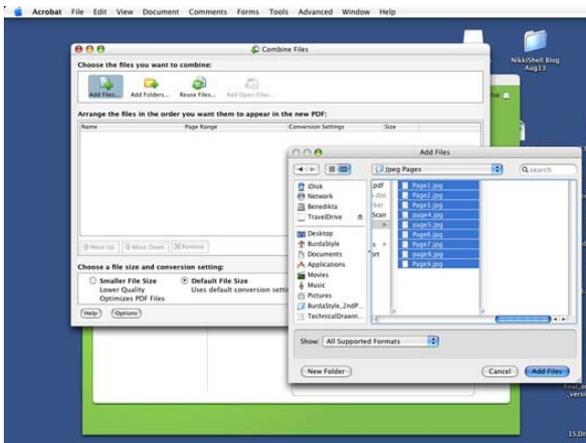
## Step 19



Open Adobe Acrobat and choose the option to create a PDF from multiple files.

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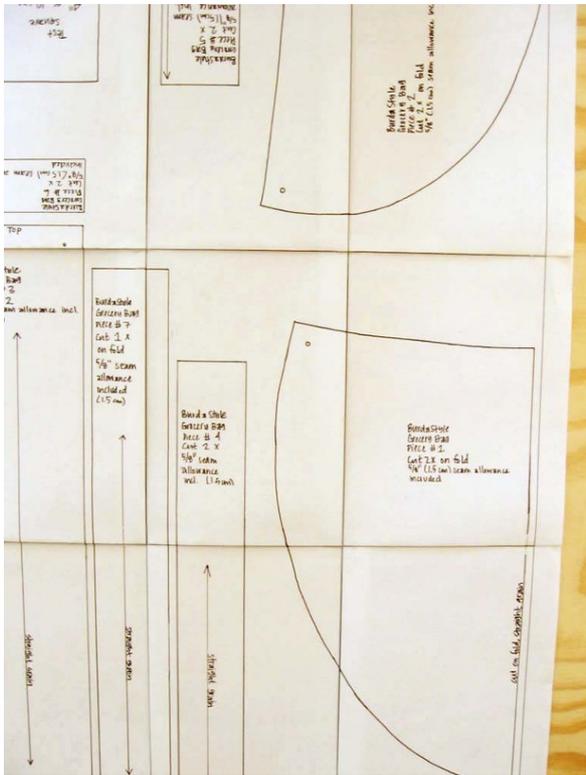
## Step 20



Select all pages of tiles, in order, as the PDF will be made according the order the files are added. Save PDF and print a test.

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## Step 21



Layout pieces. Hopefully you have just successfully created a print-at-home pattern PDF to share with the members of BurdaStyle!

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