

Krazy Stitcher Pattern Folio

User Manual

Organize, Track & Share Your Bead Patterns

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Section 1: Getting Started

What Is Pattern Folio?

Pattern Folio is a portfolio manager built specifically for bead artists. It gives you a single, visual workspace where you can organize all of your bead patterns with thumbnails, tags, status tracking, bead counts, and aggregated shopping lists.

Whether you work with seed beads, fuse beads, or cross stitch, Pattern Folio helps you keep every pattern cataloged and easy to find. It runs entirely in your web browser, so there is nothing to download or install.

Key capabilities at a glance:

- **Visual thumbnail grid** for browsing patterns at a glance
- **Status tracking** through Draft, In Progress, Complete, Listed, and Sold
- **Bead count editor** with color pickers and real-time totals
- **Aggregated shopping list** that combines bead needs across all patterns
- **Color-coded tags** for flexible organization
- **CSV export** of your shopping list and **JSON backup** of all data
- **Krazy Stitcher integration** for seamless workflow with KS Pro and Studio

Adding Your First Pattern

Getting started is simple:

1. Click the "+ Add Pattern" button in the toolbar at the top of the main area.
2. Enter a name for your pattern (for example, "Rose Garden Bracelet").
3. Select the stitch type from the dropdown. Options include Peyote, Brick Stitch, Loom, Herringbone, Right Angle Weave, Square Stitch, Freeform, and Other.
4. Choose the current status: Draft, In Progress, Complete, or Listed for Sale.
5. Optionally enter the pattern dimensions in beads (width and height).
6. Select a bead brand from the dropdown (Miyuki Delica, Toho Round, Preciosa, Perler, Artkal, or Other).
7. Add a thumbnail image by dragging and dropping an image file onto the drop zone, or click the drop zone to browse for a file. PNG, JPG, and GIF formats are supported.
8. Optionally add tags (comma-separated) and notes.
9. Click "Add Pattern" to save.

TIP: You can always edit every field later by opening the pattern's detail panel. Don't worry about filling in everything up front.

Navigating the Interface

Pattern Folio is organized into four main areas:

Header Bar

The header bar at the top of the screen contains the app title and quick-access buttons for the Shopping List, Settings, and Help. When Krazy Stitcher integration is active, a "KS Connected" badge appears here as well.

Sidebar

The left sidebar gives you one-click access to filter your pattern collection. It is divided into three sections:

- **Library** — "All Patterns" shows your entire collection; "Favorites" shows only patterns you have starred.
- **Status** — Filter by Draft, In Progress, Complete, or Listed. Each filter shows a count badge.
- **Tags** — Your custom color-coded tags appear here. Click any tag to filter. A "+ New Tag" button at the bottom lets you create tags.

Main Content Area

This is where your patterns are displayed, either as a visual grid of thumbnail cards or as a compact list. The toolbar above the patterns provides the search bar, sort dropdown, view toggle, and the Add Pattern button.

Detail Panel

When you click on any pattern card, a slide-out detail panel appears on the right side of the screen. This panel shows the full thumbnail image and all of the pattern's information, and is where you edit details, manage bead counts, add notes, and perform actions like export, duplicate, or delete.

Stats Bar

At the top of the dashboard, four summary cards display your total patterns, completed count, listed-for-sale count, and total beads needed across all patterns.

Pattern Views: Grid vs. List

Pattern Folio offers two ways to browse your collection. Use the toggle buttons in the toolbar to switch between them.

Grid View

Grid view displays each pattern as a visual card with a large thumbnail image, the pattern name, status badge, stitch type, dimensions, and any assigned tags. This view is ideal for visually browsing your collection and getting a quick sense of each design.

List View

List view displays patterns in compact rows. Each row shows a small thumbnail, the pattern name, stitch type, bead brand, dimensions, date added, tags, and a status badge. This view is ideal for working through a large collection efficiently or when you need to compare details across many patterns at once.

TIP: Grid view is great for inspiration browsing. Switch to list view when you need to work through your backlog or update statuses in bulk.

Searching and Filtering

Pattern Folio provides several ways to find specific patterns quickly:

Search Bar

Type in the search bar at the top of the main content area to filter patterns by name, notes, or stitch type. Results update instantly as you type.

Status Filters

Click any status in the sidebar (Drafts, In Progress, Complete, Listed) to show only patterns with that status. The count badge next to each status tells you how many patterns are in that category.

Tag Filters

Click any tag in the sidebar to show only patterns assigned to that tag. This is especially useful when you organize patterns by project, technique, or bead type.

Sorting

Use the sort dropdown in the toolbar to reorder patterns by:

- Newest First or Oldest First (by date added)
- Name A-Z or Name Z-A (alphabetical)
- Most Beads or Fewest Beads (by total bead count)

NOTE: Filters, search, and sorting all work together. For example, you can filter by "In Progress," search for "bracelet," and sort by "Most Beads" simultaneously.

Section 2: Managing Your Portfolio

Pattern Details Panel

Click any pattern card (in grid or list view) to open the slide-out detail panel on the right side of the screen. The panel displays:

- **Thumbnail** — The full-size pattern image at the top.
- **Details** — Stitch type, dimensions, bead brand, total bead count, and date added.
- **Status** — A dropdown to change the pattern's current status.
- **Favorite** — A star toggle to mark the pattern as a favorite.
- **Tags** — Color-coded tags assigned to this pattern.
- **Bead Counts** — A breakdown of bead colors and quantities, with a button to edit.
- **Notes** — A text area for design notes, inspiration, or instructions.
- **Sold / Listed** — Fields for a listing URL (such as an Etsy link) and a price.
- **Actions** — Buttons to export as PDF, duplicate, or delete the pattern.

To close the detail panel, click the X button in the upper right corner or click the dimmed area outside the panel.

Editing Pattern Information

Most pattern fields can be edited directly in the detail panel:

- **Status** — Use the dropdown to change between Draft, In Progress, Complete, Listed for Sale, and Sold. Changes save automatically.
- **Notes** — Type in the notes text area. Changes save when you click outside the field.
- **Listing URL and Price** — Fill in these fields when you list a finished pattern for sale. These are especially useful for tracking Etsy or marketplace listings.
- **Favorite** — Click the star button to toggle favorite status.

TIP: Use the notes field liberally. Record thread counts, color substitution ideas, or links to tutorial videos. Notes are searchable, so you can find patterns by any keyword you write here.

Adding Thumbnails

When creating a new pattern, you can add a thumbnail image in two ways:

- **Drag and drop** — Drag an image file from your computer onto the dashed drop zone in the Add Pattern dialog.
- **Browse** — Click the drop zone to open a file browser and select an image.

Supported image formats are PNG, JPG, and GIF. The image is stored as a data URL in your browser's IndexedDB, so it persists between sessions without needing an internet connection.

After selecting an image, a preview appears below the drop zone so you can verify it before saving.

NOTE: Thumbnail images are stored locally in your browser. Very large images may increase your data size. For best results, resize images to around 800 pixels wide before importing.

Bead Count Editor

The bead count editor lets you record exactly which bead colors and how many of each a pattern requires. To access it:

1. Open a pattern's detail panel by clicking on it.
2. Scroll to the "Bead Counts" section and click "Edit Bead Counts."
3. The Bead Counts modal opens, showing any existing entries.
4. Click "+ Add Bead Color" to add a new row.
5. For each row, enter a color name (such as "DB-0010 Black"), use the hex color picker to select the visual color, and enter the quantity.
6. Click "Save" to store your changes.

The total bead count for the pattern updates in real time as you add or modify entries. This total is also displayed on the pattern card and in the stats bar at the top of the dashboard.

TIP: Bead counts feed directly into the Shopping List. The more accurate your counts, the more useful the shopping list becomes.

Tags

Tags give you a flexible way to categorize and filter your patterns by project, technique, bead type, or any other grouping you choose.

Creating a Tag

7. Click "+ New Tag" at the bottom of the sidebar's Tags section.
8. Enter a name for the tag (for example, "Bracelets" or "Holiday Gifts").
9. Choose a color using the color picker. This color appears as a dot in the sidebar and as a chip on pattern cards.
10. Click "Create Tag" to save.

Assigning Tags to Patterns

When adding a new pattern, enter tag names in the "Tags" field, separated by commas. Tags that match existing tags are linked automatically.

Filtering by Tag

Click any tag name in the sidebar to filter the main view to show only patterns with that tag. The active tag is highlighted with the brand color.

Favorites

Mark any pattern as a favorite by clicking the star button in its detail panel. Favorited patterns show a star icon on their card in grid view and can be filtered by clicking "Favorites" in the sidebar.

Duplicating and Deleting Patterns

Duplicating

To create a copy of a pattern, open its detail panel and click the "Duplicate" button. A new pattern is created with the same information, thumbnail, and bead counts, with "(copy)" appended to the name. This is useful for creating variations of an existing design.

Deleting

To delete a pattern, open its detail panel and click the "Delete" button (shown in red). You will be asked to confirm before the pattern is permanently removed.

NOTE: Deletion is permanent. Pattern Folio does not have a trash or undo feature. Consider exporting a JSON backup before deleting patterns, especially if you have bead count data you might want to reference later.

Section 3: Shopping & Export

Shopping List

The Shopping List is one of Pattern Folio's most powerful features. It aggregates bead counts across all of your patterns, so you can see exactly how many of each bead color you need in total.

To open the Shopping List, click the "Shopping List" button in the header bar. The list displays:

- **Color swatch** — A visual preview of the bead color.
- **Bead name** — The color name you entered (such as "DB-0010 Black").
- **Total quantity needed** — The combined count across all patterns that use this color.

If the same bead color name appears in multiple patterns, the quantities are summed together automatically. This makes it easy to plan a single shopping trip that covers all of your active projects.

TIP: Review the shopping list before each bead shopping trip. It saves time and prevents accidentally buying duplicates or missing a color.

CSV Export

To export your shopping list as a spreadsheet file:

1. Open the Shopping List from the header bar.
2. Click the "Export CSV" button at the top of the list.
3. A CSV file is downloaded to your computer automatically.

The CSV file includes the bead color name, hex color code, and total quantity needed. You can open it in Excel, Google Sheets, or any spreadsheet application to sort, print, or share with others.

PDF Catalog

Pattern Folio supports printing your portfolio as a visual catalog using your browser's built-in print-to-PDF feature:

1. Make sure you are viewing the main dashboard (grid or list view).
2. Click the "Print" button in the Shopping List view, or use your browser's print command (Ctrl+P on Windows, Cmd+P on Mac).
3. In the print dialog, select "Save as PDF" as the destination.
4. Click Save to create a PDF file of your catalog.

The print layout hides the header, sidebar, and toolbar, showing only your pattern cards in a clean, catalog-style format.

Data Backup & Restore

Pattern Folio stores everything in your browser's IndexedDB. To protect against data loss, you should back up regularly.

Exporting a Backup

5. Go to Settings (click "Settings" in the header bar).
6. In the Data card, click "Export All Data (JSON)."
7. A JSON file is downloaded containing all patterns, tags, bead counts, thumbnails, and settings.

Restoring from a Backup

1. Go to Settings.
2. Click "Import Data (JSON)" and select a previously exported JSON file.
3. Your portfolio is restored with all data intact.

Clearing All Data

If you need to start fresh, the "Clear All Data" button in Settings removes all patterns, tags, and settings permanently. Use this with caution.

NOTE: The JSON export includes everything, including thumbnail images encoded as data URLs. For large portfolios with many high-resolution images, the backup file may be several megabytes.

TIP: Make it a habit to export a backup before and after major changes to your portfolio, such as bulk imports or reorganizations.

Section 4: Krazy Stitcher Integration

Enabling KS Integration

Pattern Folio can connect to Krazy Stitcher Pro or Studio for seamless pattern exchange. To enable integration:

4. Click "Settings" in the header bar.
5. In the "Krazy Stitcher Integration" card, toggle "Enable KS Integration" to the on position.
6. When integration is active, a "KS Connected" badge appears in the header bar.

Integration requires Krazy Stitcher to be open in the same browser. Both apps share data through the browser's IndexedDB, so they must run in the same browser profile.

What Integration Does

When KS Integration is enabled, Pattern Folio can:

- **Import patterns** from your KS pattern library stored in IndexedDB.
- **Sync bead counts and color data** automatically, so your shopping list stays accurate.
- **Open patterns directly** in your Krazy Stitcher editor for further design work.

NOTE: Integration connects through IndexedDB in your browser. No data is sent to any server. Everything stays local on your computer.

Recommended Workflow

For the best experience, use Pattern Folio and Krazy Stitcher side by side:

1. Design your pattern in Krazy Stitcher Pro or Studio.
2. Export the finished (or in-progress) pattern.
3. Import it into Pattern Folio for organization and status tracking.
4. Use the Shopping List to aggregate bead counts across all your patterns and plan your purchases.
5. Track each pattern's progress through Draft, In Progress, Complete, Listed, and Sold.

TIP: Keep both apps open in separate browser tabs for the smoothest workflow. The Shopping List becomes especially powerful when you have multiple in-progress patterns, because it totals every bead color you need across all of them.

Section 5: Tips & Troubleshooting

Freemium Tier

Pattern Folio's free tier allows up to 10 patterns. A banner at the top of the dashboard shows your current usage (for example, "3/10 patterns"). Once you reach the limit, you will need to upgrade to add more patterns.

The full version is a one-time purchase of \$14.95 and unlocks:

- Unlimited patterns
- PDF catalog export
- Bead inventory tracking
- Full Krazy Stitcher integration

To upgrade, click the "Upgrade" button on the tier banner or go to Settings and click "Upgrade to Full."

Browser Storage

Pattern Folio stores all data in your browser's IndexedDB. This means:

- **Persistence** — Your data persists between browser sessions. You can close the browser and return later to find everything intact.
- **Browser-specific** — Data is tied to the specific browser you use. If you switch from Chrome to Firefox, your patterns will not automatically appear in the new browser. Use the JSON export/import feature to transfer data.
- **No cloud sync** — Data does not sync across devices. If you work on multiple computers, export and import your JSON backup to keep them in sync.
- **Clearing browser data** — If you clear your browser's site data or cookies, your Pattern Folio data may be deleted. Always keep a recent backup.

NOTE: IndexedDB storage is generally reliable, but it is not a substitute for backups. Browser updates, storage pressure, or accidental data clearing can cause data loss.

Best Practices for Large Portfolios

As your collection grows, these practices will help you stay organized:

- **Use tags consistently** — Establish a tagging system early (by project type, technique, difficulty, etc.) and apply tags to every new pattern.
- **Keep statuses current** — Update a pattern's status as you work on it. This makes the sidebar counts meaningful.
- **Add bead counts early** — Enter bead counts as soon as you finalize a design. This keeps your shopping list accurate.

- **Use favorites sparingly** — Reserve the favorite star for patterns you are actively working on or planning next.
- **Write descriptive notes** — Notes are searchable, so recording details like bead brand, thread type, or project deadlines helps you find patterns later.
- **Resize thumbnails** — Use images around 800 pixels wide. Smaller files mean faster loading and smaller backup files.

Backup Frequency Recommendations

Scenario	Recommended Frequency
Light use (fewer than 20 patterns)	Monthly
Active use (regular additions/edits)	Weekly
Before bulk changes or imports	Immediately before the change
Before clearing browser data	Immediately before clearing
Before switching browsers	Export from old, import to new

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