

## **ABC-Patterns**

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# Chapter 1

# ABC-Patterns

## 1.1 ABC-Patterns.guide

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ABC-PATTERNS  (TM)
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        Version 1.2

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        M A I L W A R E


Introduction      - What is ABC-Patterns?
ABC-Patterns     - A short history of ABC-Patterns


How to install    the included patterns
How to build      new patterns with the construction kit


Contents         - All files in this archive
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My Request:       Please send a Message...
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## 1.2 ABC-Patterns.guide/Introduction

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Welcome to ABC-PATTERNS !!!

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ABC-PATTERNS is a pattern-collection for use with the Amiga Workbench.  
Since version 1.2 it is also a construction kit for your own creations!

ABC-PATTERNS requires Workbench 2.0 or higher!

The patterns are designed for ...

- a proportional ScreenMode (640x512, for example) with square pixels
- an 8-color Workbench Screen (3 bitplanes)
- colors similar to the colors of "MagicWB" (© 1993 by Martin Huttenloher)

I prefer a more intensive blue (color 3) and red (color 7). You can see my Workbench colors by double-clicking "ABC-Colors". I also included "ABC-Screen" (Hires interlaced) to make testing easier.

### 1.3 ABC-Patterns.guide/Patterns

PATTERNS - a short history:

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Version 1.0 (14.07.1994)

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I created four types of patterns:

The AmigaAmiga-Patterns consist of two Amiga plates,  
the Checkmark- Patterns consist of checkmarks (the famous Amiga symbol),  
the AmigaCheck-Patterns are a mixture of both and  
the AmigaBig - Patterns are my favourite ones, they have a special format.

The name "ABC-PATTERNS" is a hint on the filenames of the patterns:

The A-Series has a plain background.

The B-Series has a rough background.

The C-Series has a wavy background.

The number in the filename is the number of the plate-pattern. Some files have an additional "B", which corresponds to the brown Amiga letters. I hope this helps you in finding your favourite patterns.

I also included the background patterns Ground.rough and Ground.wavy.

Version 1.1 (04.10.1994)

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This is an update to the first release. It contains 111 new patterns:

The D-Series has a background with a diagonal matrix.

The E-Series has a background with a vertical matrix.

The F-Series has a background with a combined (d & v) matrix.

Again I included the backgrounds: Ground.D, Ground.E and Ground.F.

Version 1.2 (20.12.1994)

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From Version 1.2 on ABC-PATTERNS is a construction kit. With the files in the drawer ABC-Kit you are able to create your own patterns. Some examples from the first two releases are in the drawer ABC-Patterns.

In the drawer ABC-Kit you will find templates with all six backgrounds from the first two releases!

## 1.4 ABC-Patterns.guide/How to install

HOW TO INSTALL:

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For Workbench 3.x ...

You can copy your favorite ABC-PATTERNS to your Workbench-Disk and select them as backgrounds for the Workbench Screen & Windows in the program "WBPattern". It is located in the drawer Prefs of Workbench 3.x. BEFORE you try to load a pattern you should change the colors of your Workbench Screen with ABC-Colors! To save the colors permanently use "Palette" in the same drawer. THEN you can open "WBPattern", choose the location for the new pattern (Workbench, Windows or Screen) and the type <Picture>. Now click on the gadget <Select Picture> and select a pattern.

For Workbench 2.x ...

Additional to the above instructions, Workbench 2.x users have to

- install "NickPrefs" (© by Nicola Salmoria)
- re-color the patterns with a paint program (like "DPaint") to the Workbench-Colors because of the different behaviour of Workbench 2.x. Just choose a proportional ScreenMode, import the Workbench-colors, load the pattern as a "brush" and re-color it. Then save the brush with a new name.

## 1.5 ABC-Patterns.guide/How to build new patterns

HOW TO BUILD NEW PATTERNS:

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To construct new patterns you can use any paint program (like "PPaint", "DPaint", "Brilliance", ...). Before you start look at all the patterns and pictures in this package. There are several templates and a picture

called "Amiga.Plates" in the drawer ABC-Kit. The other drawer called ABC-Patterns contains some examples of the first two releases.

\* Make a plate-brush

As the first step you have to load the picture "Amiga.Plates" in your paint program. Now you can cut out plates as brushes.

\* Load a template

Most paint programs allow you to load two pictures in two different screens. It is very comfortable to switch to the second screen and load a template. So you can easily change between the template and the plates.

\* Paste the brush to the template

The File "Amiga.Template.A5" shows how the first template looks with some plates pasted to the marked positions. Don't forget to back-up the current picture before you make the next changes!

\* Cut out the new patterns

As the next step you have to cut out the patterns from the template. You must cut out the whole template (200x150 or 300x200 pixels) without the blue box. If you don't cut out the whole template, not all four sides of the template will match and the pattern looks ugly.

\* Save the new patterns

If you have Workbench 3.0+ you can use any bitmap picture format you have the matching Datatype for. All other users have to use "IFF-ILBM". Save the patterns to your workbench disk. I recommend you to create a drawer called SYS:Prefs/Patterns for the patterns you use often.

Now you can install the patterns on your Workbench.

If you create your own backgrounds you have to make sure that the size is the same as the size of the templates. Rotate the background by 90 degrees to use it for the big template. You have to use the backgrounds as a fill pattern and then fill the templates, but don't forget the encapsulated areas, for example in the "A" in the word Amiga! In the same manner you can create new plates from the blank ones (Amiga.Template.A0)

You also can convert the patterns to a non-proportional screenmode like Hires-NonInterlaced (640x256 pixels), if you need.

## 1.6 ABC-Patterns.guide/Archive-Contents

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ABC-PATTERNS 1.2 includes the following files:

ABC-Kit (dir)                    \*\*\* THE CONSTRUCTION KIT \*\*\*

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    Amiga.Plates
    Amiga.TemplateA5
    Amiga.TemplateC0
    Amiga.TemplateE0
ABC-Patterns (dir)    *** THE EXAMPLES ***
    AmigaAmiga.A1
    AmigaAmiga.A4B
    AmigaAmiga.B0
    AmigaAmiga.B4B
    AmigaAmiga.C0
    AmigaAmiga.C5
    AmigaAmiga.D1
    AmigaAmiga.E4B
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    AmigaCheck.D0
    AmigaCheck.F4B
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    AmigaAmiga.B2
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    AmigaAmiga.C4B
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## 1.7 ABC-Patterns.guide/Copyright & Distribution

### COPYRIGHT & DISTRIBUTION:

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ABC-PATTERNS is subject to the Standard Amiga FD-Software Copyright Note  
 It is MAILWARE as defined in paragraph 4b.  
 You are allowed to change the patterns for personal use.  
 For more information please read AFD-COPYRIGHT (Version 1 or higher).

## 1.8 ABC-Patterns.guide/My Request

### MY REQUEST:

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Because I believe it is ridiculous to require any amount of money for  
 the right to use one or two patterns, I decided to release this package  
 as MAILWARE!

I would be happy to receive any mail considering ABC-PATTERNS because I  
 want to know whether anyone likes them, or not.

If you think they are ugly or useless, please tell me why you think so.



## 1.9 ABC-Patterns.guide/My Addresses

MY ADDRESSES:

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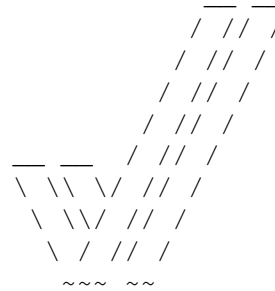
Please contact me if you use ABC-PATTERNS and/or have any comments, hints or questions or some requests for the next release. I would also like to see the new patterns you created with this construction kit.

Internet email: knoll@namu01.gwdg.de [Subject: ABC-Patterns]

If you are not able to send emails,  
just send a postcard to my address:

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D-37081 Göttingen

GERMANY/EUROPE



(I'll answer each email, but I can't promise to answer postcards.)

Special thanks to Malcolm James Harnden for the gift You sent!!!

## 1.10 My contribution to the World Wide Web

My contribution to the World Wide Web:

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The World Wide Web is a hypertext-based information system on the Internet. It combines hyperlinks like AmigaGuide(TM) but also includes pictures and sounds, even MPEG videos! The web-browsers Mosaic and Lynx can use HTTP, FTP, Gopher and other transfer protocols in one system!

If you have access to the Internet you can enter the World Wide Web (WWW) with Amiga Mosaic (Amiga Mosaic is Freeware and available on the Aminet). The information in the WWW is addressed by a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

The URL of my WWW-homepage is: <http://namu19.gwdg.de/knoll>

From there you can access my

"Geographical Amiga Users Home Page Internet List" (GAUHPIL)

Currently (16.12.1994) the list contains links to homepages of 139 Amiga users in 16 countries from A (Australia, Austria) to U (U.K., U.S.A). Please try it out! Greetings to all Web-Surfers!

## 1.11 ABC-Patterns.guide/Index

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