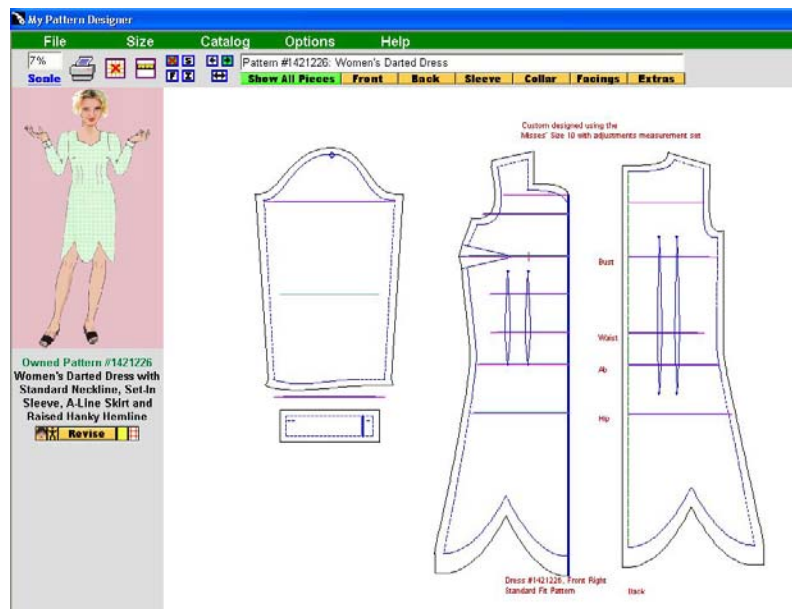


My Pattern Designer™

You are receiving just this first My Pattern Designer Newsletter. You will still receive your Livingsoft Newsletter. If you want to continue to receive future MPD Newsletters, go to www.mypatterndesigner.com, "Your Account" and register.

My Pattern Designer is pleased to offer discounts to customers that already own one of Livingsoft's Dress Shop Family programs AND through March 15th you get additional FREE patterns of your choice! See: <http://www.mypatterndesigner.com/MPD/MPDPrices.htm>

My Pattern Designer Standalone - The next generation of custom pattern making is here today!



- Easiest to use custom fit pattern drafting software you can find anywhere.
- More patterns than any other source of patterns in the world.
- More standard sizes AND more options for custom sizing than any other source of patterns.
- More options and adjustments than any other patterns can provide.
- More options for purchasing patterns, too. Whether you want one, five, ten, a hundred, or unlimited access to the entire catalog, MPD has a purchase plan that is right for you!

MPD Standard vs Pro

My Pattern Designer Standard is the biggest pattern catalog you've ever seen. Similar to the designer's tools that have been used for over a year to develop new patterns for Livingsoft's Dress Shop Family products, MPD permits you to make the design choices. MPD allows the designer to mix and match just about any feature from any pattern that the drafting engine can produce. We have rewritten these tools to let you make those choices. YOU can choose which features to mix. YOU choose which options to combine. YOU make all the design decisions and find that unique mix that is just what you want, not what someone else chose for you.

To see what is in My Pattern Designer Standard, [click here](#).

My Pattern Designer Pro has the same huge catalog of patterns, with all the same options, features, and adjustments that MPD Standard has.

MPD Pro adds more tools, more adjustments, more options, more features, and more detailed measurements to what MPD Standard comes with. And, it's just as easy to use and just as fast to render your patterns and get them printed.

MPD Pro is a pattern designer's dream tool. And, for all of those that don't think you are a designer, MPD Pro can make you one. Just playing with the settings will create new, original patterns that are more exciting than anything you had imagined before you began playing. Or, take some fashion photo that you saw somewhere else and see if you can make it with MPD Pro. You'll be amazed at how much it can do and how quick and easy it is to get something totally original that you just love. And, since it is drafted to your measurements, using MPD's customized fit system, you'll always know that what you create is going to fit better than anything you'll ever find in a store.

To see what is in My Pattern Designer Pro, [click here](#).

MPD Fit Test Experiment from Selma

"Today was the monthly meeting of the users group that I belong to. Since I had the measurements of three of the ladies who are long time DS (Dress Shop) users on my computer I decided to make up MPD (My Pattern Designer) fit test pants for each of them. I adjusted the crotch measurements to meet the new criteria and that was all of the changes that I made. At the meeting I had each try on her MPD pants with out telling her in advance what she was trying on. I didn't want them to have a preconceived idea of how they would fit. The fit was better than good and only needed a little tweaking with the conformed floor to waist back measurement to be excellent. I then let them look at 1/4 scale printouts so they could see what they were trying on.

It was a good example of 'try it you'll like it'."

Selma

Q & A



Q. How is MPD Different from Dress Shop?

A. My Pattern Designer takes a completely new approach to pattern drafting. Dress Shop has individual patterns, each with custom code to draft it. MPD drafts patterns according to the features of the pattern, so you can mix and match many more choices. Your selections develop the pattern number and then allow you many option choices as to neckline style, depth, width, and fit ease, as well as sleeve type, length and so on. This versatility allows you many more design choices than ever.

In addition to the drafting approaches, dramatic measurement and fit differences exist between Dress Shop and My Pattern Designer.

1. We have a **new measurement chart** with 62 entries in the advanced MPD Pro version. (You may still import your chart from Dress Shop, and MPD will adjust the chart to the new format.) We made this change both to simplify the learning curve and to make it easier to develop a good-fitting armhole and matching sleeve. There is now a **back armhole depth** measurement to which you can accurately assign a depth. See <http://www.mypatterndesigner.com/MPD/MPDdifferences1.htm> for more information.

2. The new measurement chart reflects the **NEW pant draft!** We use the slim fit pant as the basis for ALL MPD pants. This is a very exciting change as the shape of not just the legs but the entire crotch is brand new. This development makes it easier to "balance" the crotch to develop the new shape, which has been modernized to a cross between the European and American versions. The body depth measurement from Dress Shop is gone, and in its place the crotch lengths, extensions, and curve breaks are all in one place on the chart. Our testers claim the best pant fit they have ever had! See <http://www.mypatterndesigner.com/MPD/MPDdifferences2.htm> for more information.

3. Starting with a standard measurement or a Measurement Wizard chart is now much easier. The standard measurement charts for adult women have all been refined. You can select a short, average, or tall body type as well as body shape. The Wizard was also enhanced.

Download the demo and run through the charts to see the changes for yourself. Click the help button for assistance. There are many more articles that will walk you through the process step by step. See <http://www.mypatterndesigner.com/> and click on the Downloads page for the full program.

Q. I have Dress Shop, why would I need MPD?

A. While Dress Shop contains hundreds of patterns, there are thousands of patterns in My Pattern Designer that you simply do not have in any Dress Shop program, Collection or Pattern Set. Many more will be coming in the next few months as outerwear, activewear, lingerie, loungewear, men's wear and children patterns are added to MPD. You can create 'style' combinations in MPD that you just cannot produce in Dress Shop, regardless of the patterns and tools that you have.

With the Dress Shop pattern collections, you may be purchasing that set for a couple of patterns that are 'must haves' while the remaining patterns will rarely be used. With MPD, you can create those 'must haves', purchase them with your credits (one credit = one pattern), then create several different garments from that single purchase simply by using the design options in MPD.

Q. I just bought My Pattern Designer and activated it. Where are my patterns?

A. You don't get patterns with MPD, you get **pattern credits** that you can spend on patterns that you choose from the Catalog. When you run MPD, you'll see the Catalog on the top menu bar. Open it up and make

choices from the lists of pattern types and pattern features that you find there. When you find a pattern that you want, click on the "Buy This Pattern" button. Don't worry! You are not spending any money. You are just going to use up one of your credits to get one of your patterns. The program connects to the MPD web site (**you must be connected to the Internet for this to work!**), decrements the pattern credits in your account and the pattern you chose will be saved to your hard drive. Then you can then load it, change it, resave it, and print it as often as you like, using all of the options in the Options dialog. One credit will be gone. You can buy more credits whenever you like.

Q. I had the MPD Tool and just purchased MPD Standard (or Pro). When I do my auto-activation, things don't work right. The measurement dialogs are blank. Other things are not working properly. What's up?

A. The MPD Tool was a stripped down version of the full product. If you are moving up to the full MPD product, you will need to download the full build now. What you have is just not enough. From the side bar to the left, choose Downloads, then "Download Full MPD". Just install it on top of what you have now (no uninstall needed). Then, use the File - Settings - Auto-activate to turn on everything you own and restore any patterns you have purchased before.

Q. Can't I just get that Update file?

A. No, that is for changes that have come up since the standalone version of MPD 1.01 was first posted on February 6 preview. If you are running MPD 1.01, then the update is good. If you are running MPD 6.16, that is the older tool version and you will need the full MPD download at this time.

Q. Does MPD work for dolls?

A. Not well. There is no current provision in MPD for doll measurements. If you import doll measurements, the MPD patterns should mostly draft to them. But, we have not done a run-through of all the new patterns to find out which work and which do not. Many will work, but we cannot make any promises about which ones or how many.

Q: If I buy MPD-Pro, would I need to use DS-Pro for anything anymore, or would it be non-essential unless I chose to use it?

A: You will always own DS6PRO and may use it and all the patterns you currently own in it AS DESIRED. IT is NOT essential to Making the MPD Standalone version work.

Q: Will DS patterns work within MPD-Pro with the increased ability to tweak them?

A: Not today. All MPD options are enabled or disabled based on the selections you have made in the MPD Catalog menu. Dress Shop patterns just do not all fit into that menu structure and so the features that they need or support are not clear within the MPD program. At some future date we hope to provide a means to convert DS patterns into MPD format, with reasonable options enabled for each. We can not tell you yet which OPTIONS you will be able to use with those imported patterns. Some patterns will be easy to determine which options work. Others DS patterns are very custom and do not support the general pattern options well at all (hemline shaping on a fencing jacket????). It is going to be a case by case review.

Q. I just upgraded from the MPD Tool to the full version, but it's not activating correctly. I'm not getting all of the parts and pieces. Help!

A. The MPD Tool does not support the full, stand-alone product that you are trying to run. You need to download and install the full product, available at the MPD web site (www.MyPatternDesigner.com). Click on the word "Downloads" at the left and choose "Download Full MPD". Just install it on top of what you have and your settings and measurements will be intact.

Q. Do you have a catalog so that I can see of all of the different patterns that are in My Pattern Designer?

A. There is an online catalog at www.mypatterndesigner.com. In the menu on the left of the page, select Patterns, followed by See Pattern Packets. Click on the Women's folder, then select the garments you wish to review. If you select skirts, pictures of the skirts will come up. As you click on these pictures, you can review the different styles in each category - lots to play with in the online catalog.

Q. Will there be jacket patterns in the near future for the Standard version?

A. Yes. Both versions of MPD will include many, many more patterns in the Catalog, including Jackets.

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