The Lysgaard Brother's amazing pattern gizmos 3000

Ola's pattern flipper

This is a photoshop action that makes working with seamless patterns a lot easier. It works great with any size document, but it has to be square.

1. Locate the included Pattern-flip.atn file and double click it to install it in Photoshop.
2. Draw some stuff in a square, making sure nothing touches the edge of your document.
3. Activate the PatternFlip from your Actions panel.
4. Draw some more things, still not touching the edge of your document

You should now have a pretty cool seamless pattern going. You can keep repeating the last steps as much as you want. Next, let's preview it:

Jacob's browser preview gizmo

Working in Photoshop, this gizmo lets you preview your pattern dynamically in a browser, to make sure your work looks great when it repeats, and in different sizes.

1. Copy the contents of the folder "Pattern Tools" into your own project folder, so that your own .PSD file lies next to the file you are reading now, as well as the preview.html file.
2. Now your own psd file needs to switch places with the included file. Rename the included Tile.psd to something else, and rename your own file to Tile.psd in its place. *
3. In your own document, make a folder with whatever layers you want your finished pattern to be if you haven't already.
4. Open the included .psd file we just renamed. In the layers panel there is a folder with a funny name. Copy that name, and paste it into your own folder in your own document.
5. Go file > generate > assets in your document. Photoshop should now be continually generating image files of your pattern, and storing them in a folder called "tiler-assets".
6. Open the Preview.html file in your browser. It should now be filled with your stuff. Very cool? Yes. You can now continue working on your pattern in photoshop, and when you want to preview your work, just reload the browser!

*If you really don't want to rename your working file, you can open the DocumentNames.css file in a text editor, and change the folder names where it says "tile". to whatever you file is named.