think about THIS!



- Is this the right job for me?
- Am I feeling fulfilled & challenged?
- Does this job enable me to have the lifestyle I want?

1 Kristin Cardinale's book, *The 9-to-5 Cure: Work on Your Own Terms and*

ARE YOU A PATCHWORKER?

DO YOU HAVE THE ENERGY? Do you have the energy required to complete all of the initial startup tasks? Can you **come up with** the ideas? Are you too **burnt out from** your current or past job to do the work? Are you willing to put in the time and effort to help you **stand out from** the crowd?

DO YOU HAVE THE FOCUS? Do you have the mental focus necessary to open, operate and maintain a new business? When you are self-employed you don't have a boss keeping you on task and sending you reminders about approaching deadlines. You have to coach yourself, to motivate and **propel yourself forward** by staying on task. Can you do that?

DO YOU HAVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS? Running a business requires basic organizational skills, period. You need not be a perfectionist – in fact, that may hinder your success. Will your accounts **stand up to** external scrutiny? Can you start and stay organized?

CAN YOU MULTITASK LIKE A PRO? If there is one thing that being a Patchworker requires to **stay ahead of** the game, it is the ability to multitask. Can you **play the part of** CEO, secretary, accountant and driver all in a single day? More importantly, are you willing to?

CAN YOU DRUM UP YOUR OWN LEADS? To be a successful Patchworker, you absolutely need to scout out new opportunities and then determine if they fit into your lifestyle framework. Do you have the network? Have you been **keeping in with** key people? Can you **get out there** and sell?

CAN YOU MAKE YOUR OWN DECISIONS? Any and all decisions are yours to own. You must take full responsibility for the ideas, the execution and the outcomes, and **stand up for** what you decided. When things go really well, it's nice to bask in the glow and take full credit. However, when things go awry, you have to be able to deal with the consequences. Can you handle it?



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Look at the words in bold in the text. Think of the synonym to each of it.

1 come up with _____
2 burn out from _____
3 stand out from _____
4 propel yourself forward _____
5 stand up to _____
6 stay ahead of _____
7 play the part of _____
8 keep in with _____
9 get out there _____
10 stand up for _____

Choose 4 phrases from above and ask 4 questions related to career choice/job satisfaction.

Listen to the interview with carreer coach Susan Whittaker. Are the following statements True or False.

1 The interviewer becomes convinced by Susan's views during the interview. ___
2 Susan believes that career progress is the responsibility of the individual. ___
3 She thinks it is counterproductive for managers to allow staff to leave. ___

6 ▶2.1 Match verbs 1–8 to phrases a–h to form fixed phrases from the interview. Then listen to the interview again and check your answers.

1 follow ___	a your horizons
2 move ___	b backwards
3 grow into ___	c a stage
4 reach ___	d in a better position
5 broaden ___	e your role
6 go beyond ___	f horizontally
7 take a step ___	g the scope of
8 put yourself ___	h less conventional paths

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7 Work with a partner. Match the phrases you formed in **6** to definitions a–h. Can you use any of these phrases to talk about examples from your own career?

a do something original or unusual ___
b change jobs for a similar salary and responsibilities ___
c improve your situation ___
d create more opportunities for yourself ___
e get to a point ___
f develop to a point where you can do your job well ___
g develop further than current limitations allow ___
h cancel the effects of any progress you had made ___

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