# Make your artwork print-ready

To smoothly transition from the design stage to printing, we have a simple guideline to help you!

## 1 Set up your file

We recommend using our templates, but you can also set up your document size according to the **format** you have chosen and adding **3 mm bleed**. As for the quality, **300 dpi resolution** is the standard to ensure crisp and clear prints.









#### **Bleed**

This area will be trimmed. Ensure all background graphics or images cover this area.

#### **Trim Line**

This is the final size your artwork will be trimmed to.

### **Safety Margin**

Avoid placing text or important details within this area in case of trimming inaccuracies.

# 2 Is your card folded?

How is it folded? What's the best for your design? **Note that templates consist of 2 pages**. First page corresponds to the outside of the leaflet and the second page to the inside.























Folded once (lengthwise or widthwise) and is therefore divided equally.

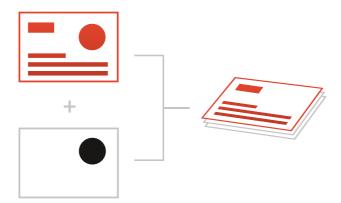
## Want to know more?

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## 3 Finishing

If you choose for and exclusive finishing, **you will need to submit 2 files**. One containing your artwork (single or double sided) and another one with just the elements of your design where the exclusive finishing will be applied. **Please use 100% black colour for the finishing**. Please note, exclusive finishing can't be applied all the way to the edge of the page.



## 4 Extra checks

There are some checks to take into consideration before exporting your artwork:

- Same colour on different <u>types of paper</u> gives a different end result.
- All fonts and objects must be embedded.
- Check your layers for **overprint**.



If you choose a **PMS Card**, your design must be created as a <u>vector file</u>. In case you don't have a vector file, we will convert it to vector if the quality is good enough.

We might need to make a conversion to the right Pantone Library, please note that this conversion might cause a slight colour deviation.

Here you can find a recap on the **most common print mistakes** and how to avoid them.

# 5 Export to PDF

Export your artwork to PDF format and make sure your document **colour mode** is CMYK.

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