

Artwork Guidelines

To get the best print results every time, here are some helpful tips for designing your piece.

TEMPLATES

Botanical PaperWorks templates are designed to be used with artwork creating software such as Adobe Illustrator.

If you are implementing a seed paper shape into your design, full-size JPEGs of those shapes are also available for placement.

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

We recommend including planting instructions in your artwork. For example: *Plant and grow. Cover the seeded paper with 1/8" of soil. Place in a sunny spot and water often. Watch wildflowers bloom!*

We can also supply the icons below in a vector format when requested if you would like to use them in your artwork.



PAPER STOCK PRINTING GUIDELINES

PRINTING ON CARDSTOCK

- Full-color CMYK printing is included in pricing. Check product listing to see if bleed is available.

PRINTING ON SEED PAPER

- Pricing includes up to 30% ink coverage.
- Solid dark printing is not recommended, but is not impossible.

PRINTING ON COLORED SEED PAPER

- All colors will print differently when the inks mix with a colored paper instead of white.
- Color matching is not guaranteed on colored seed paper.
- Darker, one or two color printing is recommended.

APPROVED FILE FORMATS

PDF

- PDFs need to be the highest resolution possible (at least 300dpi) including all elements contained within the PDF. Example: If there is a raster image in your PDF (jpeg, png, gif, etc) that is low resolution, this may result in a pixelated or fuzzy looking print. Avoid using images and logos taken from websites, as they are screen resolutions and are much smaller than they appear on screen when at 300dpi (print resolution).

Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, or Photoshop & EPS

- All guides must be on an unlocked layer, or removable.
- All fonts used in the artwork need to be sent with the artwork, or converted to paths.
- Links (logos and/or images used in the artwork) need to be sent with the artwork as high resolution files (at least 300ppi/dpi) or be embedded within the document.

Jpegs and Tiffs

- When sending your art as one flattened raster image, ensure it is saved at a high resolution (at least 300dpi) at the correct size. If bleeds are included make sure the size and graphics have been adjusted accordingly (See SIZE & BLEED).
- DO NOT include any guides in flattened raster artwork.

FILES SENT IN WORD, POWERPOINT, OR EXCEL ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

FILE PREPARATION

There are a few common things to consider when preparing files for optimal printing.

SIZE & BLEED

What is a bleed? - The bleed is an extra amount of image/background that extends past the final trim size when you want the ink to go right to the edge of the paper. It ensures quality edges and is trimmed off in production.

- If your design does not have a bleed, set the file/document size to the actual size of the piece you ordered.
- If your design does have a bleed, please add at least 0.125" of bleed on each side. Your file will be set up larger than the actual size of the piece. For example: the file size for a 2" x 3.5" business card with full bleed would be 2.25" x 3.75".

MARGINS

- Make sure the vital artwork has a margin of at least 0.125" from the inside of all edges, with no text or important image components going into this area.
- We always take great care when printing, however, because of the bumpy texture of the plantable paper, please allow for slight shifting in your design. Avoid using a border that follows the edge of the paper.

RESOLUTION

All artwork (including embedded logos and images) must have a resolution of at least 300ppi/dpi at 100% size for best results

COLOR

- Please use CMYK numbers/four-color process numbers. If RGB or Pantone swatches are used, we cannot guarantee color accuracy.
- If submitting artwork, please provide an uncoated Pantone number that we can match to as close as possible. These Pantone numbers are for our reference only, the artwork should remain in CMYK.

NOTE: NOT ALL PANTONE SWATCHES ARE ACHIEVABLE WITH CMYK BASED PRINTING BUT OUR PRINT TEAM WILL MATCH THE COLOR AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE.

- Please be advised that if printing on colored seed paper, all colors will print differently than they would on white. (See PRINTING ON COLORED SEED PAPER)

CROP MARKS

- Please submit the artwork without crop marks.

