Magazines

File set up guidelines

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File set up and sizes

- Our magazines are available in standard (such as A4 or Letter) and dynamic sizes.

Standard sizes for magazines

Size	Orientation	Dimensions (mm / in)
A5	Lanscape	148 x 210 mm / 5.8 x 8.3"
A5	Portrait	210 x 148 mm / 8.3 x 5.8"
A4	Lanscape	210 x 297 mm / 8.3 x 11.7"
A4	Portrait	297 x 210 mm/ 11.7 x 8.3"
8.5 x 11.0"	Lanscape	216 x 280 mm / 8.5 x 11.0"
11.0 x 8.5 in	Portrait	280 x 216 mm / 11.0 x 8.5"

- The size of the non-standard magazines depends on the aspect ratio of the PDF (width ÷ height).

- We read the first page to determine the aspect ratio and display matching product sizes.

- The aspect ratio must be between **0.34 and 1.54.**

- Dynamic Format Ranges: Each product has a minimum and maximum width and height. The table above shows these ranges.

- Content will never be cut or distorted; we only adjust the size downward unless your file is smaller than our smallest product.
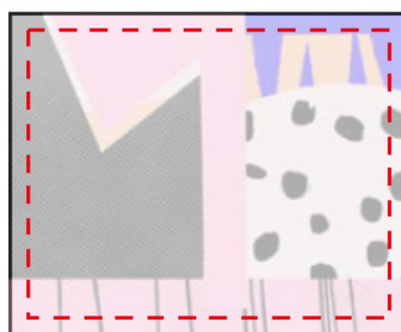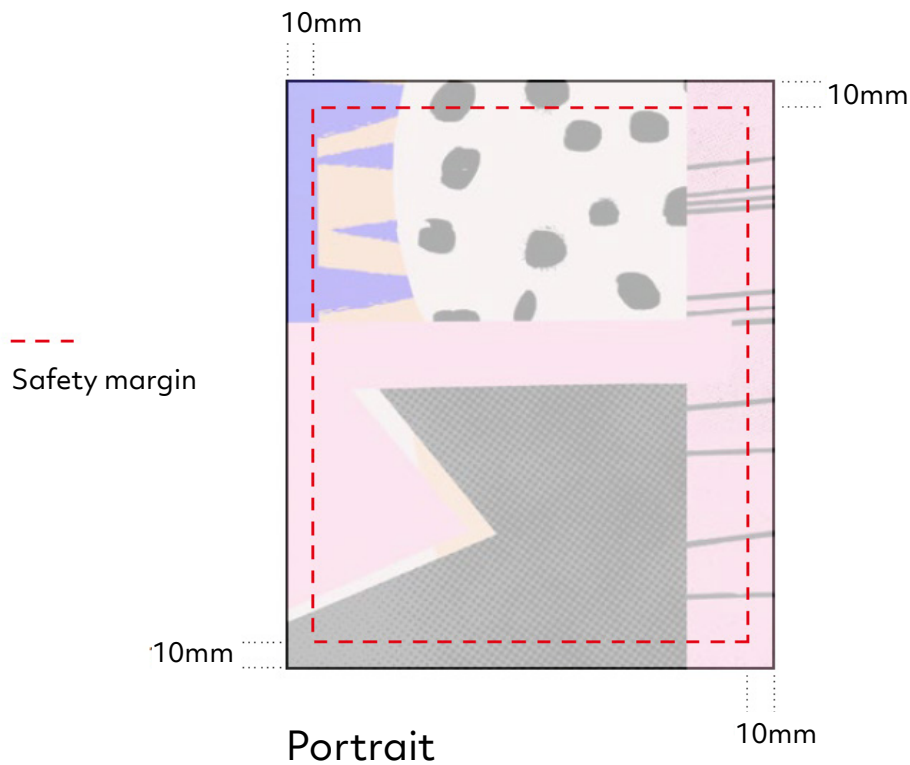
Magazine set up

Resolution
300 dpi

Colour profile
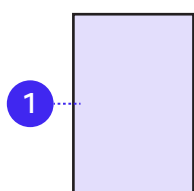**RGB**

Cover and content

- Our magazines range from 18-500 pages. Your magazine has to contain an even number of pages.

- Save your print file as one PDF document containing both the cover and content as single pages.

- Do not add bleed or cut marks, as our system will automatically generate these.

- Please leave a minimum margin of 10 mm on all sides of both the cover and content pages.
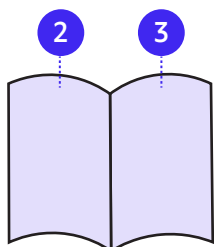

10mm

10mm

Safety margin

10mm

10mm

Portrait

Landscape

Layout

The following diagram illustrates how your content will appear on your magazine once printed. The numbered text below corresponds to the numbers displayed on the image. Please note that this diagram is for illustrative purposes only.
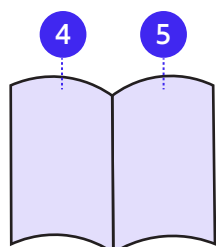
1. **Front cover:** The first page of your PDF will become the front cover of your magazine
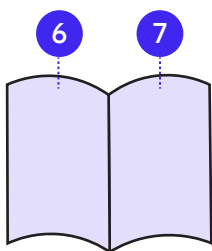
2. **Inside of front cover:** This is page two of your PDF and will appear on the left-hand side.

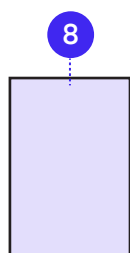3. **Page three of your PDF:** This will be page three of your magazine.

4. **Page four of your PDF:** This will be page four of your magazine.

5. **Page five of your PDF.** This will be page five of your magazine.

6. **Page six of your PDF:** This will be page six of your magazine.

7. Inside of back cover: This page will be the second-to-last page of your PDF.

8. Back cover: The last page of your PDF will become the back cover of your magazine.

Spine

Spine design for manual orders

When placing a manual order, you will be prompted within the order form to customise the spine. The following details will be required:

- **Spine text:** You will have the option to enter custom text that will appear on the spine of the magazine.
- **Text colour:** Select a colour for the spine text that complements the cover design.
- **Background colour:** Choose a background colour for the spine, ensuring it aligns with the overall theme of the magazine cover.

Make sure no important text or design elements are placed too close to the edges, to allow for slight variations in printing and binding.

Spine calculation for API users

For API users, the spine artwork should be provided separately from the cover artwork. Spine dimensions are calculated based on the total number of pages and the specific production lab that will print and bind your photo book.

▪ To ensure your spine artwork fits correctly, please query the API* to receive the exact dimensions required for your project. This will allow you to adjust your spine design to meet the precise requirements based on the page count and the lab handling your order.

▪ Avoid placing important design elements too close to the edges of the spine to allow for slight variations in printing and binding.

For API-specific instructions on how to query the spine dimensions, please refer to our API documentation or contact our support team for assistance.

Saving your PDF

We recommend exporting your file with a PDF / X-4 Profile (coated FOGRA 39) check on your file. Please ensure that all fonts are embedded and any transparencies are flattened.

Recommended PDF setting
PDF / X-4 (coated FOGRA 39)

Got questions?

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