Letter Landscape Back cover page

Flat size with bleed:
24.2" x 10.1"

Finished size:
11" x 8.5"

Bleed area: 0.8"

What is 'bleed' and why do I need it?

'Bleed' is the area of your design that's trimmed off when it's cut to it's final size. Extending your design into the bleed area ensures that the trim blade cuts into the design which means the white edges of the paper will not show. At Mixam, for hardcover book products we need a 0.8" bleed.

Please avoid putting any text that needs to be read into this area as it will not be presented correctly. Do extend the design into the Bleed area if you want to avoid having white margins.

The 0.8" Bleed area contains the following:

'Wrap under bleed area'
This area covers 0.6" and is made up of 0.2" inner overhang and 0.4" to wrap under the endpaper.

'Wrap around bleed area'
This area includes the 0.12" bleed for outer overhang and the 0.08mm for book fore edge. The Bleed area will be wrapped around the inside of the front and back covers of the book.

It's best that you add bleed before you upload your document. Some programs – like InDesign, Illustrator and Photoshop – allow you to do this. If you need any advice, just give us a call.

Quiet area: 0.25"

What is the 'Quiet area' and why do I need it?

The 'Quiet area' is the area of your design that is closest to the edge of the paper, right next to where your design will be trimmed off.

As it's so close to the trim line we strongly recommend the following to ensure you get the best result. Please avoid putting any text 0.25" or less from the edge of the document, and 0.4" from the spine. Text placed in this area will run so close to the edge that it may get trimmed off. You just need to ensure your design has sufficient margins on the edges of all pages to avoid any trimming issues.

If possible, please also avoid using thin borders in this area as you may get inconsistent thicknesses.

Trim area

What is the 'Trim area' and why do I need it?

'Trim area' is the extent of your design and basically indicates the size of your finished document.

Anything placed outside of this area will be trimmed off.

Fold line

What is the 'Fold line'?

As the name suggest this is where your document will be folded. Please keep all critical text, especially small text and body copy at least 0.12" from this line to ensure it is not obscured by the fold.

Spine area: (standard 0.4" width)

Please note - the standard width of the spine is 0.4", but the more pages you add the bigger the width your spine will be. Please check the spine width that is given to you in your shopping cart when you make your order, this is automatically calculated for you.

Spine area: standard 0.4"

Letter Landscape Front cover page

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A4 Landscape
Left inside page

Finished size:
11.7" x 8.3"

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If you can't add bleed before uploading, we'll do our best to add it for you. We'll either expand the size of the document (but this will move the text closer to the edge), or mirror the image. But for the best results, we strongly recommend adding it before uploading your documents.

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You will need to upload a seperate print file for the spine please name it spine.pdf

Your spine print file will need 0.5" bleed at the top and bottom and 0.2" bleed left and right.

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Right inside page

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