# Book Help > Artwork & Templates

We have developed templates to make it easier for you to quickly create print-ready files in graphic design software programs such as Adobe Photoshop®, Adobe InDesign®, or any software that will allow you to open a .png or PDF file and save a PDF file.

Product templates are downloadable files that provide information on dimensions, layout and bleed.  You can find additional helpful information in our Submission Requirements.

We recommend that you format your cover with our templates, but understand that you may already have existing artwork for your book. If this is the case, please follow our Instructions for Using an Existing Fully Formatted Cover to ensure your existing artwork will work with our system.

Using our templates is simple. Configure and download the template that meets your book's specifications, then follow the instructions below to create your artwork.

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## How to use your Template

1. Open the PDF or PNG file for the Paperback Book Cover Template in your image editing software.

2. Create a new layer in your image editing software. This layer will serve as the design layer.

3. Design your cover in the design layer, using the template PDF or PNG file as the guide layer. The artwork should extend to the outside edge of the template's pink zone to ensure a white border will not exist within the printed work. Do not move the guide layer, as it is properly aligned for our printing specifications.

4. Ensure text and/or images that are intended to be read do not appear in the pink zones of the template.

5. The barcode area is indicated in yellow on the template. Do not place important images or text intending to be read in the barcode location. We suggest filling in this area with your background color or design.

6. Once your design is complete, you will need to turn off the guide layer so that it is not printed on your final product or rejected during the review process. If you are unable to turn off the guide layer, then you will need to format the artwork so that it completely covers the guide layer.

7. Flatten all layers, save the file as a press quality PDF, and upload the file through your CreateSpace account.

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