# 1. Getting started

ALeP (A Long-extended Party) provides PDF files with official card backs for MBPrint so you can print out the packs as they are released. This is the simplest method of printing cards.

All you need to do is to write an email to [info@mbprint.pl](mailto:info@mbprint.pl) or send a message to <https://www.facebook.com/MBprintPL/>. You will need to specify the following details:

* Link to a PDF file
* Custom card size: 88.9 mm x 63.3 mm
* 250 g paper
* Round corners
* Number of copies, shipping address, etc.

Instead of 250 g paper, you may also ask for 350 g paper. This option is roughly 1.5 times more expensive, the cards look very solid, but much thicker than official FFG ones. Also you might get more printing defects with that option, especially on the card edges.

If you want to customize the deck, please proceed to the next section. For example, you might want to combine several packs together, add additional copies of some player cards, etc.

# 2. Customizing the deck

If you want to customize the deck, download a **7z** archive for **MBPrint** from ALeP web-site (make sure that its name starts with **“MBPRINT”**). Extract files from the archive and do all the required customizations (add or remove cards, etc.) Make sure that all images are in **CMYK JPG** format and have correct size (3.75 in x 2.75 in).

There are three folders inside the archive: **front**, **back\_official** and **back\_unofficial** (you can use either official or unofficial card backs). Before you proceed to the next step, you need to copy front images and selected back images to a new common folder (make sure that the back side of each card goes before its front side).

Install ImageMagick for your platform from <https://imagemagick.org/script/download.php>, open a command line and run the following command:

*"<path to magick.exe>" convert "<path to the images folder>\\*.jpg" "<path to the output PDF file>"*

For example:

*"C:\Program Files\ImageMagick-7.0.10-Q16-HDRI\magick.exe" convert "C:\lotr\mbprint\\*.jpg" "mbprint.pdf"*

Review the generated PDF file, upload it somewhere (like on Google Drive) and proceed to the previous section.