

COVER GUIDE

PREPARING A PDF COVER

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This guide is designed to walk you through the steps to correctly set up your book cover as a pdf in a way that it can be professionally printed.

1 SOFTWARE

Covers can be designed in our online software – www.burbleonline.co.za

Or you could use Photoshop, Indesign or similar design software. Essentially anything you can create a pdf from. Your final cover PDF should be a single, one page document.

2 DON'T FINALISE COVER ARTWORK UNTIL YOU HAVE YOUR FINAL PAGE COUNT AND SPINE WIDTH.

Non-printing trim line: The area outside this will be cut off and is known as the bleed for soft cover or wraparound for hard cover books. Don't include the trim line in your artwork.

This is a visual to show you the cut lines.



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CALCULATING SPINE SIZE

Spine size increases or decreases depending on number of pages and paper type.

Use our spine calculator to work out your spine width at www.burble.co.za/sewn-books#spineCalc

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SOFT COVER SIZES

Below are measurements for soft cover artwork based on the book size you have chosen

Cover for book size 198 x 130 mm

Width: 5mm (bleed left) + 130mm (back cover) +
?mm (spine – use spine calc) +
130mm (front cover) + 5mm (bleed right)
Height: 5mm (bleed top) + 198mm (cover) + 5mm (bleed bottom)

Cover for book size 210 x 148 mm

Width: 5mm (bleed left) + 148mm (back cover) +
?mm (spine – use spine calc) +
148mm (front cover) + 5mm (bleed right)
Height: 5mm (bleed top) + 210mm (cover) + 5mm (bleed bottom)

Cover for book size 228 x 152 mm

Width: 5mm (bleed left) + 152mm (back cover) +
?mm (spine – use spine calc) +
152mm (front cover) + 5mm (bleed right)
Height: 5mm (bleed top) + 228mm (cover) + 5mm (bleed bottom)

Cover for book size 240 x 170 mm

Width: 5mm (bleed left) + 170mm (back cover) +
?mm (spine – use spine calc) +
170mm (front cover) + 5mm (bleed right)
Height: 5mm (bleed top) + 240mm (cover) + 5mm (bleed bottom)

Cover for book size 250 x 190mm

Width: 5mm (bleed left) + 190mm (back cover) +
?mm (spine – use spine calc) +
190mm (front cover) + 5mm (bleed right)
Height: 5mm (bleed top) + 250mm (cover) + 5mm (bleed bottom)

Cover for book size 297 x 210 mm

Width: 5mm (bleed left) + 210mm (back cover) +
?mm (spine – use spine calc) +
210mm (front cover) + 5mm (bleed right)
Height: 5mm (bleed top) + 297mm (cover) + 5mm (bleed bottom)

Cover for book size 216 x 216 mm

Width: 5mm (bleed left) + 216mm (back cover) +

?mm (spine – use spine calc) +

216mm (front cover) + 5mm (bleed right)

Height: 5mm (bleed top) + 216mm (cover) + 5mm (bleed bottom)

HARD COVER SIZES

Below are measurements for hard cover artwork based on the book size you have chosen

Cover for book size 198 x 130 mm

Width: 19mm (wraparound left) + 136mm (back cover) +

?mm (spine – use spine calc) +

136mm (front cover) + 19mm (wraparound right)

Height: 19mm (wraparound top) + 204mm (cover) + 19mm (wraparound bottom)

Cover for book size 210 x 148 mm

Width: 19mm (wraparound left) + 154mm (back cover) +

?mm (spine – use spine calc) +

154mm (front cover) + 19mm (wraparound right)

Height: 19mm (wraparound top) + 216mm (cover) + 19mm (wraparound bottom)

Cover for book size 228 x 152 mm

Width: 19mm (wraparound left) + 158mm (back cover) +

?mm (spine – use spine calc) +

158mm (front cover) + 19mm (wraparound right)

Height: 19mm (wraparound top) + 234mm (cover) + 19mm (wraparound bottom)

Cover for book size 240 x 170 mm

Width: 19mm (wraparound left) + 176mm (back cover) +

?mm (spine – use spine calc) +

176mm (front cover) + 19mm (wraparound right)

Height: 19mm (wraparound top) + 246mm (cover) + 19mm (wraparound bottom)

Cover for book size 250 x 190mm

Width: 19mm (wraparound left) + 196mm (back cover) +

?mm (spine – use spine calc) +

196mm (front cover) + 19mm (wraparound right)

Height: 19mm (wraparound top) + 256mm (cover) + 19mm (wraparound bottom)

Cover for book size 297 x 210 mm

Width: 19mm (wraparound left) + 216mm (back cover) +

?mm (spine – use spine calc) +

216mm (front cover) + 19mm (wraparound right)

Height: 19mm (wraparound top) + 303mm (cover) + 19mm (wraparound bottom)

Cover for book size 216 x 216 mm

Width: 19mm (wraparound left) + 222mm (back cover) +

?mm (spine – use spine calc) +

222mm (front cover) + 19mm (wraparound right)

Height: 19mm (wraparound top) + 222mm (cover) + 19mm (wraparound bottom)

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Once you have ordered and paid for your ISBN number we will issue you with the ISBN number to include in the book and also the scannable ISBN barcode for the back cover.

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IMAGE QUALITY AND RESOLUTION

Picture resolution is important, always use high resolution, good quality images. Look out for resolution warnings from our software when uploading your cover artwork.

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UPLOADING YOUR PRINT READY COVER

We cannot stress the importance of a final proof read before submitting your PDF. Any niggles in the PDF will be niggles in the print.

Once are happy with your book cover pdf it can be uploaded directly to us at

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