

Paperback Layout Guidelines

Inside Pages: File Format: .pdf

Fonts: Embedded

Image Resolution: 300 dpi (minimum)

Color Images: CMYK (not RGB). Any RGB will be converted to CMYK

Black & White Images: Greyscale (not CMYK or RGB)
Page Size: Same as trim size (5.5"x8.5", 6"x9", 8.5"x11", etc...)
Bleeding Pages: Extend .125" all around, if applicable
Crop Marks: Not necessary if page size is same as trim size
Page Setup: Individual pages (no spreads), in one .pdf file

Margins: Recommend at least .75". More can be added to the gutter area if desired

Page Count: An even number of pages (add blanks if applicable)

Cover: File Format: .pdf

Fonts: Embedded

Image Resolution: 300 dpi (minimum)

Color Images: CMYK (not RGB). Any RGB will be converted to CMYK

Layout: Includes front cover, spine and back cover as one .pdf file. See example below

Bleed: Extend .125" all around outside perimeters

Design: A design recommendation is to flow the same image or color from left to right

Spine Text: We do not recommend text on spines less than .125"

Spine Size Formula: number of pgs divided by ppi (pages per inch) which is determined

by the type of paper chosen, then add .04". (minimum spine size is .08")

Cover layout size is also calculated on our Instant Quote web page.

Paperback Cover Example

