

Pre-Design Checklist

IMPORTANT: before starting your art layout, download item template from foldersolutions.com

☐ For custom items, call us first; we will create a template to your specs *before* you begin your artwork.

Create Layout Files with the Following Programs (Mac or PC):

• InDesign • Illustrator • Photoshop

Please note we cannot accept files created with: • Microsoft Publisher • Powerpoint • Word • PageMaker

Send ALL Required Files & Art Elements:

☐ use "package" function in program to collect all elements used in file, including: fonts, graphics, logos, scans, etc.

☐ vector art: convert type to outlines save as **.EPS**

☐ images (photos): 300 dpi high-res for CMYK & grayscale

☐ save as **.PSD** or **.TIF**

☐ **RGB low resolution (72 dpi) web graphics are not acceptable**

☐ scans: 1200 dpi, bitmap format save as **.PSD** or **.TIF**

If Sending a .PDF File as Artwork:

Wrong template, missing bleed, low-quality graphics will be rejected.

☐ high-resolution (print quality) .PDF documents, including 1/8" bleed

Ink Colors:

☐ spot color PMS (Pantone®) printing: use **SPOT/PMS** colors

☐ four color process (full color) printing: use **CMYK - NOT RGB**


☐ for large black areas (not type), we suggest the following rich-black mix:
cyan 60% magenta 40% yellow 40% black 100%


☐ avoid "Blues that look Purple" refer to the Pantone® Formula Guide and/or Pantone® Color Bridge (www.Pantone.com)

☐ choose a blue formula with 30% more cyan than magenta

Foil Stamp & Emboss:

☐ supply one color vector (.EPS) art: convert type to outlines

EMBOSS: thick, bold copy is better. Recommended minimum line thickness is 2 PT.  Increase point size/line weight accordingly. Certain copy will not emboss well and should be avoided: serif/thick-thin type, screens, fine lines and copy with intricate detail.

FOIL STAMP: for most type styles, minimum point size is 8 PT. Increase size for serif/thick-thin styles. To avoid loss of detail and plugging do not use ultra-light type styles, screens, thin lines and copy with intricate detail and gaps no closer than 1 pt. 

Sending Art Files

1 Check that artwork & layout matches specs quoted...

• Follow Pre-Design Checklist

2 Compress files (.zip) before sending

3 Upload Files

contact us for upload options

Avoid Errors & Job Delays:

☐ Proofread & test print your files: print color separations; print a reduced copy, cut-out & fold up...does copy fall on correct panels? Additional charges apply if we need to modify your files. **We are not responsible for errors in supplied files.**