



Print Publishing Guidelines

The KDP Print Publishing Guidelines include the information you need to successfully publish your paperback, including requirements for metadata, manuscripts, and covers.

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Definitions

Bleed – Term for print objects that should touch the edge of a page, such as images, backgrounds, and graphics. Objects meant to bleed are required to extend beyond the final page size so that when the page is trimmed, there won't be any white edges.

Color Profile/ICC Profile – Color management added to an image or file, which KDP will automatically remove prior to publication.

Color Space – Describes color numerically, such as RGB (digital cameras and computer monitors), CMYK (full color printing), and grayscale (black and white printing).

ISBN – International Standard Book Number. A unique 10- or 13-digit number assigned to a published book. An ISBN identifies a book's edition, publisher, and physical properties.

Live Graphics/Live Elements – Text or other important information that is intended for reading and should not be cut off when the book is trimmed.

LTR (Left-to-Right) – Books formatted to read from left to right. LTR books are common in languages such as English, Spanish, French, and German.

Margins – Blank sections of a page that wrap around your printed content. Margins prevent your manuscript text from getting cut off on the edges.

Inside (Gutter) Margins – Blank space on the inside edges nearest to the book binding that prevents your manuscript text from extending into the binding. The minimum required gutter margin is based on the number of pages in your manuscript file.

Outside Margins – Blank space at the top, bottom, and outside edges that prevents your manuscript text from getting cut off during printing.

Metadata – Information about your book (such as title, subtitle, author name, ISBN, description, etc.). The metadata you enter in your Paperback Details should match what's in your manuscript file. It will also appear on your book's Amazon detail page.

PDF – A Portable Document Format that houses manuscript and cover text, fonts, and graphics. KDP Print will convert supported cover and manuscript file types to PDF for publication.

Production Variance – The potential for slight content variance during printing.

Resolution – The amount of detail an image holds, directly affecting how sharp or clear it appears on screen or in print.

RTL (Right-to-Left) – Books formatted to read from right to left. RTL books are common in languages such as Arabic, Hebrew, Japanese, Chinese, and Korean.

Safe Zone – Section of the page inside the margins.

Spot Color – Color generated from ink chosen from a color system (such as Pantone Matching System). Spot colors are used in offset printing and are not compatible with KDP's print-on-demand model.

Transparency/Layers – Transparencies and layers are used in graphic design to create complex visual effects and should be flattened in your manuscript file prior to publishing.

Trim Size – The size of your published book. Trim size measurements are listed as width by height. For example, a trim size of 6" x 9" means the printed book will be six inches wide by nine inches high.

Paperback Details

File Formats

Manuscript

You can upload your manuscript file in a PDF, DOC, DOCX, RTF, HTML, TXT, EPUB, AZW or ZIP format. KDP will automatically convert these file types to PDF prior to publishing/printing.

Book Cover

You can create your book cover using KDP's Cover Creator tool or submit your book cover in a PDF.

Metadata

KDP's Cover Creator tool will use the title, subtitle, and author name you entered on the Paperback Details page to create the cover. Cover Creator will also add your book's ISBN to the barcode area of the back cover. Many of the Cover Creator templates will allow you to choose an image from our Image Gallery or upload an image of your own. Cover Creator accepts JPG, PNG and GIF file formats.

To provide the best experience for customers, please follow the guidelines below for metadata in manuscripts and on book covers:

Title (locked after publishing)

- Must appear on front cover or spine
- Title on cover and in manuscript file must match the title entered under Paperback Details
- No URLs

Subtitle

- Not required on cover or in manuscript
- If you choose to include the subtitle on cover or in manuscript, it must match the subtitle entered under Paperback Details
- No URLs

Author Name (locked after publishing)

- Not required on cover or in manuscript
- If you choose to include the author name on cover or in manuscript, it must match the author name entered under Paperback Details
 - No nickname substitutions (such as Hank for Henry)
 - Initial substitutions are allowed
 - Collective term for a group of contributors is allowed (e.g., "Various Authors")
- No URLs

- Contributors can only be the people involved in creating your book, including the name or pen names of authors, editors, illustrators, translators, and any others who helped create your book.

Series

- Not required on cover or in manuscript
- If you choose to include a series name and number, it must match what you entered under Paperback Details

ISBN (locked after publishing)

- Not required in manuscript, but if you choose to include it, ISBN must match the ISBN assigned under Paperback Content
- We'll automatically add the ISBN to the barcode on the back cover. See [Barcode](#) for more information.

Paperback Content

Ink & Paper

You can choose from black ink & cream paper, black ink & white paper, or color ink & white paper. We recommend color ink & white paper for books with photographs or color images. Ink & paper choice affects printing cost and minimum list price.

The page thickness of different ink & paper options varies and will affect the width of your book spine. Cover Creator will automatically adjust the width of your book spine based on the thickness of the pages in your book.

If you're designing your own cover file, you can multiply your book's page count by the page thickness to find your recommended spine width:

Ink & Paper	Page thickness
Black ink & cream paper	0.0025" (0.0635 mm)
Black ink & white paper	0.002252" (0.0572 mm)
Color ink & white paper	0.002347" (0.0596 mm)

Page Count

We'll calculate your page count based on your manuscript file, rounding up to an even number if necessary. (In print books, every page has a front and back side, equaling two pages.) The minimum page count is 24 pages, and the maximum page count depends on ink & paper and trim size options.

Trim Size (locked after publishing)

If you use a PDF, you'll need to set the size of your manuscript and cover files to match the trim size you selected under Paperback Content. If your manuscript file doesn't match your trim size, the Online Previewer will warn you. We'll also attempt to fix any trim size mismatches prior to publishing.

If you use a reflowable file (e.g. doc, docx or html), KDP will automatically generate a printable file based on your selected trim size.

See [Manuscript](#) and [Book Cover](#) for more details on setting up your files.

Trim size options

- 5" X 8" (12.7 x 20.32 cm)
- 5.06" X 7.81" (12.85 x 19.84 cm)
- 5.25" X 8" (13.34 x 20.32 cm)
- 5.5" X 8.5" (13.97 x 21.59 cm)
- 6" X 9" (15.24 x 22.86 cm)
- 6.14" X 9.21" (15.6 x 23.39 cm)
- 6.69" X 9.61" (16.99 x 24.4 cm)
- 7" X 10" (17.78 x 25.4 cm)
- 7.44" X 9.69" (18.9 x 24.61 cm)
- 7.5" X 9.25" (19.05 x 23.5 cm)
- 8" X 10" (20.32 x 25.4 cm)
- 8.5" X 11" (21.59 x 27.94 cm)
- 8.25" X 6" (20.96 x 15.24 cm)
- 8.25" X 8.25" (20.96 x 20.96 cm)
- 8.27" x 11.69" (21 x 29.7 cm)
- 8.5" X 8.5" (21.59 x 21.59 cm)

Bleed

If you want your images to bleed to the edges of your pages, extend them 0.125" (3 mm) beyond the final trim size from the top, bottom, and outer edges for your manuscript, and on all edges for a cover file.

Format your PDF manuscript at 0.25" (6 mm) higher and 0.125" (3 mm) wider than your selected trim size in order to print the full bleed area.

Special Instructions for Word (DOC / DOCX), HTML or RTF Manuscript Files

If you use a Word (DOC / DOCX), HTML or RTF file, you will not have the option to choose "Bleed" even if you have images or elements that touch the edges of a page. KDP will automatically format these files and show you a preview. We recommend submitting PDFs for books with bleed.

See [Manuscript](#) and [Book Cover](#) for more details on bleed.

Margins

Manuscript

Based on your book's page count, the minimum margin requirements are below:

Page Count	Inside (Gutter) Margins	Outside Margins (no bleed)	Outside Margin (w/bleed)
24 to 150 pages	0.375" (9.6 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)
151 to 300 pages	0.5" (12.7 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)
301 to 500 pages	0.625" (15.9 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)
501 to 700 pages	0.75" (19.1 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)
701 to 828 pages	0.875" (22.3 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)

You can review your book's margins in the Online Previewer. If your manuscript doesn't meet the minimum margin requirements, we'll try to fix it prior to publishing.

Book Cover

The minimum margin requirement on book cover files is 0.25" (6.4 mm) from the bleed line (0.125" (3.2 mm) from the trim line) on all four sides of the cover file.

Live Elements

Live elements include text or other important information that is intended for reading and should not be cut off when the book is trimmed. All live elements must be located inside the safe zone (recommended margin areas).

Background text or text that's not intended for reading can be located outside the safe zone, but that information could be trimmed from view during publication.

Text within images that span across two pages of the book (such as maps or design text) can be located inside the gutter margin area, but that information could be lost from view inside the binding when printed.

If text or elements are important to the reader, they should not be located outside of the safe zone.

Spine Text

If your book is at least 100 pages long, you can fit text on the book spine. Spine text and logos need 0.0625" (1.6 mm) of space on either side to accommodate production variance.

If a book with less than 100 pages is submitted with text on the spine, we'll attempt to remove the spine text prior to publishing. If you use KDP's Cover Creator tool, we'll automatically adjust it.

Barcodes

We will automatically place a barcode on your back cover. We're not able to change the barcode location or remove it. We will reject covers with important images or text in the barcode location.

- The ISBN barcode space is 2" (50.8 mm) wide and 1.2" (30.5 mm) tall
- The bottom of the barcode is 0.25" (6.4 mm) above the bottom trim line of the cover
- For left-to-right (LTR) reading books, the right side of the barcode is 0.25" (6.4 mm) to the left of the spine
- For right-to-left (RTL) reading books, the left side of the barcode is 0.25" (6.4 mm) to the right of the spine

See [Book Cover](#) for visual examples of barcode locations.

You can include a QR Code or UPC barcode in addition to the ISBN barcode, but it can't appear in the space reserved for the ISBN barcode.

Image Resolution

For optimal printing, all images (both cover and manuscript) should be at least 300 DPI. Images less than 300 DPI will be flagged prior to publishing so you can resubmit updated images.

Line Width

If your book contains lines (i.e., a chart, table or graphic element), give the lines a minimum thickness/weight of 0.75 point or 0.01" (0.3 mm) to ensure they appear in print.

Grayscale Fill

If you've selected black ink & white paper for a book containing gray backgrounds, we recommend a minimum grayscale fill of 10%.

Transparency/Layers

We recommend flattening all transparent objects and layers in the native file before publishing. Transparencies can cause the file to fail at the printer or cause the file to print with missing or distorted content. We will attempt to flatten transparencies prior to publishing and reject if unsuccessful.

Font Size

To ensure your book's text is legible in print, we require a minimum font size of 7 points.

Embedded Fonts

All fonts in the cover and interior files should be embedded in the native program before publishing. KDP will attempt to embed any unembedded fonts prior to publishing, so fonts should not contain any licensing restrictions. Since unembedded fonts may cause errors during printing, changes in appearance, or failure to print at all, we will reject books in which we are unable to embed fonts.

Crop Marks/Trim Marks/Registration Marks

Do not include crop marks on cover or manuscript files.

Spreads

We require single page files (as opposed to spreads or 2-up files).

Pagination

All page numbers should be ordered sequentially, with even numbers on left pages and odd numbers on the right. (For RTL [right-to-left] reading books, odd page numbers should be on left pages and even numbers on right.) A skip or change in page numbers could indicate pages are missing or ordered incorrectly, causing production issues and delays or customer returns.

Any gap in pagination should still account for each individual page so all pages are accounted for.

Example: 1,2,3,4, x, x, x, 8,9,10... (x's equal unnumbered pages)

You may also use Roman numerals to indicate the beginning of the manuscript, then continue with standard page numbering.

Examples: i, ii, iii, 4, 5, 6... or i, ii, iii, 1, 2, 3...

You may continue page numbering from a previous book in a subsequent volume of a series as long as the series name and volume number are clearly labeled.

We allow scanned content with sequential original page numbering clearly visible in the footer of the manuscript file.

Blank Pages

We allow no more than two (2) consecutive blank pages at the beginning or middle of a manuscript file and/or 10 consecutive blank pages at the end. Excessive blank pages can look like printing mistakes, which may cause delays in book production.

If you wish to use more than the allowed number of blank pages, the pages must contain some type of content to indicate that the page is intended to be blank. For example, you may use lines running across the page or boxes to signify a place for writing, drawing, or note taking. A header or footer indicating “Notes,” “Intentionally Left Blank” or a row of asterisks are also acceptable, or repeated text (as in joke or gag books).

Cut-Off Text

We cannot accept cut-off text in a manuscript or cover file. All text should be complete and visible.

Overlapping Text

Sometimes text overlaps intentionally as part of intended design. As long as the body text is still readable, it is acceptable. If the overlapping text looks unintentional, we may reject the file.

Orientation

All pages and content must be oriented the same way.

Pages can contain some upside down text as long as the rest of the page contents are right-side up (e.g., a book of riddles with answers printed upside down on the page). A page containing only upside down content would appear to be an error and will result in rejection prior to publishing. We cannot accept flip books.

Calendar Style

If you intend to print the book in calendar style:

- The manuscript file still needs to be sized at the trim size (width by height)
- All text and images within the manuscript file should be rotated 90 degrees counterclockwise
- The binding will be on the top of the content instead of the left
 - Note: The cover image displayed on Amazon will be oriented counterclockwise and cannot be adjusted
- Margins for page count should meet the same requirements

Publisher References

If you are the book's author or publisher, you may include your name or the name of your publishing company.

Only the names of the author or publisher of the book should be included in your manuscript and cover files. Amazon, KDP, Kindle or CreateSpace cannot be listed as the publisher of your book. To avoid customer confusion, we do not permit the following items:

- No references to other publishing companies, including any that previously published the book
- No references to Amazon or Amazon-affiliated companies
- No references to Amazon products or services, including Kindle, CreateSpace or Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP)
- No Amazon, CreateSpace or KDP logos

Bundle References

Your manuscript and cover files should not imply that your paperback is part of a bundled set (such as a box set or disc set).

If you include a reference to supplemental media in your files or paperback description, you must specify the location and accessibility of the referenced media. For example, you can provide a specific URL for a disc or a link to a digital download.

Templates

If you create your paperback files from existing templates, be sure to remove all template information such as guides, template layers, and filler text to keep it from appearing in print. If template information is found in your file, it will be rejected.

PDF Creation Logos

PDF creation logos or watermarks are remnants of the software or service used to create a PDF. Since a document with logos or watermarks is proprietary to the company that created it, we are unable to accept any files containing PDF creation logos or watermarks.

Security Encrypted Files

Security encrypted or locked files prevent us from publishing your paperback. All security should be removed from a file before submitting.

Placeholder Text

We will reject any files with placeholder text, such as Lorem Ipsum. Placeholder text may appear as an error during publishing.

Annotations

An annotation is information added to a PDF but not intended for printing, such as mark-ups, sticky notes, comments, etc. Annotations will be removed prior to publishing, potentially changing the appearance of your manuscript.

Dust Jackets

Dust jacket flaps will be removed from the cover file prior to publishing.

Borders

We don't recommend borders, since we must allow for a 0.125" (3.2 mm) production variance that may trim the border or cause it to appear uneven. If your file includes borders, the border should cover at least 0.25" (6.3 mm) inside the trim line to ensure the best result for your paperback. If you're including a white border, it must meet our minimum border width or your file may be rejected for lacking bleed.

Color Profiles

We do not recommend including color profiles in your file. Color profiles are automatically removed prior to publishing, which can produce unexpected results.

Spot Colors

Do not include spot colors in your files. Spot colors can cause problems during file review. We recommend converting any spot colors to either RGB or CMYK color space.

Color Space

We do not recommend using multiple color spaces in a file as it can cause color variance and unexpected results when printed.

Right-to-Left Reading

KDP accommodates books formatted for reading from right-to-left (RTL). If you are publishing a RTL book, flag it as such when setting up your Paperback Content. (Cover Creator is not yet available for RTL books.)

You must upload the cover PDF with the front cover placed to the left of the spine and the back cover to the right. The manuscript file should be uploaded starting with page 1.

See [Right-to-Left Reading Books Cover Layout](#) for more details on formatting a RTL cover.

Genre-specific Requirements

Joke books

Joke or gag books with repeated content or an intentional absence of content can be published as long as they are clearly labeled as such in the product description and they meet all other specification requirements. Books meant to contain empty pages should include some type of content such as lines, headers, or “notes” to indicate the pages are intended to be blank.

Companion Books

Companion guides include summaries, study guides, or analyses based on an original work. To avoid customer confusion, companion guides must meet the following criteria:

- Title begins with Summary, Study guide, or Analysis.
 - Example: Summary and Analysis: Pride and Prejudice
- On the cover image, the word(s) summary, study guide, or analysis appear before the title of the original book in a font size that is at least as large as the rest of the title.
- Contributor(s) to the original book should not be entered in the contributor field.
- The companion book is listed in a Study Aid or Literary Criticism category.
 - Example: Study Aid > Book Notes

Journals/Notebooks

Journals or notebooks can be published as long as they are clearly labeled as such and meet all other specification requirements. Journals and notebooks should include some type of content such as lines, headers, boxes to draw in, or an area for “notes” in order to indicate that the pages are intended to be blank.

Manuscript

Setting Page Size

Page Size is the actual size of the pages in your paperback's manuscript file.

For No Bleed paperbacks

Set the page size to your selected trim size (width by height).

- For example, if your selected trim size is 6" x 9" (15.24 x 22.86 cm), set page size at 6 inches (15.24 cm) wide by 9 inches (22.86 cm) high.

For Bleed paperbacks

If you want your images to bleed to the edge of the page, they must extend at least 0.125" (3 mm) beyond the final trim size from the top, bottom, and outer edges. Set the page size of your manuscript file 0.25" (6 mm) higher and 0.125" (3 mm) wider than your selected trim size.

Trim Size (inches)	Bleed Size (inches)
5" x 8"	5.125" x 8.25"
5.06" x 7.91"	8.185" x 8.16"
5.25" x 8"	5.375" x 8.25"
5.5" x 8.5"	5.626" x 8.75"
6" x 9"	6.125" x 9.25"
6.14" x 9.21"	6.265" x 9.46"
6.69" x 9.61"	6.815" x 9.86"
7" x 10"	7.125" x 10.25"
7.44" x 9.69"	7.565" x 7.94"
7.5" x 9.25"	7.625" x 9.5"
8" x 10"	8.125" x 10.25"
8.5" x 11"	8.625" x 11.25"
8.25" x 6"	8.375" x 6.125"
8.25" x 8.25"	8.375" x 8.5"
8.27" x 11.69"	8.395" x 11.94"
8.5" x 8.5"	8.625" x 8.75"

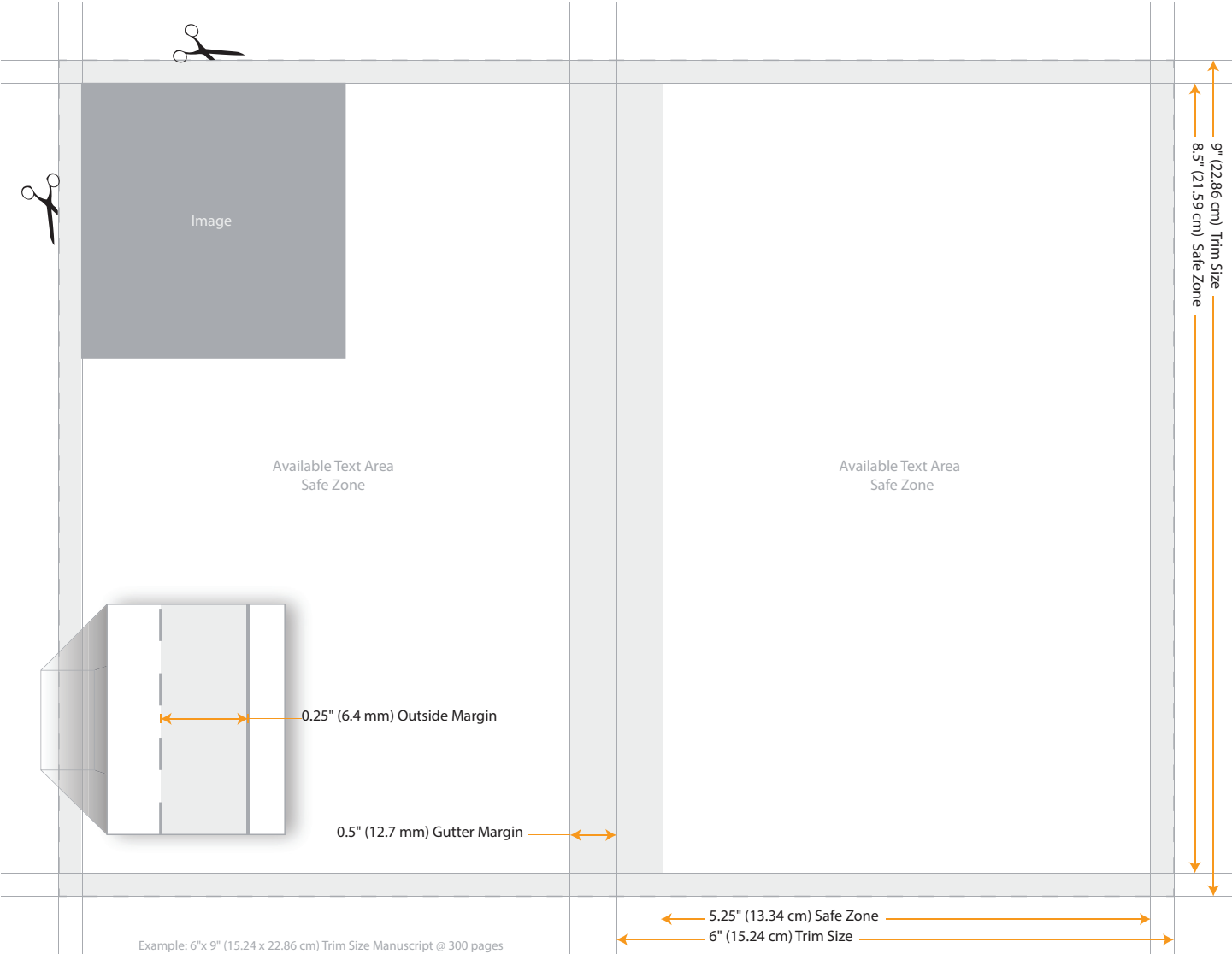
Trim Size (centimeters)	Bleed Size (centimeters)
12.7 x 20.32 cm	13 x 20.92 cm
12.85 x 19.84	13.15 x 20.44 cm
13.34 x 20.32 cm	13.64 x 20.92 cm
13.97 x 21.59 cm	14.27 x 22.19 cm
15.24 x 22.86 cm	15.54 x 23.46 cm
15.6 x 23.39 cm	15.9 x 23.99 cm
16.99 x 24.4 cm	17.29 x 25 cm
17.78 x 25.4 cm	18.08 x 26 cm
18.9 x 24.61 cm	19.2 x 25.21 cm
19.05 x 23.5 cm	19.35 x 24.1 cm
20.32 x 25.4 cm	20.52 x 26 cm
21.59 x 27.94 cm	21.89 x 28.54 cm
20.96 x 15.24 cm	21.26 x 15.84 cm
20.96 x 20.96 cm	21.26 x 21.56 cm
21 x 29.7 cm	21.3 x 30.3 cm
21.59 x 21.59 cm	21.89 x 22.19 cm

Setting Margins

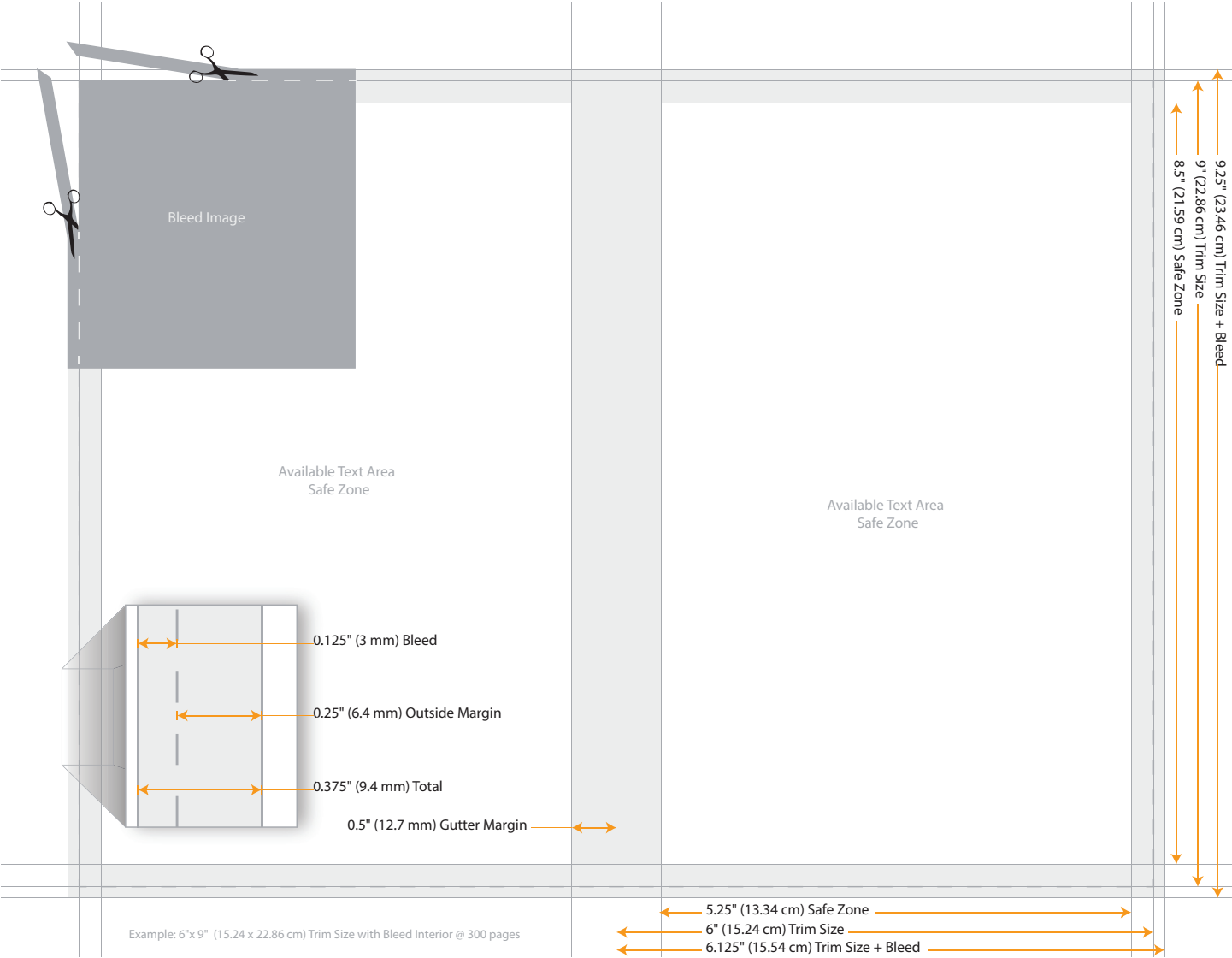
In the software you're using to create your manuscript file, set your pages as "facing pages" or "mirrored margins" to allow for inside (gutter) margins and outside margins of different measurements for opposing left and right pages.

Page Count	Inside (Gutter) Margins	Outside Margins (no bleed)	Outside Margin (w/bleed)
24 to 150 pages	0.375" (9.6 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)
151 to 300 pages	0.5" (12.7 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)
301 to 500 pages	0.625" (15.9 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)
501 to 700 pages	0.75" (19.1 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)
701 to 828 pages	0.875" (22.3 mm)	at least 0.25" (6.4 mm)	at least 0.375" (9.4 mm)

No Bleed Manuscript Layout



Bleed Manuscript Layout



Designing files with Bleed

Our Online Previewer checks the formatting of your file to make sure it meets our publishing guidelines. If the previewer finds any formatting issues that need to be fixed, you'll need to update your file in its original program to make the required formatting changes, then create a new PDF to upload to your account.

To fix bleed formatting issues, check the following:

- Set the size of your file to the correct bleed size (see size chart above). All PDF pages should be the exact bleed size.
- All images or graphics meant to bleed must extend all the way to the bleed edge. If it does not, it will fail validation.
- Images or graphics not meant to bleed must fit within the minimum margin requirements.
- All text must fit within the minimum margin requirements. Text cannot bleed off the page.

Since Online Previewer looks at the formatting structure of a manuscript file, it will sometimes catch formatting errors that aren't obvious to someone viewing the manuscript pages. To make sure your manuscript is free of errors, you'll want to follow the guidelines above.

Images

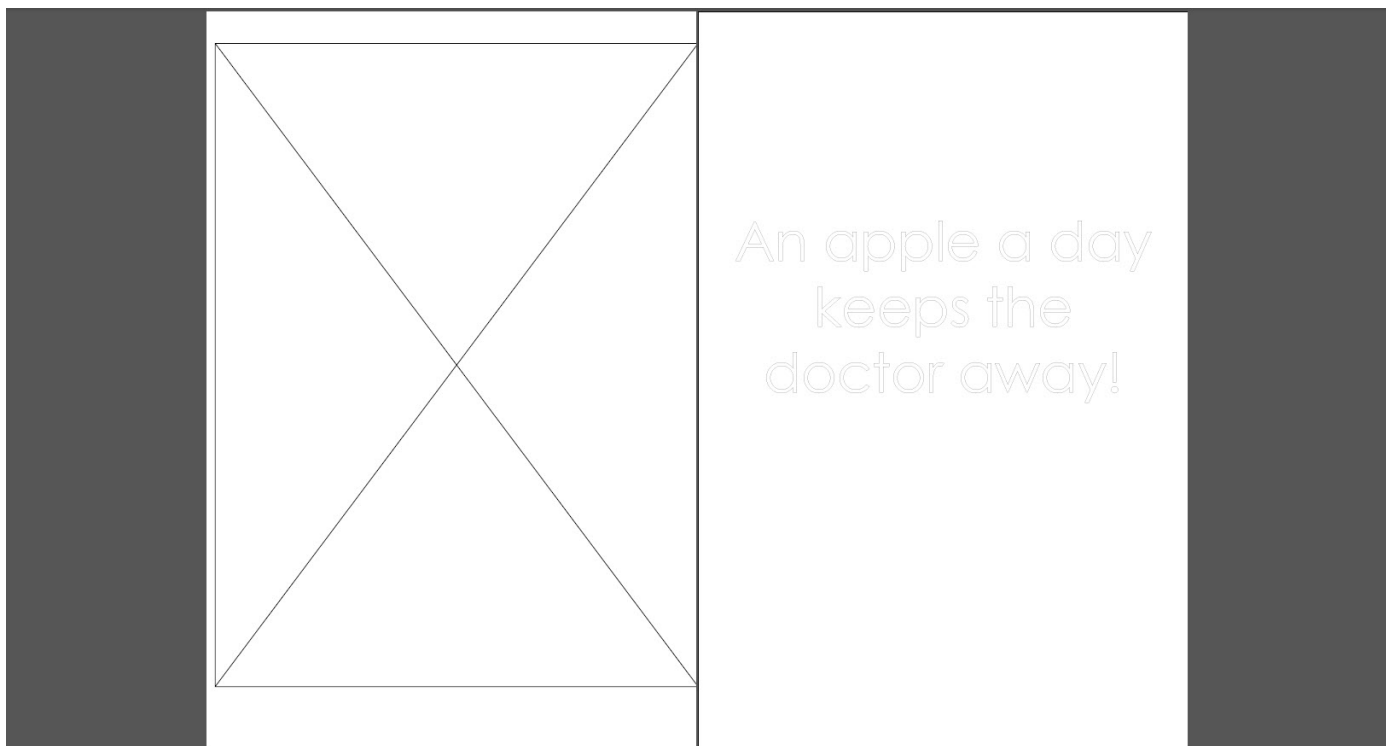
The outside edges of images in a bleed file must fully extend to the bleed edge, or fall inside the margins.

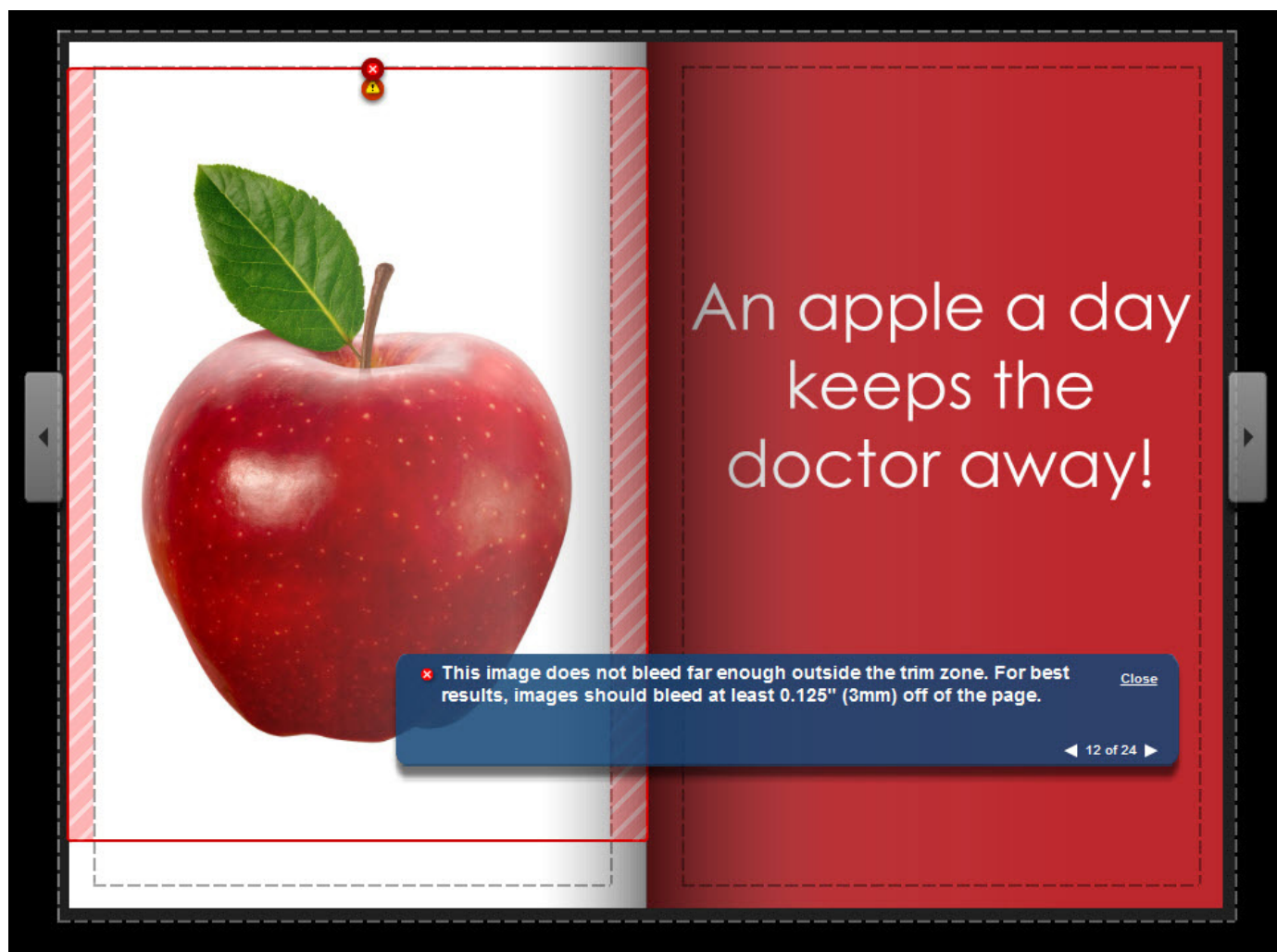
The two images below show two facing pages of a book file. The first image, or **Normal View**, shows how the file actually looks. The second image, or **Wireframe View**, shows the structure of the same two pages. In the **Normal View**, the picture of the apple falls inside the margins and isn't intended to bleed since the background is white. The file receives an error in Online Previewer, since the image of the apple does not bleed far enough to the outside edge. In the **Wireframe View**, the actual image, represented by a box with an X, extends close to the edge but not all the way to it. Since Online Previewer only recognizes the boundaries of the entire image, it must be edited so it either extends to the edge of the page, or stays inside the margins.

Normal view:



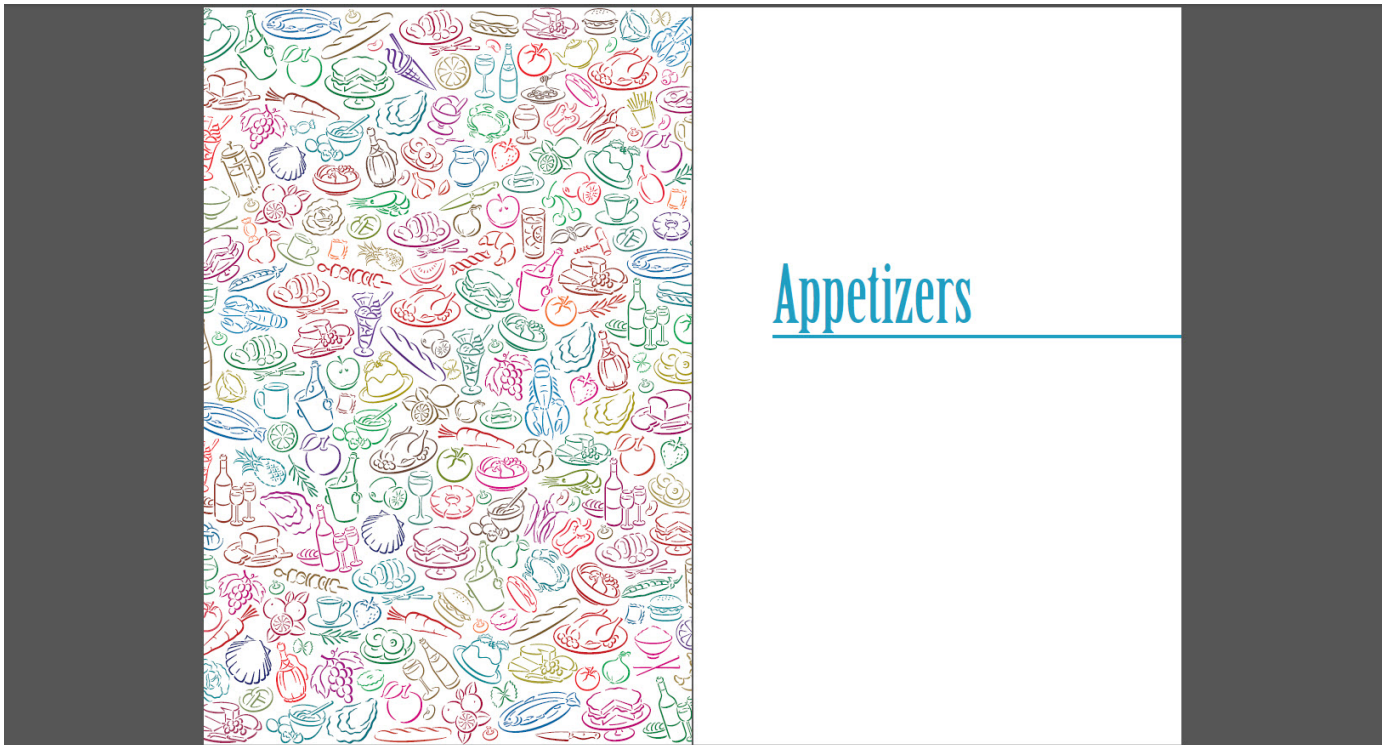
Wireframe View:



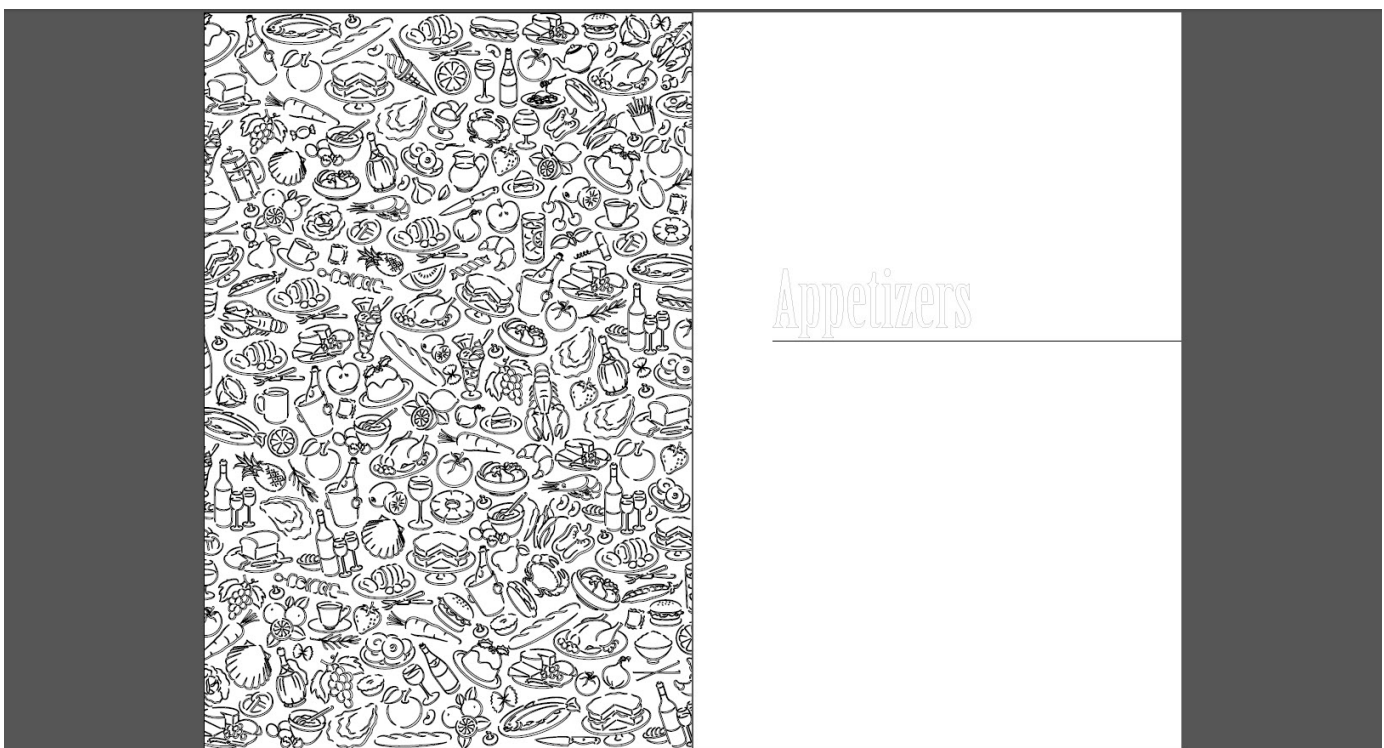
Online Previewer:**Vector Graphics**

Vector graphics in bleed files follow the same rules as images. Each graphic must either extend to the bleed edge or fall inside the margins. In the example below, the **Normal View** shows a graphic on the left-hand page, and a divider page showing the start of a new book section on the right-hand page. The **Wireframe View** shows the food image as a vector object because you can see the outline of each graphic that makes up the image. This means Online Previewer will check each vector object individually instead of as one single graphic. For this reason, Online Previewer fails many segments of the vector graphic for being outside the margins but not bleeding far enough to the outside edge. Keep this in mind if you are designing a file with bleeding vector objects. You may need to convert the vector objects to a high-resolution raster image or images in order to pass the automated print checks.

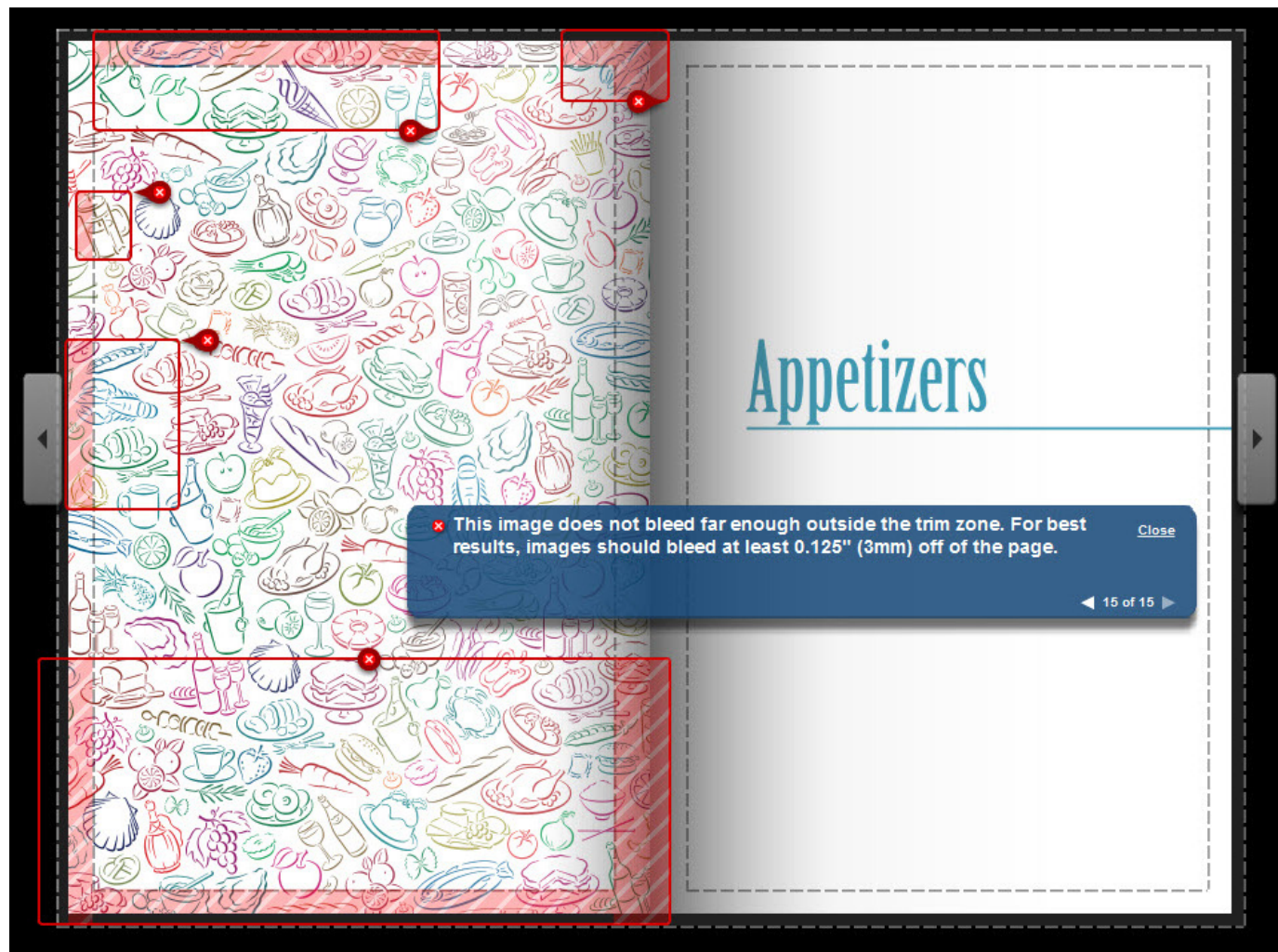
Normal View:



Wireframe View:



Online Previewer:



Book Cover

If you're uploading your own cover file, upload as one continuous image including a front cover, back cover, and spine. Set for your selected paperback trim size and page count with the appropriate amount of bleed.

Calculating Cover Size

Spine Calculation

To format your paperback cover, you'll first need to calculate spine width.

To find spine width for black ink books:

- White paper: multiply page count by 0.002252" (0.0572 mm)
- Cream paper: multiply page count by 0.0025" (0.0635 mm)

To find spine width for color ink books:

- Multiply page count by 0.002347" (0.0596 mm)

Every book will vary slightly when bound. Allow for 0.0625" (1.6 mm) variance on either side of the fold lines for your cover. For example, if your spine width is 1" (25.4 mm), your text should be no wider than 0.875" (22.2 mm). Because of this variance, cover designs with spines that have hard edges or lines that end on the fold line may experience some wrapping to the front or back cover.'

Insert spine width, selected trim size width and height, and the 0.125" (3 mm) bleed requirement into the following equations to find your cover size:

Cover Width

Cover Width = Bleed + Back Cover Width + Spine Width + Front Cover Width + Bleed

Cover Height

Cover Height = Bleed + Trim Height + Bleed

Example:

300-page 6" x 9" (15.24 x 22.86 cm) trim size black ink paperback printed on white paper:

300 (pages) x 0.002252" (spine multiplier) = 0.6756" (spine width)

300 (pages) x 0.0572 mm (spine multiplier) = 17.16 mm (spine width)

Cover Width = 0.125" (bleed) + 6" (trim width) + 0.6756" (spine width) + 6" (trim width) + 0.125" (bleed) = 12.9256"

Cover Width = 3 mm (bleed) + 15.24 cm (trim width) + 17.16 mm (spine width) + 15.24 cm (trim width) + 3 mm (bleed) = 32.8 cm

Cover Height = 0.125" (bleed) + 9" (trim height) + 0.125" (bleed) = 9.25"

Cover Height = 3 mm (bleed) + 22.86 cm (trim height) + 3 mm (bleed) = 23.46 cm

Live Graphics Safe Zone

KDP requires a minimum 0.25" (6.4 mm) margin from the bleed line for all live elements to ensure content is not cut off during printing. Text and graphics for reading must appear inside the safe zone. We allow ascenders, descenders, edges of text, and text as design elements to bleed to the edges of the cover file as long as the text within the safe zone is still legible.

Calculating Spine Text Size

Spine text and spine logos must have at least a 0.0625" (1.6 mm) margin of space on either side, so text prints on the spine and doesn't wrap onto the cover. To determine spine text size:

Spine Text Size = Spine Width – Left Spine Margin – Right Spine Margin

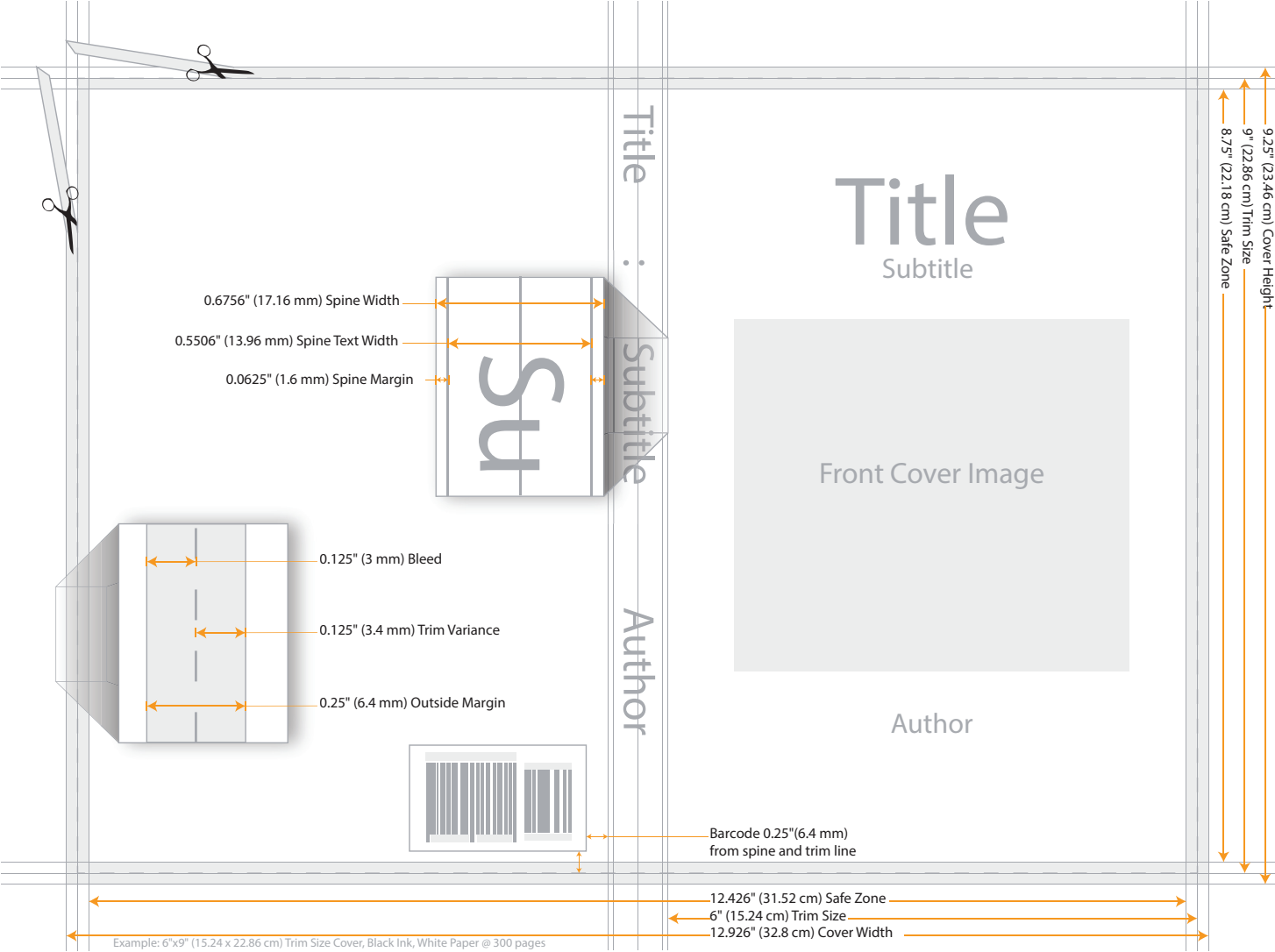
Example:

300-page black ink paperback printed on white paper:

Spine Text Size = 0.6756" (spine width) – 0.0625" (margin) – 0.0625" (margin) = 0.5506"

Spine Text Size = 17.16 mm (spine width) – 1.6 mm (margin) – 1.6 mm (margin) = 13.96 mm

Left-to-Right Reading Books Cover Layout



Right-to-Left Reading Books Cover Layout

