

Pink (Safe) Area

All text, important images, logos and the barcode should all remain inside the pink area. This area lies 0.125" (3mm) inside of the fold lines (to each side of the spine and flaps) and outside of the trim lines. This area is completely safe from being wrapped or trimmed when the book is produced. ***For the best results on the front and back covers, LS recommends keeping text an additional 0.125" (3 mm) inside of the pink safety boxes (for a full 0.25" / 6 mm safety).**

Blue (Bleed) Area

The bleed area is the area which extends 0.125" (3mm) beyond the trim lines, an area inside of and to the sides of the spine and a 0.25" (6mm) strip that connects the front and back covers to the dust jacket flaps. All background color / images should extend throughout these areas. Please note that any important images and text within the blue areas are at risk of being folded or trimmed.

White (Template) Area

The template area also contains trim marks, fold marks and book size and spine width information. **Please leave all elements outside of the pink and blue areas unaltered.**

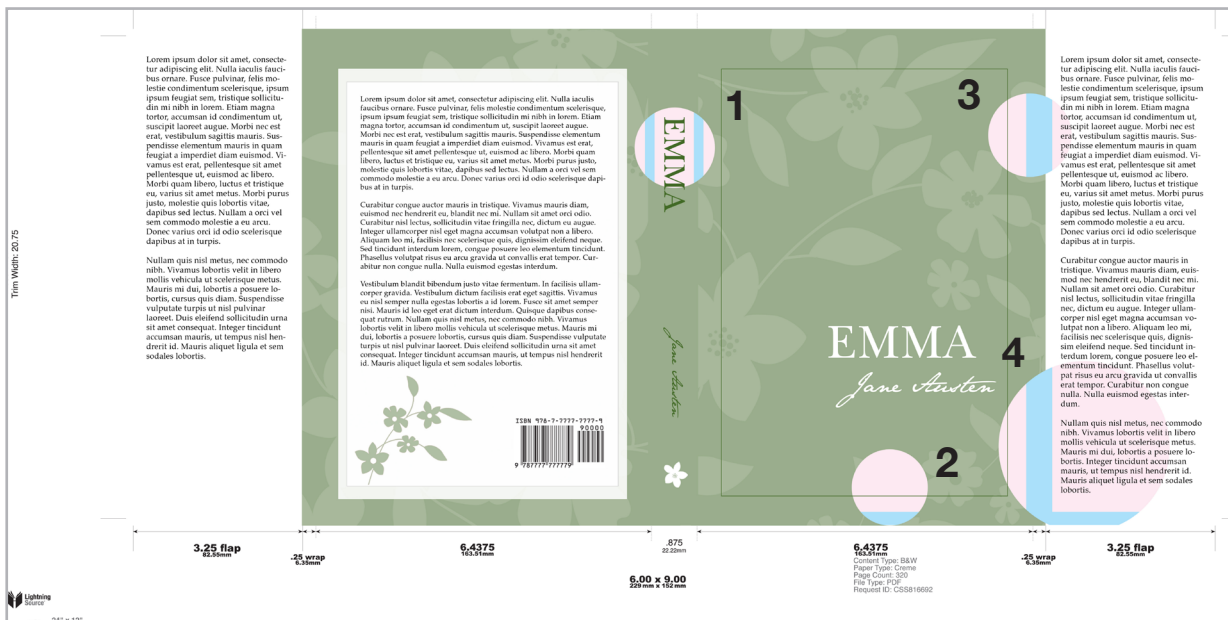
Barcode Placement

The barcode may be moved to any location within the pink area of the back cover. The barcode is a live element within InDesign templates but part of the overall image if using a PDF or EPS. Depending on the software used, when using the PDF or EPS template the barcode can be copied and pasted onto a new layer with the appropriate tools.

Template Size

Templates are created and distributed at a specific size. This size is listed at the bottom left of the template and should remain at that size when opening, designing upon and creating a PDF from. Additional crop marks and/or additional canvas size should not be added.

Pink and blue boxes must be completely covered when cover is submitted.



Additional information about using a template

1) Spine safety area

If the cover has a spine width greater than 0.35" (9 mm), the spine safety is 0.0625" (2.00mm). If the spine width is less than 0.35" (9 mm) the spine safety is 0.0325" (1 mm). The pink box presented on the template will reflect the correct safety size.

2) Bleed elements

Elements needing to go to the edge of the cover should be taken beyond the pink safety area and onto the far edge of the blue bleed area. To bleed covers on the side of the front and back covers take the bleed elements through the wrap area to the line that designates the end of the wrap. Any elements that are not to be trimmed need to remain in the pink safety area.

3) Borders and straight lines

Lightning Source does not recommend using borders close to the trim / fold area of the books. This is because of the slight variances that may occur during the printing and binding process. If you choose to use a border please keep all straight edges an additional 0.125" (3 mm) inside of the pink safety areas.

4) Flap Area

Dust jackets have an additional 3.25" (82.55mm) area that wraps around the hardcover book. This area contains the same safety requirements as the rest of the cover with the addition on a 0.25" (6mm) wrap area between the front/back covers and flaps.

