

First page of the template - Outside Cover

Second page of the template - Inside Cover

Pink (Safe) Area

All text, important images, logos and the barcode should all remain inside the pink area. This area lies 0.125" (3 mm) inside of the trim area and spine fold area and is safe from being trimmed / wrapped 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" (3 mm) beyond the trim lines and on each side of the spine. All background color / images should extend throughout this area. Please note that any important images and text within the blue areas are at risk of being trimmed or caught within the fold.

White (Template) Area

The template area also contains trim marks, fold marks, book size and spine width information and a barcode for internal use. 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.

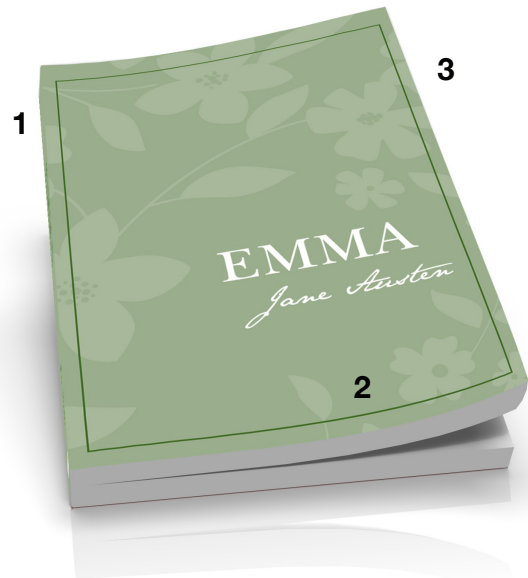
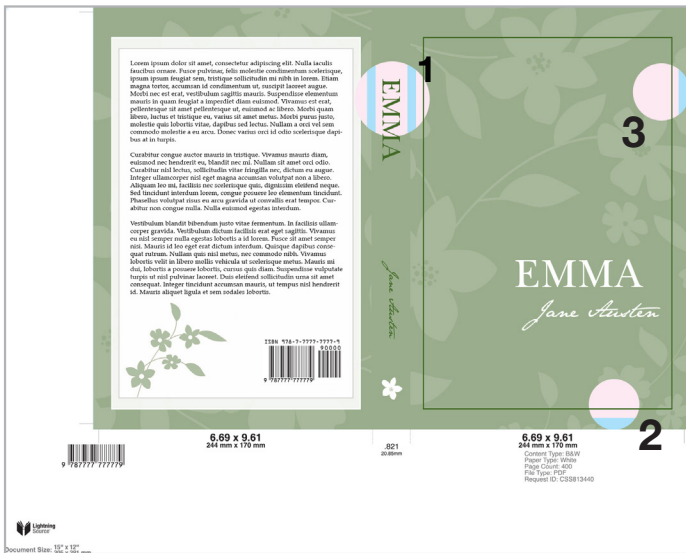
Template Size

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.

No Ink Area - Inside Spine

For the inside cover, the spine area and .0625" (2mm) on each side of the spine must be white and contain no color. This will allow for proper adhesion when the book is produced. Lightning Source reserves the right to place a white, no-ink area over the inside spine if color is present.

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 mm). If the spine width is less than 0.35" (9 mm) the spine safety is 0.0325" (1mm). The pink box presented on the template will reflect the correct safety size. Books with a page count below 48 pages cannot contain spine text.

2) Bleed elements

Elements needing to go to the edge of the cover should be taken beyond the pink safety area and to the far edge of the blue bleed area. All nonbleed elements 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 areas 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) No Ink - Inside Spine

To allow for proper adhesion when the book is bound, the inside spine area and .0625" (2mm) on each side of the spine must be white and contain no color. Lightning Source reserves the right to place a white, no-ink area over the inside spine if color is present.

