

BLEED AND SAFE ZONE | HOUSE TEMPLATE CHECK

The exact file size depends on the product.

Use the current 55printing template. Extend the background past the trim. Keep text, logos, faces, and codes inside the safe area. Do not drag one edge of the art to close a gap.

0.05 in

Card and postcard bleed per side

0.125 in

Flyer bleed per side

300 ppi

Close-view print reference

House measurements checked October 27, 2026

Product	Final trim	File with bleed	Bleed/side	Tolerance
Business card	3.5" x 2"	3.6" x 2.1"	0.05"	0.1"
Postcard	4" x 6"	4.1" x 6.1"	0.05"	0.1"
Flyer	8.5" x 11"	8.625" x 11.125"	0.125"	0.125"

The five-step extension

1. Confirm the product, size, shape, and template.
2. Set the file to the size WITH bleed.
3. Extend the background proportionally or fill only the new border.
4. Keep text and codes inside the safe area.
5. Export the PDF and inspect all four edges.

The stop rule

If the subject changes shape, the new edge is a failure. Scale from a corner with proportions locked, mirror a safe background, or use a deliberate content-aware fill. Never pull one side of a photo or logo.

A proof is the final edge check.

Open the exported PDF at full size. Check the trim, the new bleed area, the safe zone, spelling, the phone number, the URL, the QR destination, and the image edges before you approve.

TOOL STEPS | EXTEND, DO NOT STRETCH

Extend the edge, not the subject.

These steps follow the current Canva help page and Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator guidance checked for this article. The product template still controls the exact measurements.

CANVA

1. File > Settings > Show print bleed.
2. Scale the background from a corner with proportions locked, or extend it deliberately.
3. Keep text and logos out of the dashed bleed area.
4. Download > PDF Print > Crop marks and bleed.

PHOTOSHOP

1. Image > Canvas Size.
2. Select Relative and add twice the bleed to width and height.
3. Fill the new area with Generative Fill, Clone Stamp, or a mirrored edge.
4. Export a print PDF and inspect the edges.

ILLUSTRATOR OR INDESIGN

1. File > Document Setup and enter the bleed from the product template.
2. A red boundary appears around the artboard. Drag the background art out to it.
3. In Illustrator, Print Bleed can generate a vector continuation. Preview the variations and check for invented objects.
4. Export the PDF with Use Document Bleed Settings or the equivalent bleed option.

Final edge check

- Product and finished size match.
- File size includes the template bleed.
- Background reaches every edge.
- Text, logo, face, and QR are inside the safe area.
- No one-edge stretch or oval circles.
- New edge has no seams or repeated objects.
- Spelling, phone, URL, and QR destination are correct.
- Exported PDF opens at full size.

Free review path

The File Uploader accepts a print-ready PDF at 300 dpi with bleed when the product requires it. It also accepts AI, PSD, JPG, PNG, TIFF, JXL, and Microsoft Office documents. Ask for a free file review in the notes. The live page says most reviews are completed within one business day.

The free PDF proof is the approval checkpoint. Production starts after you approve. If the proofing option says Print As-Is or No Proof, the human review step is skipped.

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