

Guidelines and Tips

All Custom Media is at Your Expense

With the wide variety of media types it is impossible for us to know how different media might perform. Therefore, you should approach printing on your own paper prepared for additional printing cost that may be required to produce the desired result.

Paper vs. Plastic

Any fiber-based material that will accept ink should work. Plastics (like mylar) or other material that will not accept ink needs to be specially treated to be usable on an inkjet printer. Different types of media have different properties. If using a material for the first time you should consider doing some testing.

For media that has been specially treated for inkjet printing (i.e. printable mylar or glossy) please note to the A&AA Output Room operator which side should be used.

Always Purchase Extra Media

Custom paper is not part of our standard workflow. Adjustments may be necessary to complete your project. Be prepared for reprints that may be needed.

Sheet vs. Roll

If the paper you are considering is available as a roll, consider leaving it as a roll rather than cutting sheets. As sheets, if there is a problem, the entire sheet must be tossed. As a roll, if a problem is noticed the print can be canceled and only the amount of paper before the problem is noticed will be wasted.

Margins

Allow for the minimum non-printable margins when designing. Failure to take into account the non-printable area can cause undesirable results (shifting, clipping, rotation, and others). See the chart for minimum margin settings.

Creating a File for Custom Paper

Document Size and Margins

When creating your document for a custom paper job, it is important to note that the digital file you create should not be the same size as your sheet or roll. Simply leaving "white space" as the margins does not work.

Please note the minimum and maximum dimensions allowed for sheets and rolls before you purchase your media.

SUPPORTED PAPER/MINIMUM MARGINS

(Canon IPF8000)

Supported Paper Size

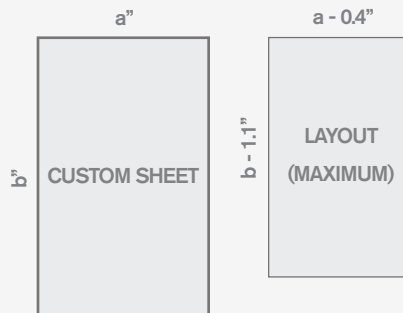
	Sheet	Roll
Minimum Width	8 inches	10 inches
Maximum Width	44 inches	44 inches
Minimum Length	10 inches	10 inches
Maximum Length	63 inches	59 feet

Minimum Margins

	Sheet	Roll
Trailing edge	0.90 inches	0.90 inches
Side margins	0.20 inches	0.20 inches
Leading edge	0.20 inches	0.20 inches

Layout Setup for Sheets

1. Know the exact dimensions of the sheet you are using. Measure it, or be aware of the sizes available.
2. Subtract 0.4" from the shorter dimension, and 1.1" from the longer dimension. These new values are the maximum printable area for a given custom sheet.
3. Create a layout or document that has these new dimensions or smaller. You can design all the way to the edge of this layout or document.



Layout Setup for Rolls

1. Know the width of the roll you are purchasing. Common widths are 24", 36", and 42".
2. Decide on the dimensions of your poster. One dimension must be at least 0.4" less than the width of your roll. You can design all the way to the edge of this layout or document.
3. Add 6" to the dimension of your layout that does not align with the width of the roll. This new value is the minimum length of media you must purchase.

