

## Bob PDF to Book User guide

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The Bob PDF to Book solution allows you to design your Bob Books photobook using Adobe InDesign and then upload your PDFs to order your book. To make sure you get it right the first time, please read through the information below.

### Overview

There are 5 basic steps to designing and ordering your Bob PDF to Book.

1. Download and install the Bob PDF to Book software on your computer available for windows and OS X. Please note the latest version of Java is required.
2. Select cover type, paper type, book size and number of pages. Once you launch the corresponding cover and content template Adobe InDesign opens up. Please note version CS4 or higher is required.
3. Create your layout in InDesign
4. Export your cover and content PDFs using the Bob Books PDF presets that have been installed already during the installation of the Bob PDF to Book software.
5. Upload your finished PDFs (cover + content files) and follow the checkout.

### Recommendations

- To be sure that your PDF meets the production requirements, we recommend that you use the Bob PDF to Book Software, which provides you with InDesign Templates and Bob Books PDF presets.
- To achieve the best quality results you should work in sRGB colour mode.
- Do not use any spot colours especially no user-defined ones. More information on spot colours you'll find in our FAQ's.
- The Bob Books PDF presets will convert your documents to the required PDF standard (version 1.3, RGB colour mode, text fonts embedded). Please do not make any changes to the Bob Books PDF presets.
- All images used in your book should have a resolution equal 300-360dpi. Lower resolutions down to 90dpi will be accepted, e.g. images from mobile phones. Images with very low resolution may cause the files to fail pre-flight tests.
- Do not use/set any cut marks when designing your book - they might be printed and shown in your book.

### Product information

Using the Bob PDF to Book solution, you can create hardback and paperback Bob Books with our digitally printed paper, or our lay-flat photographic paper. There are some important differences between these two papers.

#### 1. Digital Print (hardback and paperback)

- These books are printed using top of the range digital printers and perfect bound.
- You can choose between classic paper, gloss-coated and matte finished paper.
- Cover types are hardback and paperback.
- We recommend that you design this book in RGB or sRGB colour space only.
- Digitally printed books can contain up to max. 178 pages.

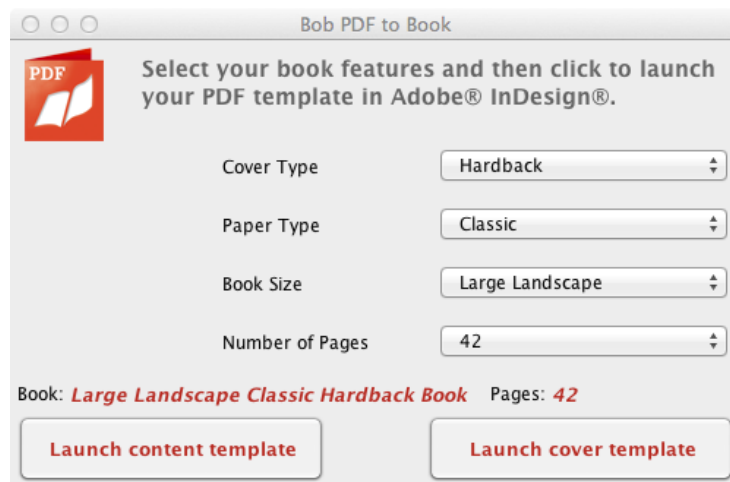
#### 2. Photographic Paper (hardback)

- These books are printed using RGB silver halide printing on lustre, matte or gloss photographic paper with lay-flat binding.
- We recommend that you design this book in RGB or sRGB colour space only.
- Photographic paper books can contain up to 114 pages.

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## Launching cover and content templates with the Bob PDF to Book software

You will need to create two PDFs for your book. One PDF for your book content/inner pages and one PDF for your cover. Select cover type, paper type, book size and number of pages. Then launch the corresponding cover and content template in InDesign.



- **Content templates:** All of our hardback books contain a minimum of 26 content pages. You can increase the number of pages in your book in groups of 4 pages. The maximum number of available pages in your book will depend on the size of your book and the paper type. Simply select the page templates for the type of book you wish to make.
- **Cover templates:** The width of the spine of your cover will depend on the number of pages in your book and also the type of paper used. To select the correct cover template for your book, you ideally select first the number of content pages of your book.

## Working with templates

Once you have launched your templates, it's time to design your book.

- You can use images, vectors graphics and text throughout your book.
- Remember to ensure your image files are print quality (ideally 300dpi).
- Your content pages template has a minimum of 26 pages. If you wish to have more pages, you can directly launch a template with the equivalent page number. Or, if you want to increase the number of pages during the layout process, you can add more pages in groups of 4 pages up to the maximum allowed for your book type. For more information on max. page numbers for each format please visit <http://www.bobbbooks.co.uk>
- The first content page of your book will be a single page on the right; the last page in your book will be a single page on the left.
- The templates include an info layer detailing the bleed, final size (trim box) and recommended design areas. The info layer is not activated for printing and will not appear in your PDF respectively printed in your book.

**Bleed:** The red frame on the outside of the design area is the bleed. Objects that are supposed to obtain full bleed, must be positioned so that they reach the outer edge of the bleed zone, e.g. background objects.

**Final size (trim box):** The final size or trim box is defined by the edge between the red and grey boxes. The cutting position can vary from this within a production tolerance of 3mm.

**Design Area:** To ensure that text or important parts of your design are not cut, please check that they fall within the white placeholder within the recommended design area. Objects within the grey area are placed close to the edge and may not be fully visible on the printed book. The darkly grey coloured box on the cover gives a preview of the crease zone.

- With all our hardback books the content pages have a 3mm bleed and the cover has a 10mm bleed.
- Fonts must be embedded as a complete typeset or transformed to vector curves. When you apply the Bob Books preset, the fonts will be embedded correctly.

## Colour Management

A calibrated screen is the basis for a reliable colour reproduction. To match your screen as closely as possible with our prints, we recommend a gamma value of 2.2 and D65 light condition. For a very basic calibration you can use standard tools on your computer like the calibration assistant under your screen settings. Here, you can adjust your screen in contrast and lightness. For a precise calibration, there are measurement tools available (hardware and software, e.g. from xrite or baslCColor).

Due to the different technologies the gamuts of photographic and digital printers are different. Please note that there are colours on your screen that cannot be reproduced on the print. In the production, ICC output profiles make sure that you get the optimum colour from each printing system that is as close to the original colour as possible.

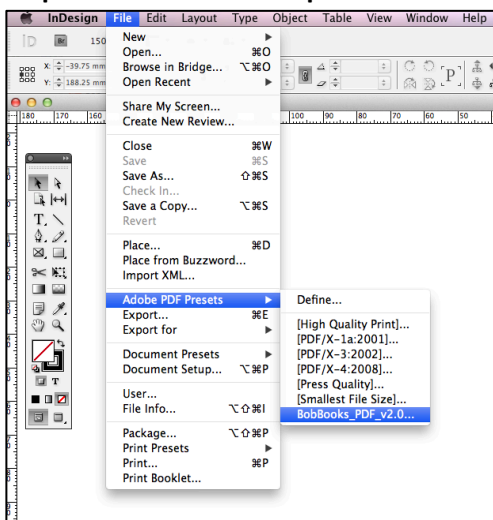
The standard working colour space of the lab is sRGB that is the best colour mode for photographic printers.

Using the presets BobBooks\_PDF.joboptions you make sure to create PDFs in the working colour space of the lab. RGB images from your camera don't have to be converted. You are also free to insert images in other RGB colour spaces like AdobeRGB. The presets will make sure that all objects are converted to sRGB.

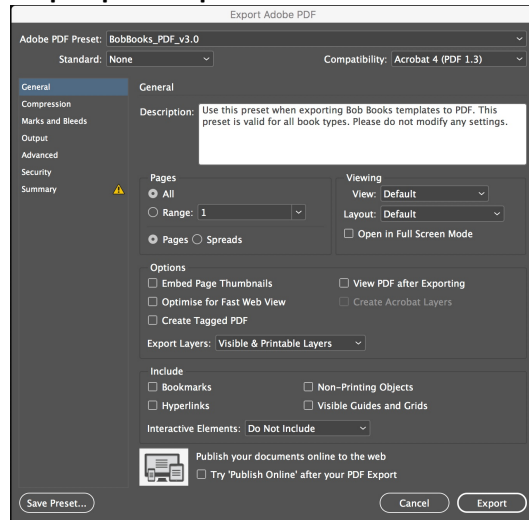
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### Step 1: select Bob Books presets

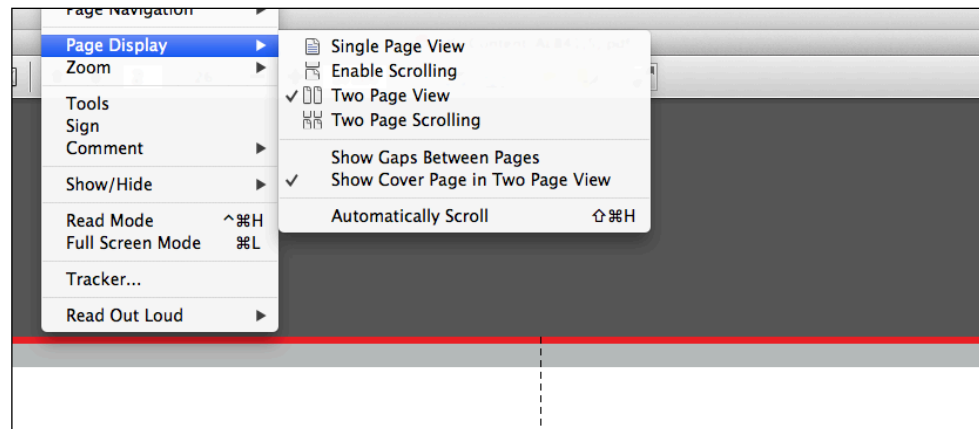


### Step 2: press Export to create PDF



## Checking your PDF

After the PDF export, check your PDF in Adobe Acrobat Professional or Adobe Acrobat Reader. The setting *Show cover page in two page view* has to be activated to have page one on the right and to have a correct view of your double pages.



- Check that your cover and content documents match. Ensure that they are for the same product and paper type.
- Check the correct positioning of all objects.
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- Check that the content PDF has the correct number of pages and that the cover PDF has the correct spine width for that number of pages.

## Uploading your PDF

When your files are ready, go to the PDF upload area on the Bob Books website [here](#):

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