## Oregon Lithoprints Document Layout Guidelines

In this document we have tried to give you general guidelines for setting up and then submitting a document. Documents can be set up in several different formats: Book (page 2), Tabloid (page 3), Broadsheet (page 4), Digest (page 5). This is not meant to be a complete guide to document creation but a very general guide. *If you have any questions please feel free to contact us and we would be glad to assist you. Contact the Prepress Manager at: chadfield@oregonlitho.com* 

## **General Guidelines**

1. Use the following pages to determine your document setup: finished trim size or finished folded size, margins and bleeds (when necessary).

2. When building a Book layout, your final page count should be divisible by 4 and 8 being the smallest page count, e.g., 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 32. When building a Tab layout your page count should be divisable by 4, e.g., 4, 8, 12, 16. On a Standard layout, the page count needs to be divisable by 2 and on a Digest, divisable by 8. Always submit in Readers spreads (1,2,3...) versus Printers spread (1-16, 2-15....).

3. If you're using spot or process color in your document, use the Separations Preview within InDesign to verify colors are "breaking out" properly. You must turn Separations Preview "On" to view the separations. (Example 1) If you're printing spot color, all elements on the page must print on either the spot color separation or the black separation. Use the "Pantone solid uncoated" library when selecting spot colors. Contact us for the list of Pantone colors we keep in stock. Extra charges may be incurred for colors not in stock.

4. If your project prints in process colors only (CMYK) convert all spot colors to Process before making the final PDF for submitting to us. Double click on the Swatch color in the Swatches pallet to open the Swatch Options. (Example 2) You can also use the Ink Manager in the Swatches pallet (fly-out menu). Select "All Spots to Process".

5. Images should be in the Grayscale color mode if printing Spot or Black only. They should be in the CMYK color mode if printing process color. This is typically done in Photoshop and you can download the color settings file (.csf) from our website: http://www.oregonlitho.com/resources/prepress\_assistance/prepress\_assistance.html.

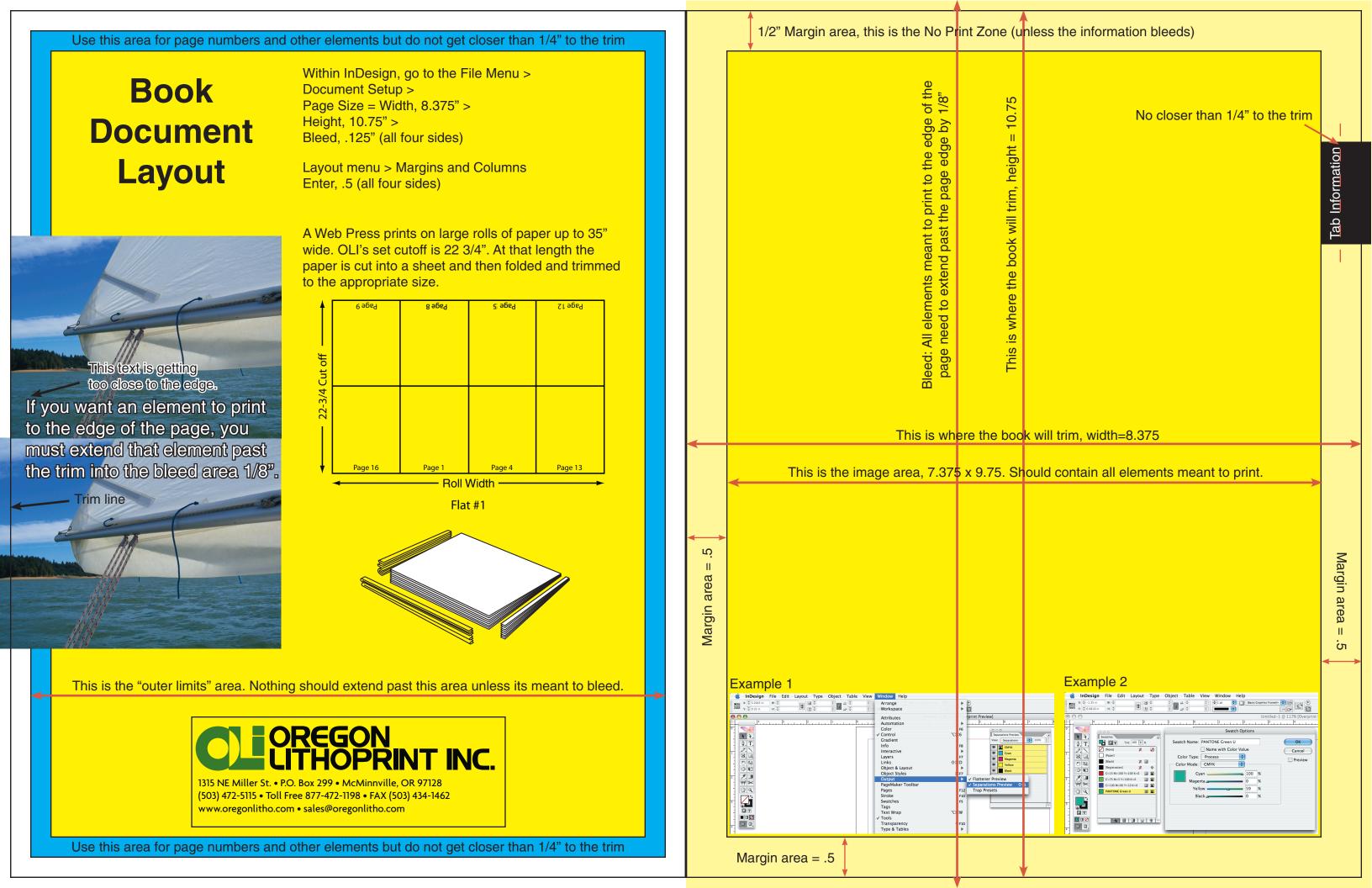
6. When preparing your document, take into consideration the mechanical tolerances of a Cold-set Web Press. I'm referring to what we call "web growth". When the paper passes through the units of the press, it stretches a very small amount. This causes misregistration issues. We make adjustments to allow for this stretch, but there are design elements that can be more difficult to compensate for. Particularly colorized text building out of process color and white text knocking out of elements using more then two of the process colors. When using these types of elements, try and use only 2 of the process colors and maybe a small amount of a third, 12pt or greater, sanserif font. Watch out for text elements using all four of the process colors (CMYK), it would not be possible to keep this type of text in registration on the press. (Example 3)

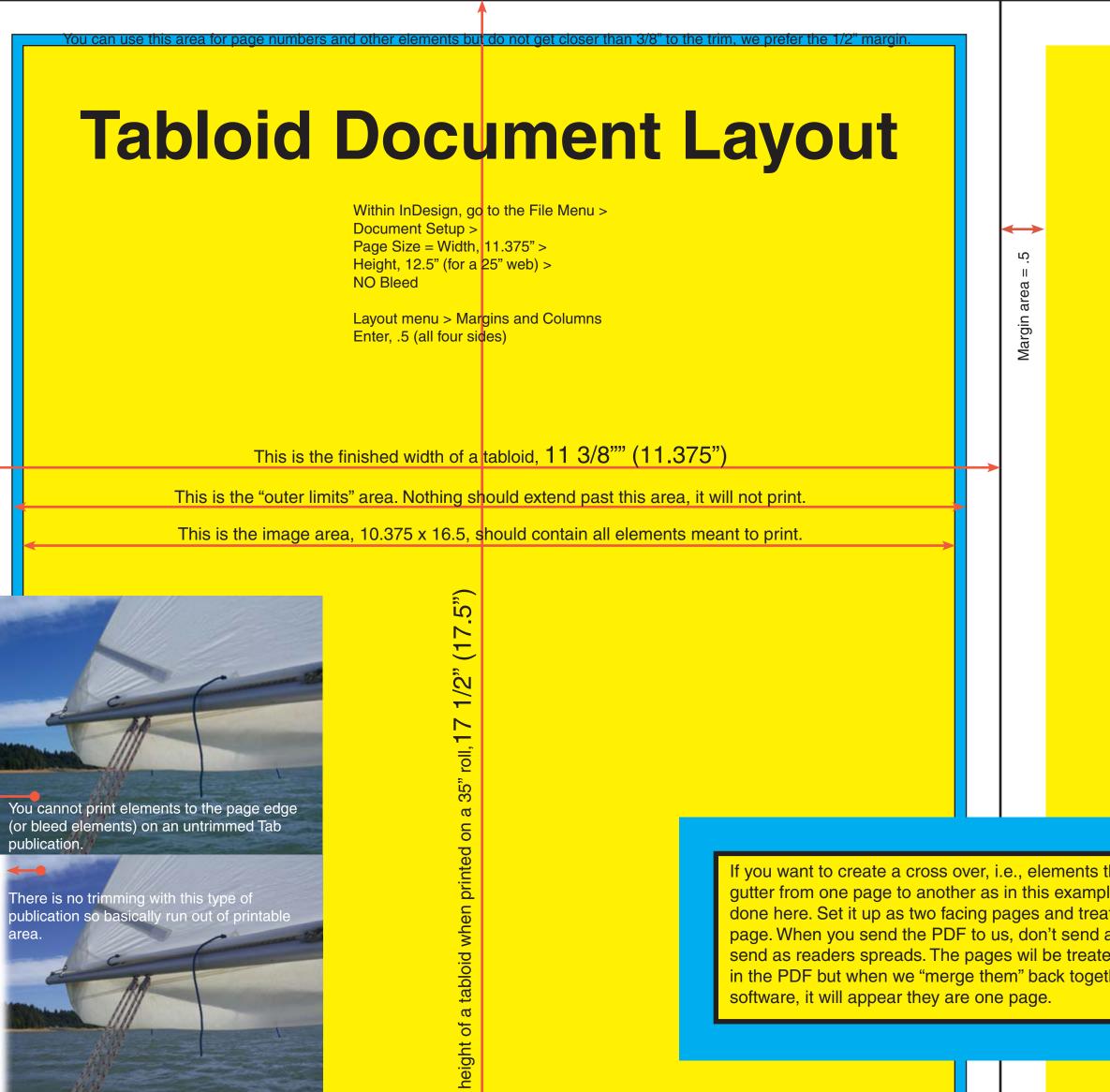
7. If you're using InDesign as your layout program, we would prefer you send a PDF as your final output file format. You can also send an InDesign "Package" along with a PDF. You can download the "Adobe PDF Preset" to use in InDesign that optimizes the PDF settings for our workflow. Download this file at: http://www.oregonlitho.com/ resources/prepress\_assistance/prepress\_assistance.html

8. Naming conventions: Name your file so we know the project it's associated with. If sending multiple files, add the page numbers to the name. Your document may be processed by different applications running on various operating systems to get imposed and output on film or plate. Each operating system or application has its own rules that file names should adhere to. By sticking to the lowest common denominator, you avoid problems with files that get renamed or cannot be read. Use filenames that are no longer than 25 characters and stick to the standard 26 characters of the alphabet and numerals from 0 to 9. Use an underscore instead of a space if you want to separate words in a filename. Never ever start or end filenames with a space or put slashes (/), backslashes (\) or ':' in filenames. Avoid putting more than one period (a '.') in a filename.

9. Once your project is completed we ask that you supply us with the needed information using our online tools. You can go to: http://www.oregonlitho.com/servicecenter/oli\_work\_order.html, and fill out the required fields. You can also attach the files needed for the project. At the bottom of the form, hit the Submit button and your information will be sent to our Message Center. It's just that easy!

10. If you need to send just the files you can go to: http://www.oregonlitho.com/servicecenter/send\_file.html, and send just the file.





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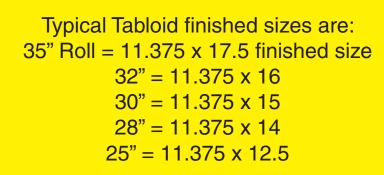
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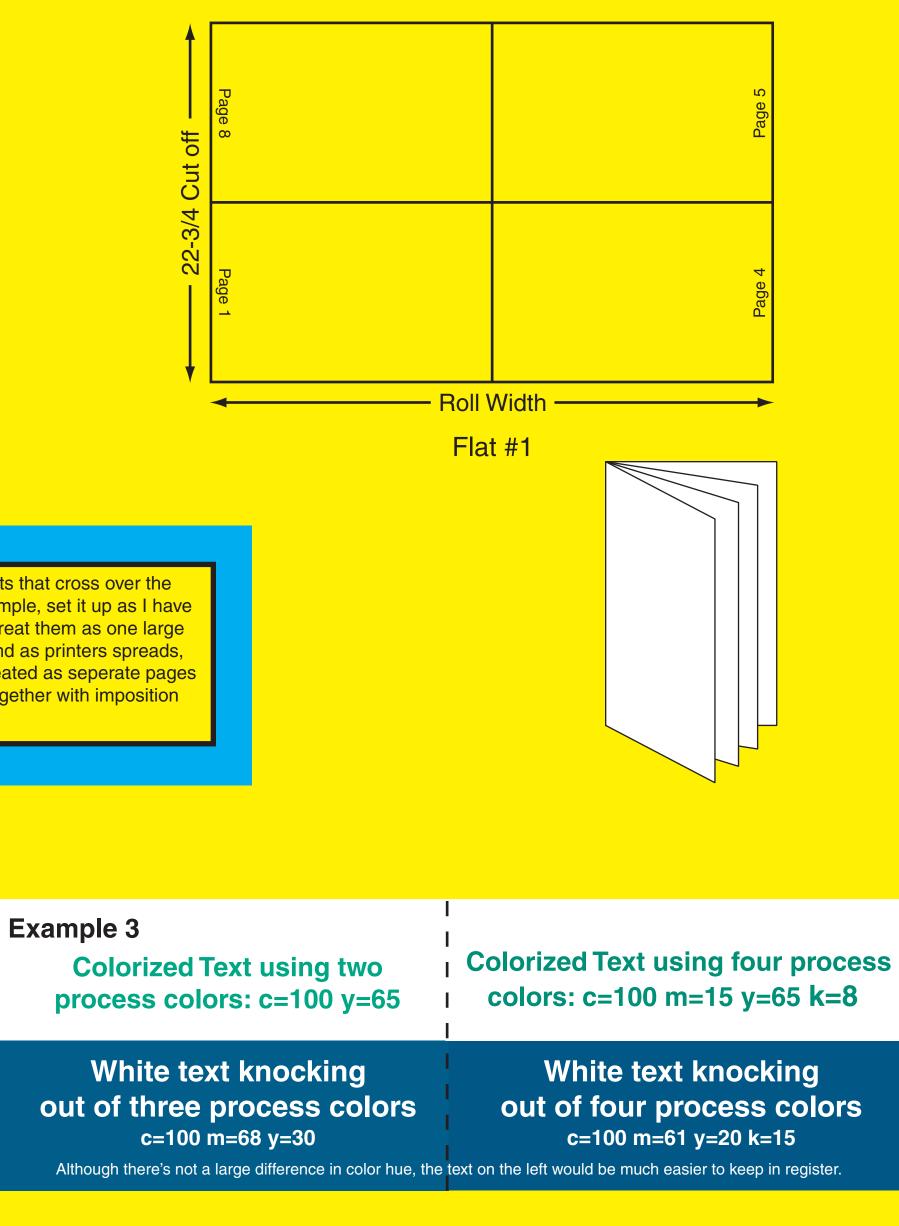
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The height dimension of a Tabloid document will change according to the roll width.





## **Broadsheet Document Layout**

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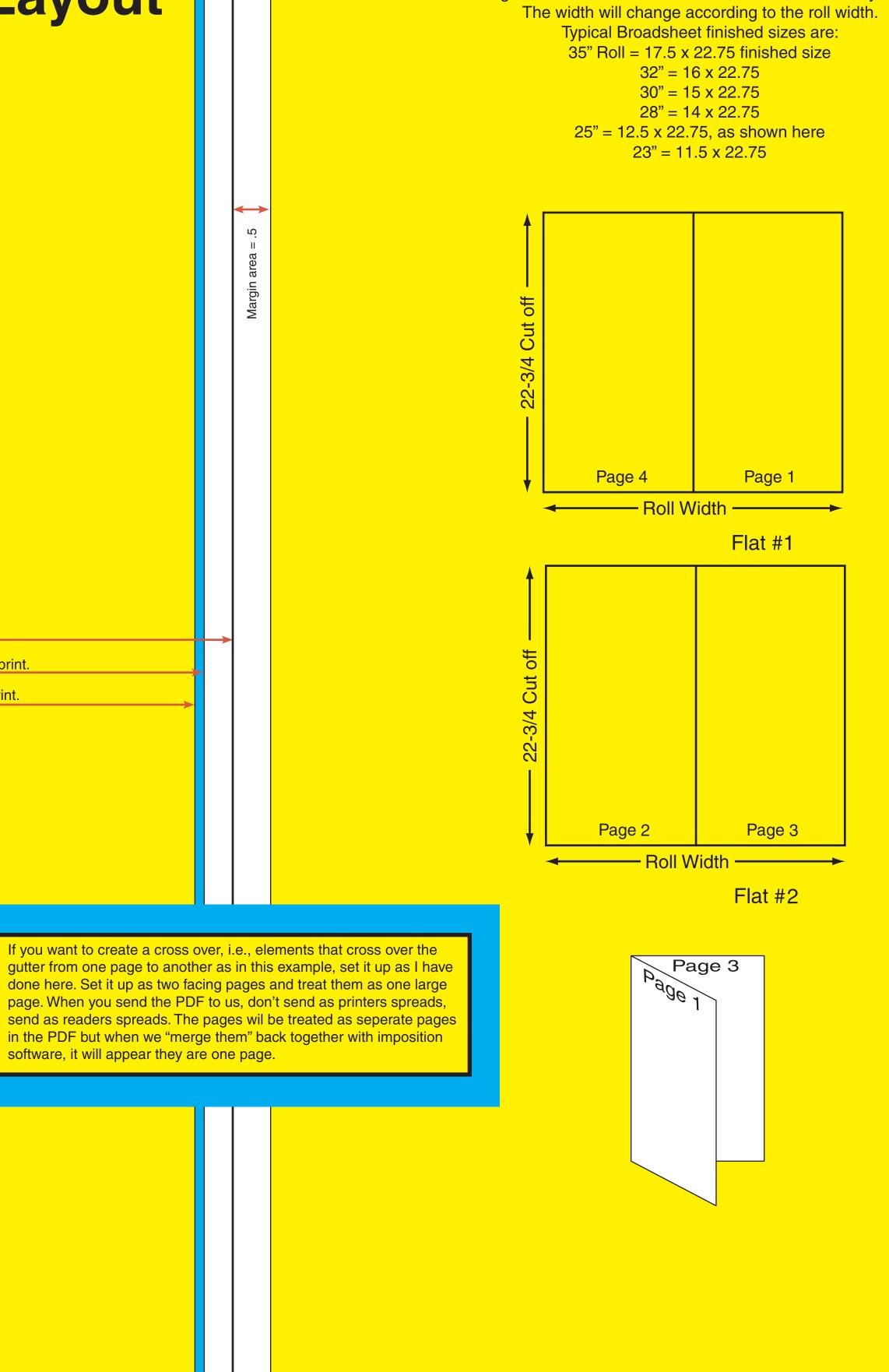
This is the finished width of a Standard on a 25" roll, 12 1/2 (12.5)

This is the "outer limits" area. Nothing should extend past this area, it will not print.

This is the image area, 11.5 x 21.75, should contain all elements meant to print.

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The height dimension of a Broadsheet document will always be 22.75

Margin area = .5

