

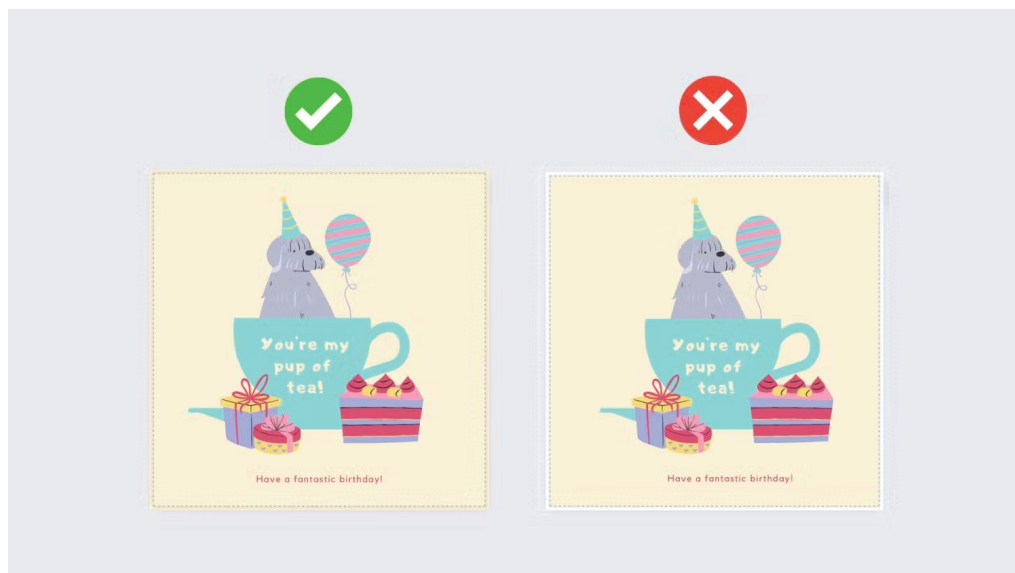
## How to save print-ready files on

# Canva

### Bleed

Avoid white gaps when printing to the edge of the paper or card:

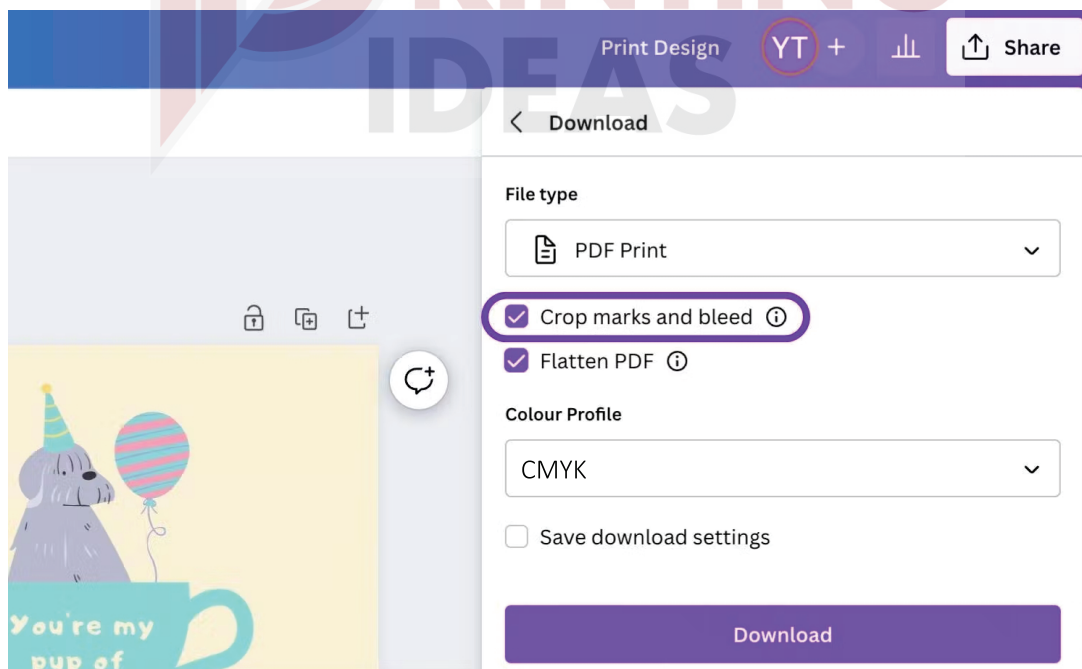
1. Create or open an existing design.
2. From the menu above the editor, click **File**.
3. Select **Show print bleed**. A border of broken lines will appear close to the edges of your design. This margin is fixed and cannot be adjusted.
4. If you see white gaps around the design edges, resize or stretch your background to cover them. Stretch elements (that you don't mind being cut) around the edges as well.



## Crop marks

Add crop marks when downloading your design for printing to mark where to trim the paper:

1. Add bleed to your design (see the previous section).
2. On the editor menu bar, click **Share**.
3. Click **Download**.
4. On the file type dropdown, select **PDF Print**.
5. Click **Crop marks and bleed** to tick the checkbox.
6. Click **Flatten PDF**
7. On the color profile dropdown, select **CMYK**.
6. Click **Download** or **Pay and download**.



### Why are bleed and crop marks important?

If your PDF has edge-to-edge printing, then you need bleed. This means the image should be slightly larger than the finished page size so that when we trim to the crop marks, we will cut through the image so that the printing actually prints edge to edge. Without bleed, your page/cover/document will have a white border all of the way around and the color will not print to the edge of the sheet.