

How to save print-ready files on

Canva

Bleeds

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

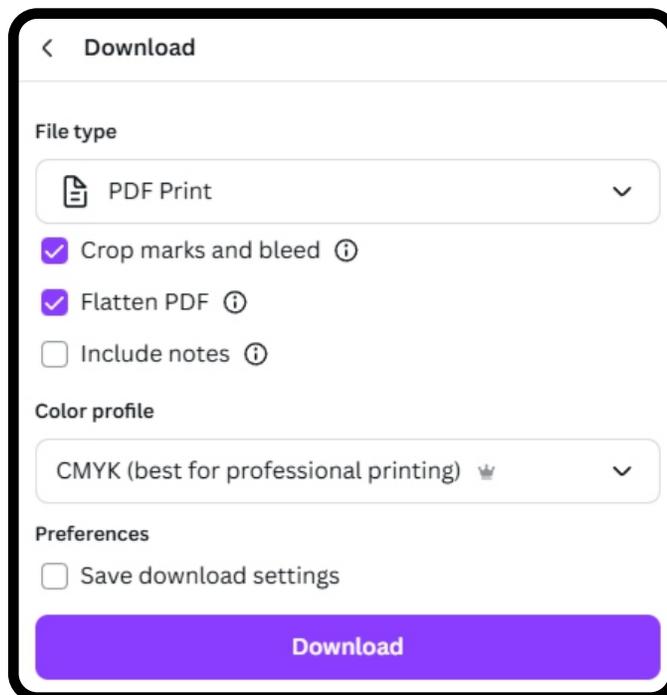
1. Create or open an existing design.
2. From the menu above the editor, click **File**.
3. Select **Show print bleed**. A border of broken lines will appear close to the edges of your design. This margin is fixed and cannot be adjusted.
4. If you see white gaps around the design edges, resize or stretch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



Adding Crop Marks & Bleeds to your PDF file in Canva

Add crop marks and bleeds when downloading your design for printing to:

1. Add bleed to your design (see the previous section).
2. At the top Right menu bar, click **Share**.
3. Click **Download**.
4. On the file type dropdown menu, select **PDF Print**.
5. **Check the Crop marks and bleed box.**
6. **Check the Flatten PDF box.**
7. On the color profile dropdown, select **CMYK** (if you have the Pro version). If not, just select **RGB**.
8. Click **Download**. **Email your file to web@printingideas.com**



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.