

# Print Data for Custom Stickers - Step-by-Step Tutorials

For CorelDRAW 2024 and Adobe Illustrator CC 2022

## 1. Set up your document correctly

- File > New
- Primary Color Mode: CMYK
- Resolution: 300 dpi
- Document size with 3 mm bleed on each side
- Example: 50x50 mm sticker -> page size: 56x56 mm
- Alternative: Tools > Options > Document > Bleed
- Use ISO Coated v2 300% color profile

## 2. Create your design

- Design text, logos, images
- Maintain 3 mm safety margin
- Convert text to curves: Ctrl + Q or right-click > Convert to Curves
- Ensure images are 300 dpi

## 3. Add special effects layers

- Open Object Manager (Window > Objects) > Add New Layer
- Name: WHITE, GLOSS, HOLO
- Copy design to same position on new layer
- Fill: 100% K (black)
- Palette Editor: Add Color > CMYK > Name (e.g. GLOSS) > Spot Color
- Assign Spot Color, enable Overprint Fill / Outline (Object menu)
- Check via View > Simulate Overprint

#### **4. Add the CutContour**

- Top layer: CutContour
- Draw closed vector path
- Stroke only (no fill)
- Color: 100% Magenta
- Create Spot Color named CutContour
- Stroke: 0.2 pt or Hairline
- Enable Overprint Outline

#### **5. Export as PDF**

- File > Publish to PDF
- PDF/X-1a or PDF/X-4
- Settings: no trim marks, include 3 mm bleed
- Preserve Overprints, do not convert spot colors
- Convert all text to curves

# Adobe Illustrator CC 2022 Tutorial

## 1. Create the document

- File > New
- Preset: Print (CMYK)
- Set size and 3 mm bleed
- Advanced: Raster Effects: High (300 ppi)

## 2. Build your design

- Create artwork
- Convert text: Type > Create Outlines or Shift + Ctrl + O
- Check images: 300 dpi
- Keep content 3 mm inside trim

## 3. Create Spot Color layers

- Layers panel: new top layer (e.g. GLOSS, WHITE)
- Copy design to new layer
- Fill: 100% K
- Swatches panel: New Swatch > Name > Spot Color > CMYK
- Assign swatch, open Window > Attributes > check Overprint
- Check in Separations Preview

## 4. Add the CutContour

- Top layer: CutContour
- Draw closed vector path (Pen or Shape Tool)
- Stroke only, no fill
- Create Spot Color: Name = CutContour, Color = 100% Magenta

- Stroke width: 0.25 pt
- Enable Overprint Stroke (Attributes)

## **5. Export your PDF**

- File > Save As > Adobe PDF
- Preset: PDF/X-4:2010 or PDF/X-1a
- Marks and Bleeds: No marks, use document bleed
- Output: No color conversion, preserve spot colors
- Advanced: High Resolution (if PDF/X-1a), create layers if needed