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

For CorelDRAW 2024 and Adobe Illustrator CC 2022

## CorelDRAW 2024 Tutorial

### 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: 50×50 mm sticker → page size: 56×56 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