ONE-PAGE REFERENCE

Setting up your file for print — Illustrator

A quick reference for preparing print-ready artwork in Adobe Illustrator.

01 Set Up Your Document

Document size. Set your artboard to the final trim size (e.g., 3.5" x 2").

Color mode. Select CMYK so printed colors match your screen as closely as possible.

Add bleed. Set bleed to 0.125" on all sides and extend background artwork to the outer bleed line.

02 Prepare Graphics and Text

Image resolution. Use only images at 300 DPI or higher at the size placed, for crisp, sharp results.

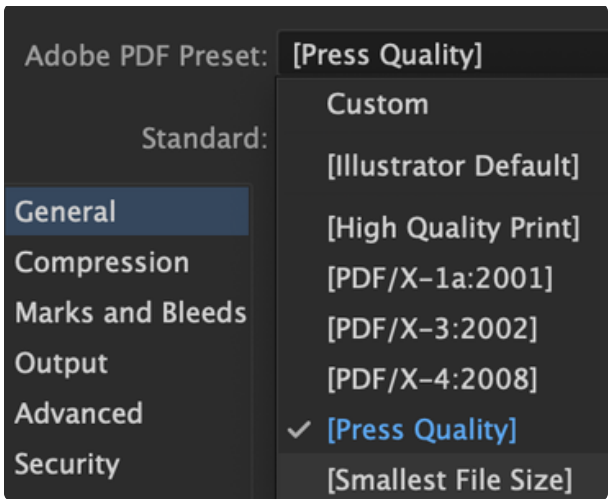
Outline fonts. Select > Object > All Text Objects, then Type > Create Outlines — or package the file to include all links and fonts.

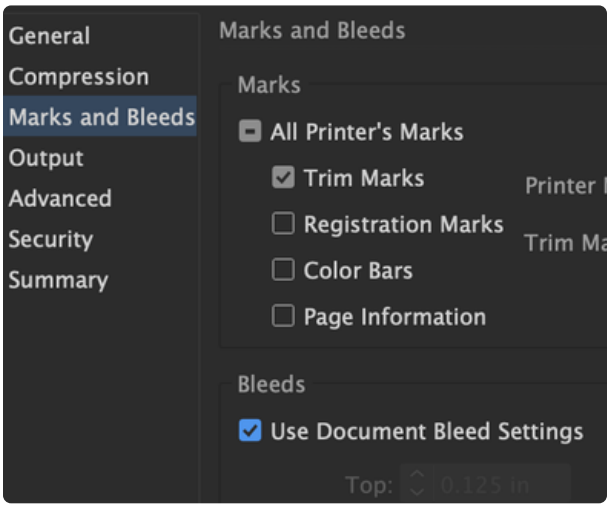
03 Save the File as a Print-Ready PDF

Go to File > Save a Copy or File > Save As, and choose the Adobe PDF (Print) format.

In the PDF settings, select the **Press Quality** preset.

Under Marks and Bleeds, check **Trim Marks** and **Use Document Bleed Settings**.





RESULT

This creates a high-quality PDF that's ready for professional printing.