

Making your Dieline Template

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- Set up your Die-line file in Illustrator.
- Make the design which has color, pattern and/or images and type one layer, and make the cut-lines, fold lines and any perforated lines on another layer, above your design layer. The bleed line should be on the design layer.
A bleed line is a line which appears 1/8 to 1/4 inch out from the cut line. Any color or patten or picture which appears to go to the edge of the piece should go beyond the edge in the mechanical file (your Illustrator file), to the bleed line.
- Make the cut line a different color so it will stand out, (green, unless green predominates in your design, then choose another color, maybe magenta or purple) the bleed line should be red. All folds and perforated lines use can be in the same color as the cut lines (green).
- Fold lines/dotted lines can be easily accessed through Illustrator's decorative brushes.
- Make it clear where the glue should go.

Here is a web site with simple yet fairly thorough directions you may follow on making a Die-line for a package design.

<http://www.claytowne.com/beats-digging-ditches/dieline-tutorial-how-to-create-a-diel-ine-for-your-product-package-design/>

Your final package version must be finalized in the form of a die-line,as if it were to be mass-manufactured.