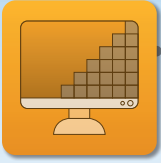# File recommendations

Resolution

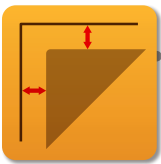The resolution of the image must be 300 dpi (dots per inch).

Format

Preferably, always choose to save your files as PDF.

Cutting lines

Please do not activate the cut lines and marker points when saving your files.

Bleed zone

When creating your files, add 3 mm of bleed on each side of the image.

Example :   If the final size of a card is 88x63mm, prepare a 94x69mm file.

Colour profile

We use the CMYK **Coated Fogra 39** profile.
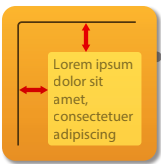Tip : To achieve a deep black color, dial it to :
                80% cyan - 50% magenta - 50% yellow - 100% black

Text Vectorization

When your file contains text, be sure to always vectorize it.

Text placement

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Be sure not to place any text within 3mm of the edges of your final format.

Example :   If the final size of a card is 88x63mm, the text should be in an area of 80x55mm.
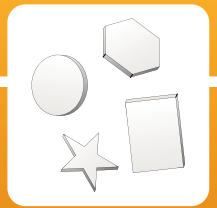
File weight

Files that are too large can cause problems when printed.
Here are some additional tips to avoid overloading your images:

1. Do not save files with pixelated images in Illustrator or Inkscape;
2. Flatten layers in your design software;
3. Uncheck the «Preserve editing features» option if you are using Photoshop;
4. If saving as a PDF will make your file heavy, choose a high quality JPEG file;
5. If your file is still too heavy, reduce the size of your document to scale.

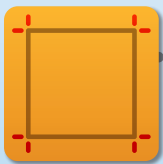# Punches

Prerequisites

- All basic recommendations apply to the punches.

Bleed Zone

When creating your Punch files, add at least 3 mm of bleed to each element to be cut.

Example : If the size of one of your tiles is 20x20 mm, prepare a **26x26** mm image.

Useful surface

You can place your cuttable elements in a perimeter of **430x300 mm** maximum.

Note : We can print your punch on a larger surface for an additional fee.
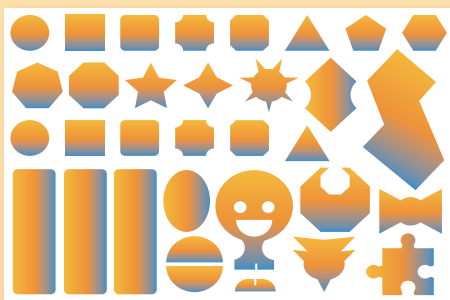
Diecut

To know how to cut your punches, we need a special file that tells us the lines that our machine must follow. This file will have to be made of **vector paths** (created on Adobe Illustrator or Inkscape) with **an outline but no background**.
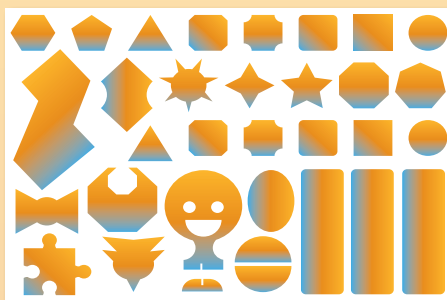
To make your tiles and tokens, we need **three** PDF files: one containing the **front side(s)** of the punches, another containing the **back side(s)** and a third containing the **cutting lines** of your images.

Warning : To check if your cut lines match on the front and back, place the cut lines normally on the front and apply vertical symmetry for the back.
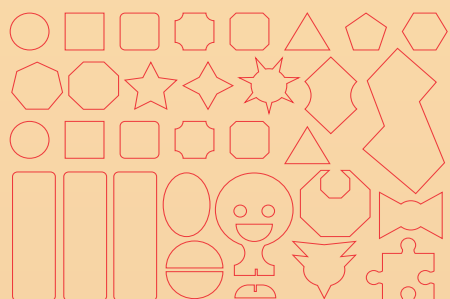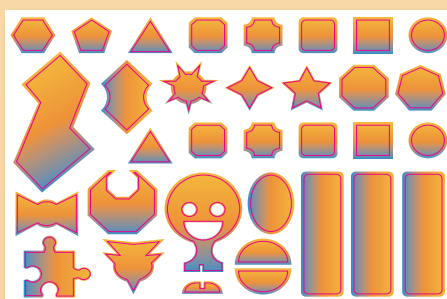
Example of Punch files

front.pdf

front.pdf

- 3 mm bleed around the cut line ✓
- 300 dpi resolution ✓
- Recorded in CMYK Fogra 39 ✓
- Vectorized text ✓
- No text within 3 mm of the edge ✓
- Included in a surface of 430x300 mm ✓

front diecut.pdf

Once assembled

Valid File ! 👍