

“How should I set up my artwork that requires diecutting?”

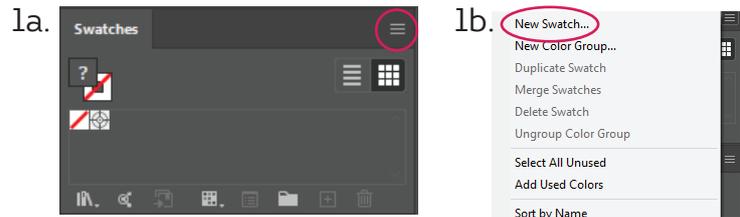


What is a 'dieline'?

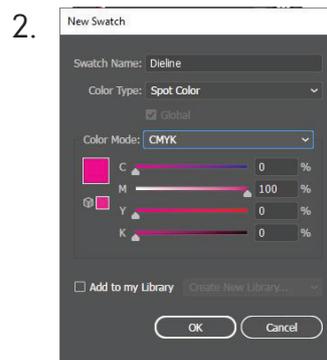
A dieline serves as a template that ensures proper layout for a printed product. It is a diagram that shows all the cut lines and folds in a flattened form. They are also used for envelopes, pocket folders and more. There are a few steps toward creating proper, accurate die lines for items such as Presentation Folders or Packaging. Below will guide you through this process

How to setup a 'Dieline'

1. Create a new Swatch colour,
 - a. Click the menu within the swatches palette,
 - b. Click 'New Swatch...'



2. Set up the 'Dieline' Spot Colour
 - Set the Swatch Name to 'Dieline'
 - Set the Colour Type to Spot Colour
 - Set the Colour Mode to CMYK
 - Set Cyan (C), Yellow (Y) & Black (K) to 0% and Magenta (M) to 100%
 - Click OK

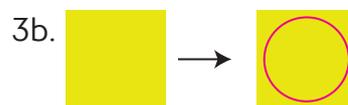


- 3a. This colour will now appear in the swatch palette.
- 3b. Add the 'Dieline' Spot Colour as a stroke to what you would like to be cut out

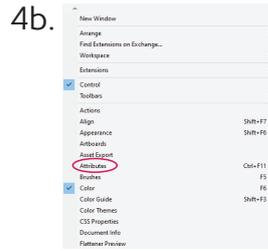


NOTE: A dieline should be a stroke, it should not be outlined/expanded

- 3c. The colour window will display "Dieline" at 100%.

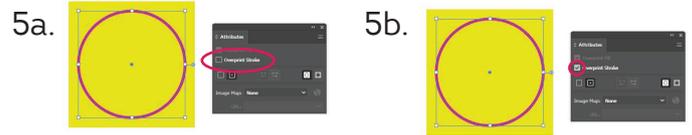


4. Once you have set paths you would like to be cut to the 'Dieline' Spot Colour, open 'Attributes' (4b), which is under the Window menu (4a).



5. The 'Attributes' menu will appear.

- a. Select the paths with the Spot Colour 'Dieline'
- b. Set them to Overprint Fill

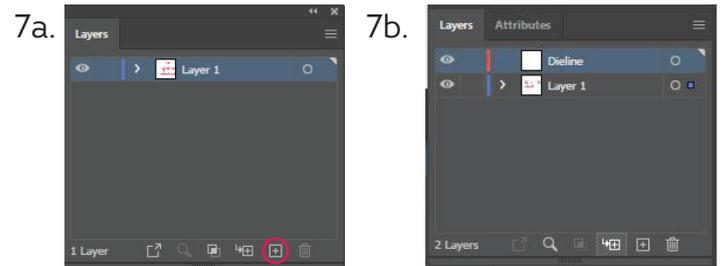


6. Next, put them on a separate layer. This can be done by;

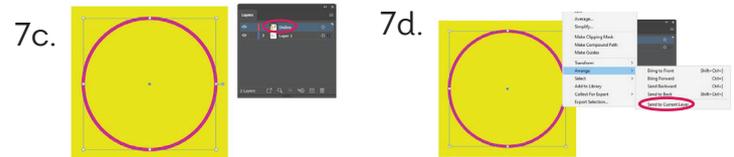
Opening 'Layers' (6b), which is under the Window menu (6a).



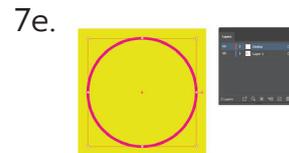
- 7a. Create a new layer by clicking the + within the box
- b. Double click the layer to rename it to 'Dieline'
- c. Select the paths with the Spot Colour 'Dieline', then click the 'Dieline' layer within the tab
- d. Right click the path, then move the mouse over 'Arrange', then click 'Send to Current Layer'.



e. This will move the path to the 'Dieline' Layer, you will notice if this has worked as the colour of the outer ring when the object is selected has changed colour.



NOTE: A cut line is solid, a crease/fold line should be a dashed line (see below)



If you're having trouble with this, we here at Revolution Print are here to help. You can email or call us to chat with someone who can help you get your setup correct!

**A friendly reminder:
A dieline is used for specific cuts and folds.
It should be a 100% Magenta Spot Colour.
It should be a stroke, not be outlined/expanded**

