How to use our design templates

Flags, table covers, event tents, and fabric displays are cut and sewn to a pattern, so your artwork has to be built inside the matching template. Follow these steps and your file will print exactly as you designed it.

WHICH FILE TO DOWNLOAD

- **PDF** – open in Adobe Illustrator (or Affinity Designer, CorelDRAW, Inkscape). Best for logos and vector artwork.
- **PSD** – open in Adobe Photoshop (or Affinity Photo). Best for photo-heavy designs.
- Pick the template for the exact **size and side option** you are ordering. If you are unsure, check the product page or ask us before you start.

STEP BY STEP

1. Open the template. You will see a **Template** layer with the shape, safe zone, and instructions, and an empty **ARTWORK HERE** layer.
2. Place your design on the **ARTWORK HERE** layer only. Do not move, scale, or edit the template shape, mask, or artboard.
3. Fill the whole shape, all the way to the outer bleed line. Backgrounds that stop short will leave a white edge after sewing.
4. Keep logos, text, and anything important **inside the safe zone** (the inner dashed line). For flags, stay at least 2 inches from every edge so nothing is lost in the hem.
5. Convert live text to outlines (Illustrator: `Type → Create Outlines`) and embed all placed images.
6. **Hide or delete the Template layer** so the guides and instructions do not print.
7. Export at the template's original dimensions. Do not resize the artboard or canvas.
   - Illustrator: `Save As → PDF`, preset *High Quality Print*, single page.
   - Photoshop: flatten, then `Save As → JPEG` (quality 12) or `Photoshop PDF`.
8. Upload the exported file on the product page when you add the item to your cart, or reply to your order confirmation email with the file attached.

Before you export, remove everything you do not want printed.

Hidden layers, template guides, safe-zone boxes, and instruction text all print if they are left in the file. Anything outside the outer bleed line is trimmed off.

FILE REQUIREMENTS

Format

Flattened single-page PDF or JPEG. Same dimensions as the template.

Resolution

150 dpi at final size for photos and raster art. Vector art can be any resolution.

Color

CMYK. Convert Pantone, spot, and RGB colors to CMYK first – they may shift or print incorrectly otherwise.

Size limit

300 MB per file. Larger files: send a Drive, Dropbox, or WeTransfer link.

- Flatten all transparencies, gradients, effects, swatches, and symbols. Rasterize compound paths used for transparency.
- Files made in InDesign should be flattened in Illustrator or Photoshop and exported as JPEG.
- Do not add crop marks or extra bleed – the template already includes the bleed we need.
- Double-sided products: submit one file per side unless the template shows both sides together.

TABLE COVERS AND THROWS

Table cover templates show the top, front, and drape panels laid flat. Each panel is labeled so you can see where your logo will land once the cover is on the table.

1. Choose **3-sided (open back)** or **4-sided (closed back)** to match the option you are ordering, in the right table length (4 ft, 6 ft, or 8 ft). Stretch covers have their own template.
2. Put your main logo in the **FRONT – Safe Viewable Area**. Anything placed outside that box on the front panel wraps around the corners or drapes under the table.
3. Set a background color or pattern across the entire template so every panel matches. Extend it past the shape to the bleed edge.
4. Hide the Template layer, then export as described above. Keep the file at the template's full size – table covers are printed at 1:1.

FLAGS

- Each flag shape (feather angled, feather convex, teardrop, rectangle, econo) and size has its own template. Choose **single sided print-thru**, **print-thru reverse**, or **double sided** to match your order.
- The pole sleeve runs along the straight edge. Do not put important content over the sleeve area shown on the template.
- Double-sided templates show both sides; mirror or repeat your design so text reads correctly from each side.

EVENT TENTS, WALLS, AND DISPLAYS

- Tent canopy templates are one peak per file. Repeat the file for each peak, or send different files if each side has different art.
- Tent wall and display templates (tension fabric, velcro pop-up, podium, fabric stand) mark the visible area once the graphic is stretched on the frame. Keep text inside it.
- Some large templates are built at 1:2 scale – the template notes will say so. Build at that scale and do not enlarge the artboard.

PANEL JOBS

For oversized graphics printed in panels, include at least a **1 inch overlap** on each panel edge. Tell us the panel order in your order notes.

Questions about a template or your file? Email **hello@anaheimprints.com** or call **(949) 464-5025**, Mon–Fri 9 AM–5 PM. We preflight every file before printing and will reach out if something needs a fix. Free templates and the latest version of this guide: **anaheimprints.com/design-templates**