

Moving to Lulu

Ready to take control of your content and sell directly to your fans? Yeah, you are!

This short checklist will help you prepare your book files to publish and sell using Lulu.

Step 1 – Get Your Original Files

You'll need the original files you used to publish so you can prepare them for Lulu.

Download or request your files (*DOCX, INDD, or other editable files*)

Find your copyright page (*see Step 2*)

Check your page size (*see Step 3*)

Step 2 – Update Your Book's Metadata

This will be a new edition of your book, which will mean updating your metadata to match. Find your Copyright page and make the following updates.

Update your ISBN with an unused one (*that you own or free from Lulu*)—each format you publish will require a unique ISBN.

Add both the first edition copyright year and the latest edition copyright year.

You will also need the following information for publishing:

Title and subtitle

Contributors

Description

1-3 [BISAC](#) categories

Step 3 – Prepare Your Book's Files

To prepare your Interior File:

Use the [Lulu Pricing Calculator](#) to download interior and cover file templates

Use the interior template to resize your interior file

Export a flattened, font-embedded PDF (see file specs below)

To prepare your Cover File:

Use the cover template to verify your cover's dimensions and spine placement

Update the ISBN barcode to use your new ISBN

You can use Lulu's free cover creator to design a new cover.

Interior File Specifications

- Single page layout
- Embedded images are 300 PPI resolution minimum, not exceeding 600 PPI resolution
- All fonts are embedded
- Transparent layers are flattened
- Pages sized to match the intended trim size:
 - Trim Size = 6 x 9 in/152.4 x 228.6 mm
 - Page Size = 6.25 x 9.25 in/158.75 x 234.95 mm
- A minimum 0.5 in/12.7 mm Safety Margin
- A minimum 0.2 in/2.08 mm Gutter Margin
- Do NOT include trim, bleed, or margin lines
- Do NOT use any security/password file protection

Cover File Specifications

- Embedded images are 300 PPI resolution minimum, not exceeding 600 PPI resolution
- All fonts are embedded
- Transparent layers are flattened
- Spine sized to match intended book size
- Include 0.125 in/3.175 mm Bleed Margin
- A minimum 0.5 in/12.7 mm Safety Margin
- Do NOT include trim, bleed, or margin lines
- Do NOT use any security/password file protection

Step 4 – Publishing Your Book

With your updated metadata and prepared PDFs, go to [Lulu.com](https://lulu.com) to publish.

Create or log into your free Lulu account

Select [Create a Project](#)

Follow the steps to add your information and upload your files

Lulu Product Specifications

Lulu prints books using standard sizes, paper, binding types, ink, and cover finishes. Other self-publishing platforms may have slightly different specifications.

To publish on Lulu, you'll select from the following specs.

Book size*:

- 4.25 x 6.875 in | 108 x 175 mm
- 5.5 x 8.5 in | 140 x 216 mm
- 5.83 x 8.27 in | 148 x 210 mm
- 6 x 9 in | 152 x 229 mm
- 6.14 x 9.21 in | 156 x 234 mm
- 6.63 x 10.25 in | 168 x 260 mm
- 7 x 10 in | 178 x 254 mm
- 7.44 x 9.68 in | 189 x 246 mm
- 7.5 x 7.5 in | 190 x 190 mm
- 8.27 x 11.69 in | 210 x 297 mm
- 8.5 x 11 in | 216 x 279 mm
- 8.5 x 8.5 in | 216 x 216 mm
- 9 x 7 in | 229 x 178 mm
- 11 x 8.5 in | 279 x 216 mm
- 11.69 x 8.27 in | 297 x 210 mm
- 11 x 8.5 in | 279 x 216 mm
- 5 x 8 in | 127 x 203 mm

Paper types:

- 60# Cream | Uncoated
- 60# White | Uncoated
- 80# White | Coated

Binding types:

- Paperback Perfect Bound
- Paperback Coil Bound
- Paperback Saddle Stitch
- Hardcover Casewrap
- Hardcover Linen Wrap

Ink types:

- Standard Black & White
- Premium Black & White
- Standard Color
- Premium Color

Cover finish:

- Glossy
- Matte

*Please note that these are the final trim sizes; your print files will include a bleed margin.