

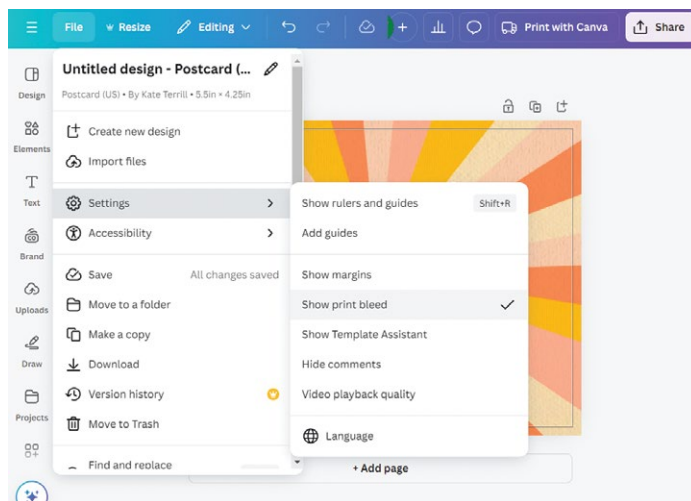
# HOW TO GET A PRESS-READY PDF FROM CANVA: A Step-by-Step Guide

When it comes to printing professionally, sending a print-ready PDF is crucial. If you're using Canva to create designs, following these steps will ensure your file is ready for the press and save you both time and money.

## Step 1: Set the Correct Dimensions and Bleed

Before you start designing, make sure you set your file to the correct dimensions. Here's how:

- Go to the "Custom Size" option in Canva and input your required size to make a new document.
- Enable bleed by clicking on "File" then "Settings" and selecting "Show Print Bleed." This will ensure your design extends slightly beyond the edge for a clean cut.



## Step 2: Embed Fonts and Graphics

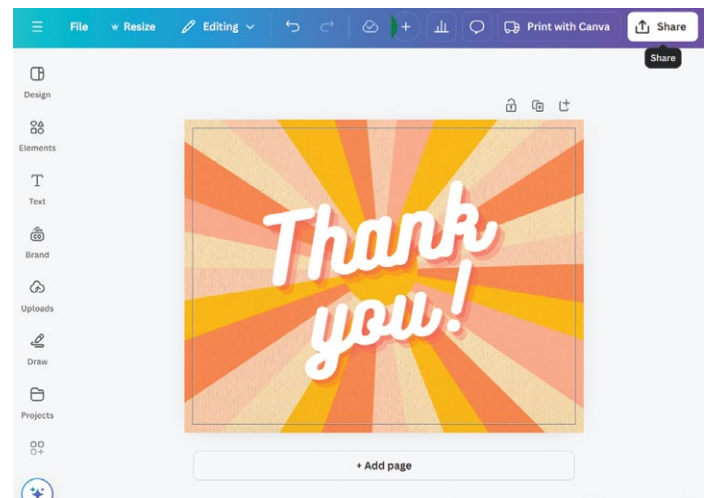
To avoid issues with missing fonts or blurry images:

- Make sure any fonts or graphics you use in Canva are either uploaded at high resolution or are Canva-provided assets.
- Avoid using very thin fonts or intricate details, which may not print clearly.

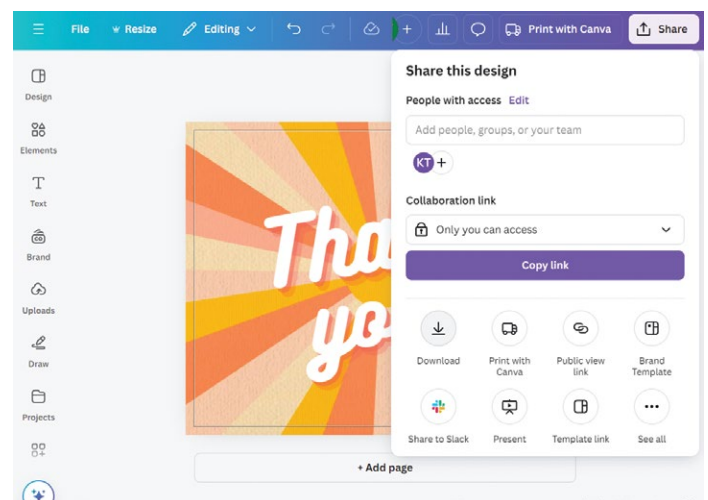
## Step 3: Export as a Print-Ready PDF

Once your design is complete:

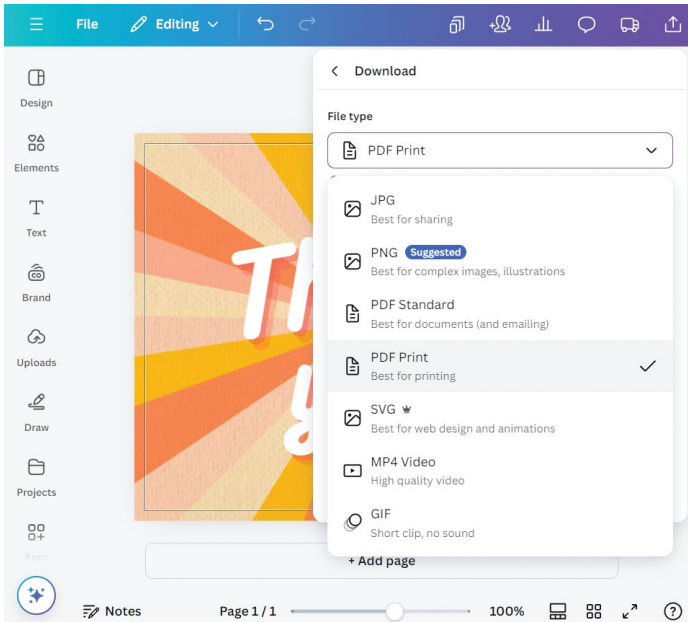
- Click "Share" in the upper right corner.



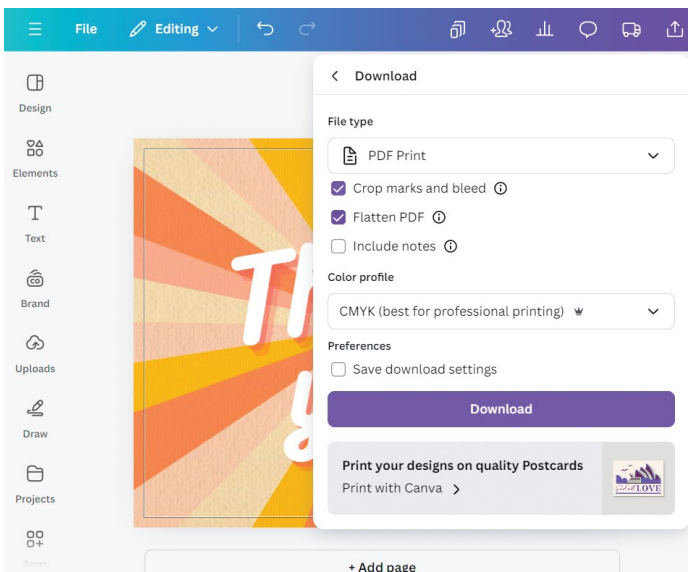
Then select, "Download".



Under "File Type," choose "PDF Print."



- Click the boxes for both "Crop Marks and Bleed" and "Flatten PDF" to prevent layers from shifting during printing. Learn more about [crop marks and bleeds here](#) and [flattened PDFs here](#).
- Switch the color profile to CMYK. Read more about why [here](#).



Printing uses CMYK (Cyan, Magenta, Yellow, Black) colors, but Canva works in RGB. To ensure your design prints correctly:

- Stick to colors that translate well to CMYK by avoiding overly bright or neon tones.
- When you download it, use the "Color Profile" menu to convert your design to CMYK.

#### Step 4: Review the PDF

Before sending the file to your printer, open the PDF and [review it carefully](#):

- Check that the bleed, crop marks, and content are correctly aligned.
- Confirm all text is readable, images are clear, and no crucial elements are cut off.

Following these five steps will make sure your Canva designs are press-ready, avoiding costly reprints and delays.



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