Design Template FAQ's

My pattern needs to be a different size, not 5.5″ × 8.5″ as the template is set to. Can I change it?

Yes! Simply change the document size by clicking on File>Document Set-Up and then adjust the page size. NOTE: Change the size BEFORE adding any design to the Master Pages to avoid elements shifting on the page. You will have to make adjustments to image and text boxes that are already placed.
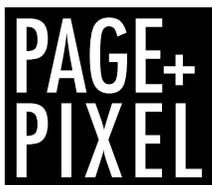
Can I change the elements on the Master Pages?

Yes! The Master Page options included in this template can be used as-is or you can modify them however you like. You may also decide not to use them at all and create your own! Think of these Master Pages as something to start with. Once you add your fonts and your imagery, they will really come alive! The Master Pages are the architecture behind your layout, you decide where all the pieces will be placed.

Can I change the style and placement of the footer?

Of course! If your patterns are single page PDFs, you may opt to place the footer in the center. You're designing a booklet? Maybe they are placed on the outside edges of the pages. NOTE: For printing purposes, we do not recommend moving the footer text any closer to the bottom trim of the page.

I need to send my pattern to a printer, is this file print-ready?

This template file is set up with the assumption that the pages will be printed. Follow the instructions listed on page 4 of the template file to get you started. Most importantly, refer to the file requirements provided to you by your printer.

What are Master Pages and Style Sheets? How do I use them?

Master Pages and Style Sheets are really great tools that will help you create consistent designs as far as type styles, text and image placement, footer placement as well as design elements that you may use throughout your design. These template tools will also help increase your efficiency, eliminating the need for manual text-styling and image placement.

Check out Adobe's website for simple introductions to Master Pages and Style Sheets.

Master Pages: https://helpx.adobe.com/indesign/using/master-pages.html

Style Sheets: https://helpx.adobe.com/indesign/using/paragraph-character-styles.html

For specific Master Page questions, Lynda.com and InDesignSecrets.com are terrific resources.

Can I use this template to design patterns that I intend to sell?

Yes, of course! We hope you sell many, many copies of your designed pattern in both PDF and print form. Please do not sell any iteration of this InDesign file as it is property of Page + Pixel and only the person who purchased the original template from P+P.

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