

An in-depth guide to printing & scanning

File spec guide

Make sure your file is set to these specifications:

Height and width : set to the size you want the print to be.

Resolution: 300dpi or more.

File type: Ideally a tiff but we can accept jpegs.

Colour mode: RGB.

If you want a border please make sure it's already included.

If you need assistance with preparing your file to these specifications, please see the next page.

Basic print prices

The price charged will be for the smallest size that your print fits into.

	Xpressions smooth	Platinum cotton	Hemp	German Etching	Canvas	FA pearl	Somerset enhanced
A5	£5.30	£5.88	£9.03	£6.31	£5.88	£7.64	£6.31
A4	£7.31	£8.11	£12.44	£8.70	£8.11	£10.52	£8.70
A3	£9.32	£10.33	£15.86	£11.09	£10.33	£13.41	£11.09
A2	£18.61	£20.64	£31.69	£22.15	£20.64	£26.79	£22.15
A1	£36.27	£40.23	£61.75	£43.17	£40.23	£52.22	£43.17
A0	£73.54	£81.57	£125.21	£87.53	£81.57	£105.87	£87.53
8 x 10in	£6.29	£6.98	£10.71	£7.49	£7.66	£9.06	£7.49
10 x 12in	£8.15	£9.04	£13.87	£9.70	£9.92	£11.73	£9.70
12 x 16in	£9.40	£10.42	£16.00	£11.18	£11.44	£13.53	£11.18
16 x 20in	£15.62	£17.32	£26.59	£18.59	£19.01	£22.49	£18.59
16 x 24in	£17.01	£18.87	£28.97	£20.25	£20.71	£24.50	£20.25
20 x 24in	£22.79	£25.28	£38.80	£27.13	£27.74	£29.97	£27.13
20 x 30in	£26.71	£29.63	£45.48	£31.79	£32.51	£38.45	£31.79
24 x 36in	£39.18	£43.46	£66.72	£46.64	£47.69	£56.41	£46.64
30 x 30in	£38.13	£42.29	£64.92	£45.39	£46.41	£54.89	£45.39
30 x 40in	£52.04	£57.73	£88.62	£61.95	£63.35	£74.93	£61.95
40 x 40in	£65.03	£72.14*	£110.74	£77.41*	£79.16	£93.63	£77.41*
36 x 48in	£70.03	£77.68	£119.25	£83.36	£85.24	£100.83	£83.36
40 x 50in	£85.25	£94.56*	£145.16	£101.48*	£103.76	£122.73	£101.48*
40 x 60in	£106.10	£117.69*	£180.66	£126.29*	£129.14	£152.75	£126.29*

* minimum order required, see page 4.

File checker

If you'd like us to check your file before printing **add £1** to the basic prices above: if we find we need to prep it we'll refer you to the file prep process instead (and waive the £1).

File prep

per batch 1-3	per batch of 4-9	per batch 10-19
£6	£9.60	£12

Includes:

- resizing (to the same aspect ratio, no cropping)
- checking & altering colour mode and file type
- adding a standard 35mm border
- a digital proof.

Additional tasks not described above fall into our file edits service below.

File edits

Choose this service if you need us to work on your file before printing it.

You can choose how much work you want us to do on your file, from basic alterations through to getting it the best it can be. We recommend starting at level 1, and moving to level 2 and up if you're still not happy with the result of lower levels. We'll only charge for the topmost level we work to, so if you're not happy with where level 1 gets the print to, but are happy at level 2, we'd charge you only for level 2.

Level	What work we'll do to your file	Price <small>(in addition to the print price)</small>
Level 1	Basic colour & brightness tweaking to achieve a print that is better than the original file. Includes 1 add-on task (see below), and 1 test strip/ proof.	£15 (fixed price)
Level 2	A further level of colour alteration, and removal of prominent dust & scratches. This produces a significantly better print than the unedited file. Includes up to 3 add-on tasks (see below), and 1 test strip/ proof.	£45 (fixed price)
Level 3	We'll work on the print until you're happy with it, or it's the best it can be. Includes any number of add-on tasks, in-depth retouching work, as many tests as required, and an A4 proof.	£90 (average price)

All levels include file set-up.

"Add-on tasks" on offer include:

- Adding a border (including custom sizes).
- Cropping and resizing.
- Spot or signature removal.
- Adding title & artist text.
- Varnishing canvas.
- Embossing (using your embosser).

All prices listed on this page are in addition to the basic print prices in the first table.

Scanning Prices

Our scanning process generates a 450dpi TIFF at 16bit.

Add £1 if you need a resolution between 450-600dpi, or £4 for a 600-800 dpi file.

Lo-res scans (120dpi, 8bit) have a 50% discount applied.

Images larger than A3 involve multiple scans which we then stitch together for you.

Flatbed	Raw scan	Scan & Proof
A3	£8.50	£22
A2 (2 scans)	£18	£31.50
A2+ (3 scans)	£25	£38.50
A1 (4 scans)	£32	£45.50

Raw scans need to be worked on in your own studio to achieve suitable brightness and colour.

Scan&proof includes basic contrast and colour tweaks. For a more in-depth service we recommend opting for a combination of a raw scan and the file edits service listed above.

Proof is approx A4 sized, or a test strip to the same size as the file depending on your preference.

Please bring a USB hard-drive: we don't keep files on our system for more than 1 month unless you're opting for the archive service.

We can also scan negative and transparency film in various sizes.

Email jennifer@mount-art.co.uk for prices.

Archive

If you want us to store your files in our archive to avoid you having to send us the file each time you want it printed, we can store as follows:

	up to 500MB	up to 1GB	up to 5GB	up to 10GB
per year	£50	£75	£100	£150

Collecting your prints & originals

To minimise our impact on the environment we don't package prints beyond wrapping in tissue paper. Please bring a sturdy portfolio case or packaging that is wind and rain proof to take your prints and originals home safely.

All prices include VAT

Paper types: a guide

We keep a range of papers in stock. All of the papers below are archival, and acid free.

We sometimes stock a small selection of other papers, and we can order in papers to your requirements (minimum orders below)

Papers marked with an * have a minimum order quantity for prints larger than 36", but no minimum order for prints smaller than 36".

	materials	gsm	type	recommended for	OBA free
Xpressions smooth	100% cotton	300	smooth matte	a wide range of images, from fine art reproductions to photography	
Platinum cotton*	100% cotton	305	smooth matte	a wide range of images, from fine art reproductions to photography	yes
Hemp (Hahnemühle)	60% hemp fibre, 40% cotton	290	lightly textured matte	an environmentally friendly paper. Suitable for wide range of images, from art reproductions to photography	yes
German Etching (Hahnemühle)*	100% alpha-cellulose	310	textured	fine art reproductions	
Canvas	poly cotton	350	matte canvas	oil painting reproductions	
Fine art pearl (Hahnemühle)	100% alpha-cellulose	285	Pearl lustre	photography	
Somerset enhanced (St Cuthbert's Mill)*	100% cotton	255	textured matte	fine art reproductions	low OBAs

cotton is made from cotton fibres, and is archival and durable. It's unlikely to discolour over time. Poly cotton is a blend of man-made fibres and cotton.

alpha-cellulose is made from wood pulp. The alpha-cellulose papers we stock have been purified of all acids and lignin, to prevent yellowing.

hemp is the most environmentally friendly paper we can find. Hemp uses less water than cotton in its manufacture, and the fast-growing crops naturally sequester carbon. It's incredibly strong and durable, and is unlikely to yellow.

gsm is the thickness of the paper (grams per square meter)

OBA stands for optical brightening agents, which make papers appear crisper and whiter. OBAs do break down over time, and though our OBA papers are all archival, they may last less time than OBA-free papers.

minimum orders for papers not on this list depend on the size of the shortest edge of your prints:

up to 24": £350

up to 36": £500

up to 44": £800 (* papers marked with an asterisk above are also subject to this minimum order)