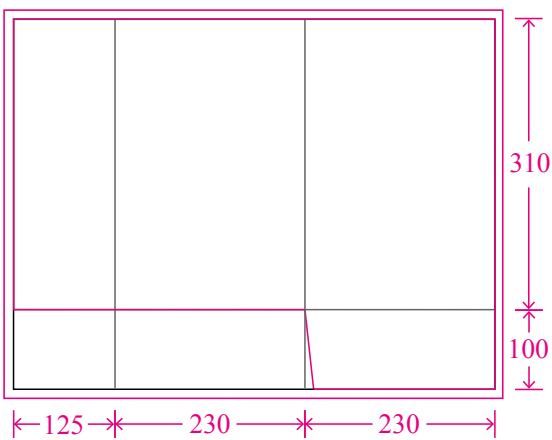
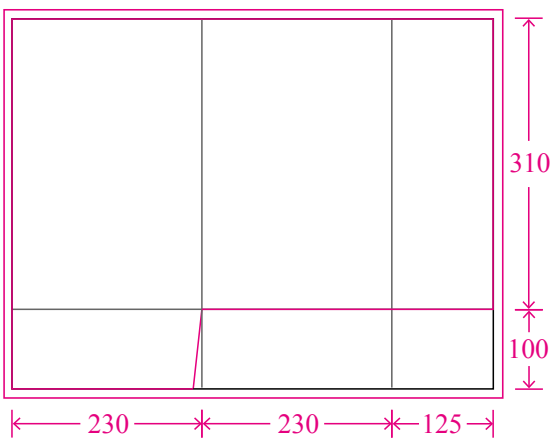


Template



FlexDoc (InDesign)

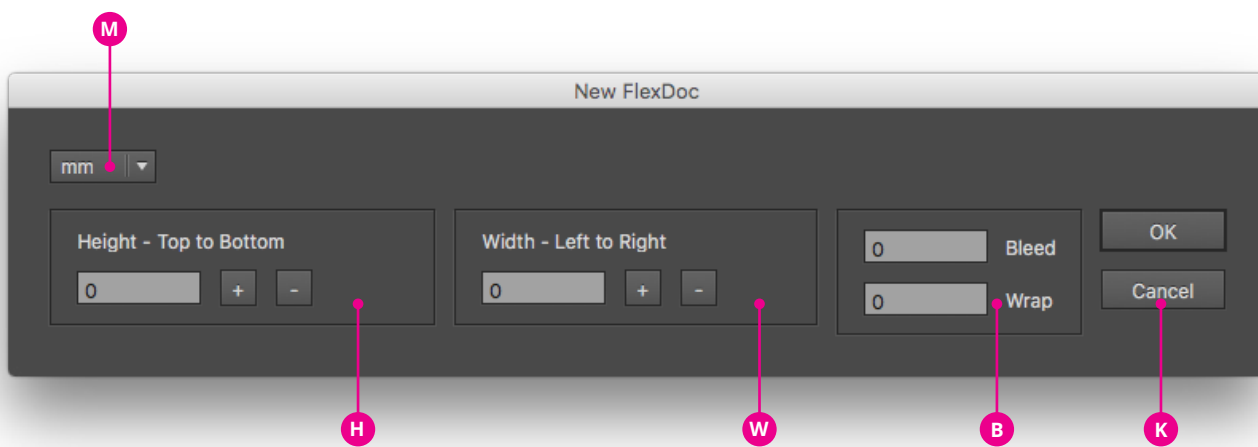


Introduction

FlexDoc is an InDesign plugin that excels at setting up documents that contain folds and/or die-cuts. This could be a simple tri fold brochure or a complex 3D packaging project.

As you can see from the sample template on the left, the actual size of the document is commonly unclear. Traditionally you would need to calculate all the values together to be able to create a document in InDesign. With FlexDoc, you can start building straight away without knowing the final dimensions of the document. FlexDoc will build a template document that is the right size with guides on the exact locations. (Including foldmarks in the slug area) It even builds a proper master for the verso of the page, which is the mirrored form of the recto.

User Interface



The user interface of FlexDoc is designed to be simple. All FlexDoc cares about is getting the template drawn correctly in InDesign. It does this quickly and with confidence, without worrying about other application presets.

Now let's look at the sections in the user interface above:

M Measurement Units: This is where you can choose the measurement units you'd like to use. FlexDoc supports *Millimeters*, *Inches*, *Centimeters* and *Points*. If you need another unit, please let me know. I'd be more than happy to add this to a future release.

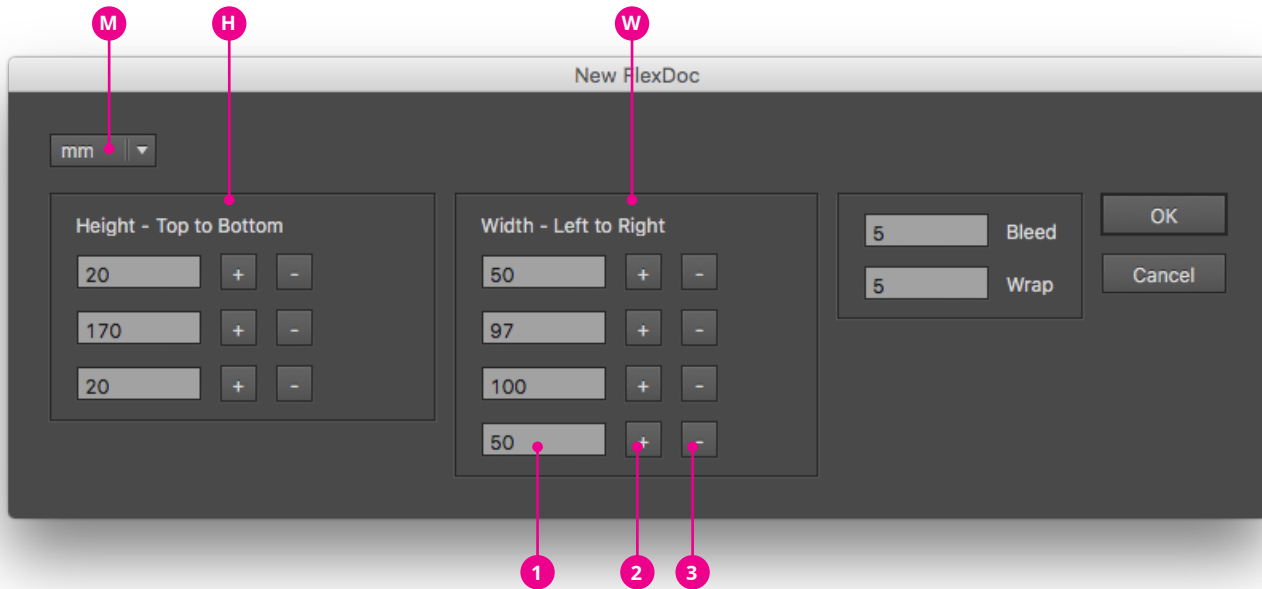
H Height Section: This section is dedicated to the height of the document. All your height measurements will be added here.

W Width Section: This section is dedicated to the width of the document. All your width measurements will be added here.

B Bleed Section: In this section, you control your bleed requirements. This is uniform and will not add anything to the actual size of your document.

K Close Dialog Section: Click *OK* to close this dialog and build your document. Press *Cancel* to close the dialog without building.

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Let's have a closer look at the height **H** and width **W** sections in the dialog above, as this is where all the actions happens!

Both sections are identical in the way they work and act. The only difference is that the height **H** section is dedicated to the height, (vertical, from top to bottom) and the width **W** section to the width. (horizontal, from left to right) All values will be added together to create the final size using the selected *Measurement Units* **M** dropdown.

1 Measurement input: This is where you can add a measurement. It uses the unit chosen in the *Measurement Units* **M** dropdown. This is the next location where a guide or fold will be drawn in the final document. All these measurements combined will make up the final size of your document.

2 Copy (Add) Measure Button: Clicking this button will copy the belonging *Measurement Input* box **1** to the end of the measurement list which is handy for symmetrical sections.

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A Practical Example

The diagram shows an envelope template with various dimensions and a FlexDoc dialog box. The envelope has a top flap with a 3mm bleed (7) and a total height of 318mm (1). The main body of the envelope has a height of 320mm (2) and a width of 235mm (5). The bottom flap has a height of 120mm (3). The width of the bottom flap is 15mm (4) on the left and 15mm (6) on the right. The FlexDoc dialog box, titled "New FlexDoc", has a unit dropdown set to "mm". It contains two sections: "Height - Top to Bottom" with input fields for 318 (1), 320 (2), and 120 (3); and "Width - Left to Right" with input fields for 15 (4), 235 (5), and 15 (6). There are also "Bleed" and "Wrap" input fields, both set to 3 (7), and "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

To build the envelope template on this page, all you need to do is copy the values into the FlexDox dialog and press OK!

Once FlexDoc has built the document, you can decide if you want to place the die into the master as well.

Enjoy!