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Feature overview

The perfect binding method, also known as paperback, consists of signatures or individual leaves between covers of heavier paper. It's all glued together at the spine with a strong, flexible adhesive along the edges of the text sheets and a wraparound cover. Text can be printed on the spine, if desired.

This type of binding is economical because it is automated. It gives the book a professional appearance at a low cost.

The Fiery® Booklet Maker, is the imposition tool in Job Properties that allows users to print multiple pages of a print job, from any application, in a booklet style — without the need for more advanced imposition programs. Booklet Maker provides a visual and interactive way to specify the page number of the source document for cover paginations. So you can correlate the correct page numbers with the correct cover pages.

Objectives

- Create a perfect bound booklet layout.
- Apply perfect binder finishing and other job properties.

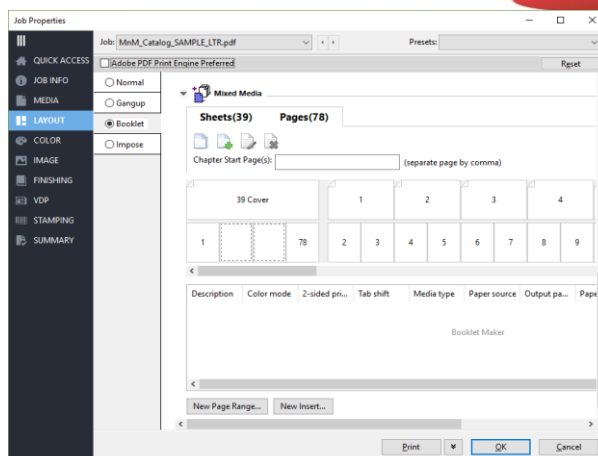
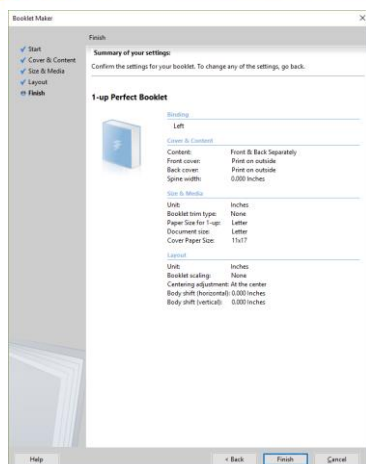
Additional resources

For additional software downloads, training resources and more, go to [Fiery Online Resources](#).

Before you begin

- Open Fiery Command WorkStation® 6.4 or later and connect to at least one Fiery server running Fiery FS400/FS400 Pro.
- Activate the Fiery Impose license on the computer Command WorkStation is running on.
- Place the sample file, **MnM_Catalog_SAMPLE_LTR.pdf** or **MnM_Catalog_SAMPLE_A4.pdf**, in the Fiery server HELD queue. Drag file to the Command WorkStation Held list or use the Command WorkStation Import menu option.
- Ensure the printer and Fiery server have been calibrated before printing any output.

Each printer will have different procedures for configuring and printing the finished document. Consult the user documentation for the printer and Fiery server to be used for this How-To Guide.



Create a perfect-bind booklet layout

1. Select the **MnM_Catalog_SAMPLE_LTR.pdf** or **MnM_Catalog_SAMPLE_A4.pdf** file in the Command WorkStation Held list. Then right-click and select **Properties**.
2. In the Job Properties window, click the **Layout** icon. Then click **Booklet**.
3. To create a booklet using the Booklet Maker wizard, click **Launch Wizard**.
4. Select the Booklet Type to create. For this example, select **1-up Perfect** and Binding **Left**. Then click **Next** to continue.
5. For the Cover Content Source, From Document, click **Front & Back Separately**.
6. For the Outside cover area, keep the default settings for **Print Front Cover** and **Print Back Cover**. Then click **Next** to continue.
7. For Size and Media, select the body **Paper Size for 1-up**. For this example, select **Letter** or **A4**. Click **Edit** to define the media options, which includes the paper catalog option. Set the Duplex option to **Top-Top**.
8. Next, select the paper for the cover. For this example, select Cover Size as **11.00 x 17.00 Inches** or **11.69 x16.53**. Click **Edit** to define the media options, which includes the paper catalog option.

*Custom paper sizes are also supported for the body and cover, and can be defined in the Size Selection or by using the **Edit** option.*

9. Click **Next** to continue.
10. In Layout, Align pages, select **At the Center**. Then click **Next** to continue.
11. The Finish window will open. Review the settings and click **Finish** to close the Booklet Maker wizard.
12. Scroll down the Booklet window to view the Mixed Media area. The default sheet view displays how each page will print on each sheet. Notice the displayed cover sheet contains pages 1 and 78, printed on the same side.
13. In the next section, you will assign finishing to the booklet.

Apply perfect-binder finishing and other job properties

1. If the printer supports an inline perfect-bind finisher, click the **Finishing** icon.
2. Assign the appropriate options, including **Trim**. Each device will have its own unique settings to correctly complete the booklet
3. If your printer does not have a perfect-bind finisher, the cover and body pages will be printed for offline finishing.
4. Apply any other Job Properties settings you want, such as **Expert Color** settings.
5. Click **Print** to submit the job to the printer.



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