

In this tutorial, we'll explain how to create a print ready contour-cut sticker artwork in Adobe Photoshop™

Let's assume you have a company logo you want to make into a contour-cut sticker. In this example the logo is a JPG file (contour_logo.jpg), but it may be a PSD, EPS, TIF, GIF, PNG etc.



contour_logo.jpg

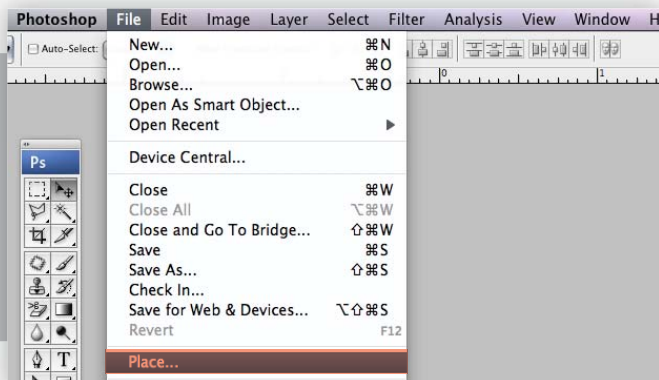
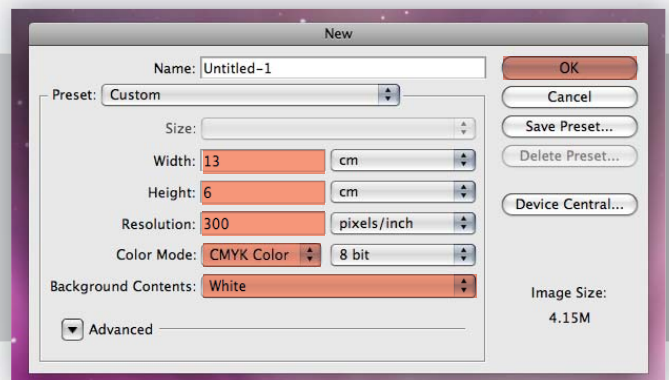


final contour-cut sticker

Let's start!

Step 1 - Create the Document according to the size of the sticker

Open a new Photoshop document according to the size of the sticker in CMYK color mode. This probably isn't your default setting so make sure you change the Units and Color Mode for this one.

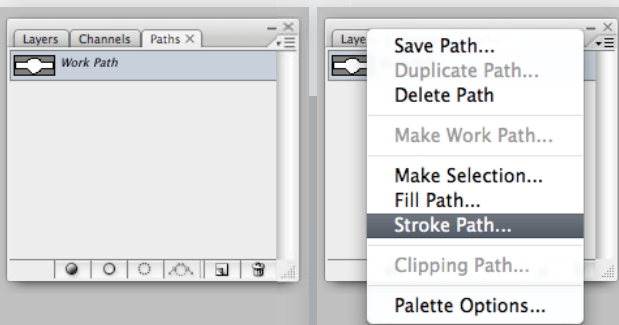
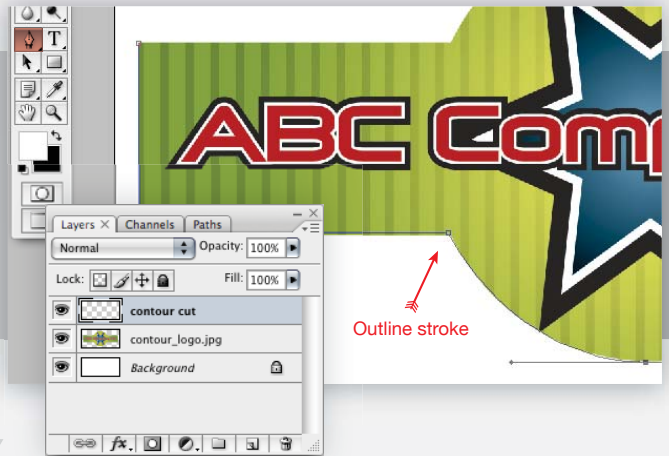


Step 2 - Place the contour_logo.jpg in the new file

Go to File > Place or just copy and paste from the original file.
Tip: If its a bitmap artwork (PSD, JPG, TIF, GIF, PNG etc.), make sure its atleast 300DPI for the best printing results.

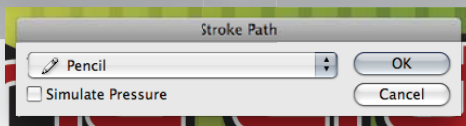
Step 3 - Create the contour-cut outline

The best way to create this is using the Pen tool (P). Create a new layer by going to Layer > New > Layer (ctrl/cmd+shift+N), rename the layer to 'contour cut'. Draw the contour cut outline using the Pen tool (P) on the new layer.



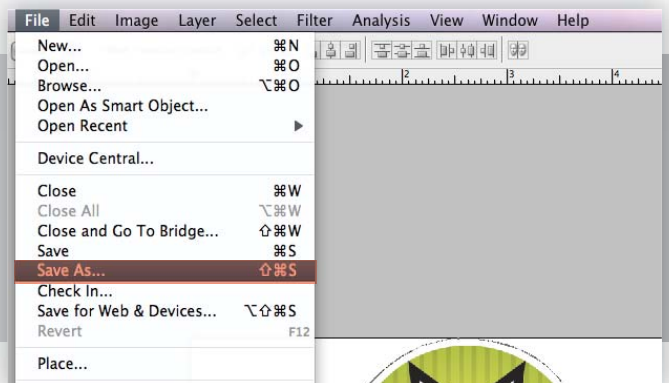
Step 4 - Put a stroke on the path

Once you have created the contour-cut path on a new layer, go to Path tab (Window > Path). Select the path (it takes the name 'work path' by default) go to Advanced options > Stroke Path. *Tip: It really helps us to print your stickers better if you rename the layer as 'contour cut' and colour the outline in bright magenta.*



Step 5 - Save the file

Save the file with the layer structure as a PSD. (ctrl/cmd+shift+S)
Tip: Don't flatten the image, it helps us to separate the contour cut outline.



Finished!
Your pdf artwork is ready to upload.