

Cloud Labels — Print-Ready Artwork Checklist

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✓ Quick Checklist

Before sending your artwork to print, use this checklist to make sure your file meets UK print standards. This helps you avoid reprints and ensures crisp, professional results.

- ✓ Bleed added: 3 mm on all sides (or as specified by your printer).
- ✓ Backgrounds and images extended fully into the bleed area.
- ✓ Safe zone respected: text and logos at least 3-5 mm inside the trim line.
- ✓ Crop marks included: visible in exported PDF.
- ✓ Image resolution: 300 dpi minimum at final size.
- ✓ Colour mode: CMYK (not RGB).
- ✓ Correct dimensions: matches your printer's required size.
- ✓ Final check: zoom in to 200% and inspect edges, text, and bleed coverage.

Tip: For larger format prints (banners, signage) some printers prefer 5 mm bleed. Always check the specification sheet before you export.

How to Export for Print

- 1 InDesign: File → Export → PDF (Print) → Marks & Bleeds → tick 'Use Document Bleed Settings' & 'Crop Marks'.
- 2 Illustrator or Photoshop: File → Document Setup → set Bleed (3 mm) → Export with crop marks and bleed.
- 3 Canva: File → Show print bleed → extend backgrounds → Download → PDF Print → tick 'Crop marks and bleed'.