



Using the 2 Sided Rectangle Flag Template for Photoshop

Introduction

The standard template comes with two built-in groups. One is for the left facing side and one for the right facing side. Each group contains 3 layers. The bottom layer is the background layer. The next higher is the design layer. You can design using this layer or delete it. Whatever you design should go to the edges of the design layer. The next layer is the safe layer. **DO NOT DESIGN ON THE SAFE LAYER**, use it to make sure the text and graphics you want to preserve fall inside this layer (i.e. are covered up by it entirely), and then **TURN IT OFF**. Please don't leave a border around your flag. If you want a border, make it at least twice the size of the gutter. Large is better.

The template is set to RGB to make full use of the color spectrum. With ink we may not be able to get all the colors, but we will come close. We will be using a blackout inside fabric between two layers of flag fabric. The colors print out very bright and black flags look best as a two-sided flag.

The template is set at 25% of the final product. Please don't alter that setting, as we use it for printing. Your flag will print very cleanly at that resolution. Make sure your graphics are vectors, so they can take the enlargement. To see if your graphics can take the enlargement use the Spyglass to enlarge the image. If at 100% it starts looking bad, then you should get a higher resolution graphic.

When you open the template you will see two groups of layers; a left side and a right side.

Side One - Left Side

First determine your design color; currently it is yellow. If you want another color or even a gradient you can change those on the design layer by double-clicking on either the Color Overlay or Gradient Overlay in the Layers panel. You want the background color layer to fill in the whole background area.

Next add your text and graphics. Make sure your text and graphics are located inside the safe area by turning it on. **After making your adjustments turn off the safe area.**

The Sleeve layer has 4 choices of color. (Click on the fx to the right). We can make a flag with Black, White, Blue, or Red. The red sleeve is a very bright red and will not match the red produced by CMYK (100% Magenta and Yellow). The print color is more of an orangey red rather than a bright red. We are working on this. But it isn't a good idea at this point to put a red sleeve on a red flag.

When you are satisfied with the way your first side looks, save it as a TIFF or PDF file with no layers. When you save it call it "Left Side" or "Side 1". Also remember to turn off the sleeve layer on the left side before you save it.

Side Two - Right Side

Follow the same steps as the left side of the flag except that you will not need to turn off the sleeve layer since its only visible on the left side of the template. If you would like the right side of the flag to be the same as the left but with the text reading correctly, simple make a copy of your design for the left side and place it in the right side layer group.

Once you have it image checked with the safe area, **turn it off** and save the file as a TIFF or PDF with no layers. When you save it call it "Right Side" or "Side 2" so it is clear what you are sending.