

Using the 3x5 foot Flag Template for Photoshop



Introduction

The standard template comes with background, header and safe layers for 3 foot by 5 foot flags.

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.

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.

Using the template

When you open the template you will see three layers: the safe layer, the header and the background layer.

First turn off the safe layer (click on the eye icon next to the layer) and the header area. Do not design on these layers. The header layer is just to show what the flag will look like when the header is sewn on.

Next determine your background color; currently it is yellow. If you want another color or even a gradient you can change those on the background 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. DO NOT use the safe layer to make a border. We use the difference between the safe area and the background layer to hem and stitch the flag. Bleed background colors, textures, and/or patterns to the edge of the background layer.

Next add your text and graphics layers. 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.

When you are satisfied with the way your flag looks, save it as a PDF file with no layers and send your final product to Custom@VistaFlags.com.