

FOX IMPOSITION V 1.0

Complete Installation and User Guide

Professional print imposition for Adobe Illustrator

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1. What Fox Imposition Does

Fox Imposition creates editable print sheets directly inside Adobe Illustrator. It repeats selected artwork across a larger sheet while preserving the source artwork, final trim size, bleed, gutters and printer marks.

Core workflow

1	Design at final trim size Use the active Illustrator artboard as the final cut size.
2	Extend artwork into bleed Continue backgrounds and images beyond the artboard edge.
3	Select the complete design Select every object that belongs to one finished piece.
4	Set sheet and layout Choose a preset or custom sheet, then use Auto Fit or manual rows and columns.
5	Create the sheet Fox Imposition adds a new artboard with editable artwork and printer-mark layers.

Important: Fox Imposition never scales the artwork. Every imposed copy remains at 100% size.

Key features

- Active artboard used as the exact trim boundary
- Real bleed preserved outside the trim
- Auto Fit with optional 90-degree rotation
- Manual rows and columns
- Horizontal and vertical gutters
- Outside-only CorelDRAW-style crop marks
- Registration marks and optional sheet information
- Actual artwork live preview
- Editable custom sheet presets
- Separate output layers for artwork and marks

2. Installation

Close Adobe Illustrator completely before installing or updating the extension.

macOS

1	Unzip FoxImposition.zip Keep the complete FoxImposition folder together.
2	Open the installers folder Right-click Install_Fox_Imposition_mac.command and choose Open.
3	Approve if macOS blocks it Open System Settings - Privacy & Security, then choose Open Anyway.
4	Restart Illustrator Open Window - Extensions (Legacy) - Fox Imposition V 1.0.

Manual macOS location

~/Library/Application Support/Adobe/CEP/extensions/FoxImposition

Windows

1	Unzip the package Do not run the installer from inside the ZIP archive.
2	Run the installer Double-click Install_Fox_Imposition_Windows.bat .
3	Restart Illustrator Open Window - Extensions (Legacy) - Fox Imposition V 1.0.

Manual Windows location

%APPDATA%\Adobe\CEP\extensions\FoxImposition

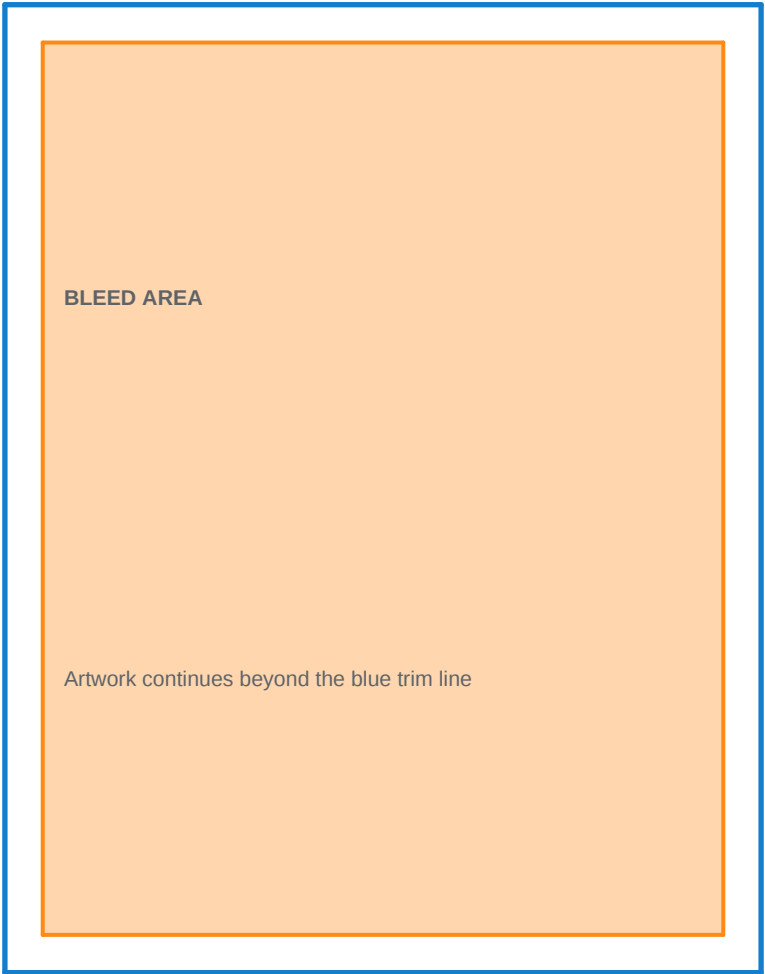
The installer removes the old Glorious Imposition folder automatically, preventing duplicate panels.

3. Prepare the Illustrator Artwork Correctly

The active artboard must represent the final size after cutting. Bleed artwork belongs outside the artboard.

Example: half-letter flyer

Area	Width	Height
Final trim / artboard	5.5 in	8.5 in
Bleed on each edge	0.125 in	0.125 in
Complete artwork bounds	5.75 in	8.75 in

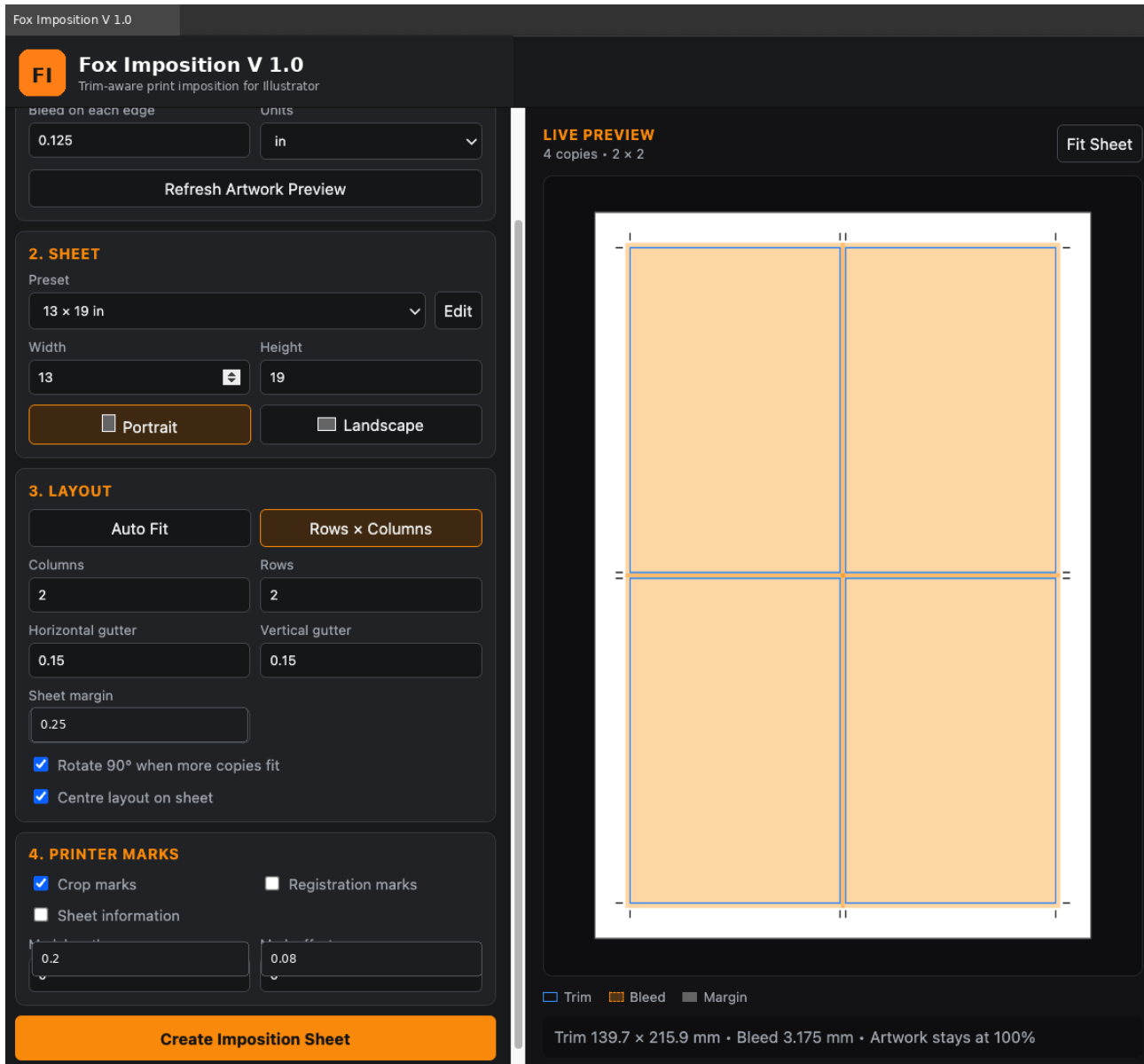


Blue boundary: final trim / active artboard. **Orange boundary:** selected artwork including bleed.

Do not make the artboard 5.75 x 8.75 inches for this example. That would cause the extension to treat the bleed-inclusive size as the final cut size.

4. Interface Overview

The left side contains the production controls. The right side contains the live sheet preview and layout summary.



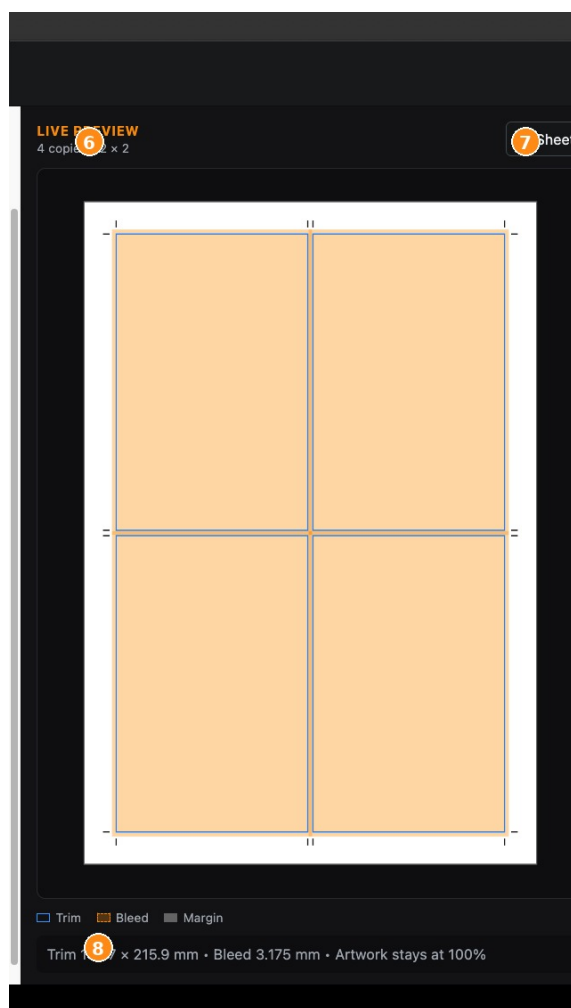
The panel can be resized. Use a wider panel when checking the artwork preview or a taller panel when working through all settings.

5. Controls: Source, Sheet and Layout

The screenshot displays the Fox Imposition V 1.0 application interface. It features a dark theme with orange accents. The interface is organized into five main sections, each indicated by a numbered orange circle: 1. **Source**: Includes a 'Bleed on each edge' input field (set to 0.125) and a 'units' dropdown (set to 'in'). Below is a 'Refresh Artwork Preview' button. 2. **SHEET**: Includes a 'Size' dropdown (set to '13 x 19 in'), an 'Edit' button, and separate input fields for 'Width' (13) and 'Height' (19). Below are 'Portrait' and 'Landscape' orientation buttons. 3. **LAYOUT**: Includes 'Auto Fit' and 'Rows x Columns' buttons. Below are input fields for 'Columns' (2) and 'Rows' (2), 'Horizontal gutter' (0.15), 'Vertical gutter' (0.15), and 'Sheet margin' (0.25). There are also two checked checkboxes: 'Rotate 90° when more copies fit' and 'Centre layout on sheet'. 4. **PRINTER MARKS**: Includes checkboxes for 'Crop marks' (checked), 'Registration marks' (unchecked), and 'Sheet information' (unchecked). Below are input fields for 'Crop marks' (0.2) and 'Registration marks' (0.08). 5. **Create Imposition Sheet**: A large orange button at the bottom.

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| 1 | Source
The active artboard is the trim size. Set the real bleed on each edge and refresh the preview after changing artwork. |
| 2 | Sheet
Choose A4, A3, SRA3, A2, 12 x 18 in, 13 x 19 in, or an editable custom preset. |
| 3 | Layout
Auto Fit calculates the highest copy count. Rows x Columns gives direct manual control. |
| 4 | Printer marks
Enable crop marks, registration marks and optional sheet information. |
| 5 | Create
Generates a new sheet artboard without moving or changing the source artwork. |

6. Live Preview



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Live sheet preview

Shows sheet orientation, layout, gutters, trim boundaries, bleed and crop positions.

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Fit Sheet

Refits the complete sheet inside the preview area after resizing the panel.

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Summary

Shows trim dimensions, bleed and the fact that artwork remains at 100% scale.

Refresh Artwork Preview

Click **Refresh Artwork Preview** after selecting a different design, changing the source artboard, or modifying artwork. Changes to sheet size, gutters, margins, rows and columns update the layout preview automatically.

If the artwork thumbnail does not update, keep the artwork selected and click Refresh Artwork Preview again.

7. Layout Settings Explained

Setting	Purpose	Recommended starting value
Horizontal gutter	Space between left and right trim edges	0.15 to 0.25 in
Vertical gutter	Space between upper and lower trim edges	0.15 to 0.25 in
Sheet margin	Space around the imposed block	0.2 to 0.25 in
Bleed	Artwork beyond each trim edge	0.125 in / 3 mm
Mark length	Visible length of crop marks	0.2 in / 5 mm
Mark offset	Gap before the crop mark begins	0.08 in / 2 mm

Internal bleed and gutters

At outside perimeter edges, the complete bleed is retained. At shared internal edges, bleed is clipped to half the gutter. This prevents two neighbouring designs from overlapping when the combined bleed is wider than the gutter.

Example: Two 0.125-inch bleeds total 0.25 inches. If the gutter is 0.15 inches, each internal bleed is clipped to 0.075 inches. Outer edges still keep the full 0.125-inch bleed.

Auto Fit and rotation

When Rotate 90 degrees is enabled, Fox Imposition compares normal and rotated arrangements. It uses rotation only when more copies fit. Manual Rows x Columns does not automatically change the requested arrangement.

8. Printer Marks

Fox Imposition uses perimeter-only crop marks. Marks do not run across or over the artwork.

Crop-mark behaviour

- Vertical cutting positions are marked only above and below the imposed block.
- Horizontal cutting positions are marked only at the left and right sides.
- Separate trim positions are preserved on both sides of a gutter.
- A zero mark length is automatically corrected to a visible default.

Registration marks

Registration marks are placed inside the sheet boundary so they remain visible even when the user enters a zero sheet margin. Enable them only when your print workflow requires registration targets.

Sheet information

When enabled, the marks layer includes the extension name, sheet dimensions, grid arrangement and total number of copies.

Output layers

Fox Imposition - Artwork
Fox Imposition - Printer Marks

Both layers remain editable. Inspect the sheet before exporting the final print PDF.

9. Create and Inspect the Final Sheet

1	Select the complete source artwork Keep the correct trim artboard active.
2	Confirm preview and copy count Check sheet orientation, rows, columns, rotation and gutters.
3	Click Create Imposition Sheet A new artboard is added to the current Illustrator document.
4	Inspect the joins Zoom into every shared edge. Confirm there is no artwork overlap in the gutters.
5	Inspect printer marks Verify crop marks sit outside the design and registration marks remain inside the sheet.
6	Export the imposed artboard Use Illustrator PDF export with the imposed artboard selected.

Example Imposed Output

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Example of a completed 2 x 2 imposed sheet with outside-only cutting marks and gutter-aware bleed clipping.

10. Troubleshooting

1	The panel does not appear Restart Illustrator. Open Window - Extensions (Legacy). Confirm the complete FoxImposition folder is in the CEP extensions directory.
2	Create returns an error Keep the complete artwork selected. Confirm a document is open and the selected artwork fits inside the chosen sheet.
3	Artwork is treated as the wrong size Set the active artboard to the final trim size, not the artwork-with-bleed size.
4	Crop marks are missing Enable Crop marks and use a mark length greater than zero. Version 1.0.1 restores a visible default automatically.
5	Artwork overlaps at joins Use the current extension build. It clips internal bleed to half the gutter. Avoid manually removing the generated clipping masks.
6	Preview shows boxes Keep the artwork selected and click Refresh Artwork Preview. The final imposed artwork is independent of the thumbnail.
7	Registration marks are missing Enable Registration marks. Check the Fox Imposition - Printer Marks layer and ensure it is visible.
8	Manual rows and columns do not fit Reduce rows, columns, bleed, gutters or margins; or choose a larger sheet.

11. Recommended Production Checklist

- Active artboard equals the final cut size
- Artwork extends through the full bleed area
- Every object belonging to the design is selected
- Units and sheet dimensions are correct
- Preview shows the expected copy count
- Gutters are wide enough for the finishing workflow
- Crop-mark length and offset are visible
- Registration marks enabled only when required
- Final artwork and printer-mark layers are visible
- Imposed artboard inspected at high zoom before PDF export

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