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## How to make a test print from multiple images/files

In order to get the best prints possible, and to understand how the digital image on the screen translates to ink on a page we encourage you to run test prints.

Putting multiple images onto one test print will save you money, and allow you to see any colour variations between files.

**Step 1.** Open a new file in photoshop in the appropriate dimensions for your test paper. Ensure that the resolution is 330dpi.

**Step 2.** Open all the files you intend to print.

**Step 3.** Using the rectangular marquee tool, highlight a section of one image. The section should be the entire width, and 3.5-4cm thick. Choose a place with a lot of tonal variation if at all possible.

**Step 4.** Copy the selection.

**Step 5.** Paste the selection onto the new test print file.

**Step 6.** Repeat until there is a section of each print file on your test print file.



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**Step 7.** Save file.

**Step 8.** Print.

**Step 9.** Make any adjustments necessary using adjustment layers. (LAYER-> NEW ADJUSTMENT LAYER-> Brightness/Contrast, Colour Balance, Curves, etc)  
Save before re-printing.