

SHEET SIZES

CUT SIZE

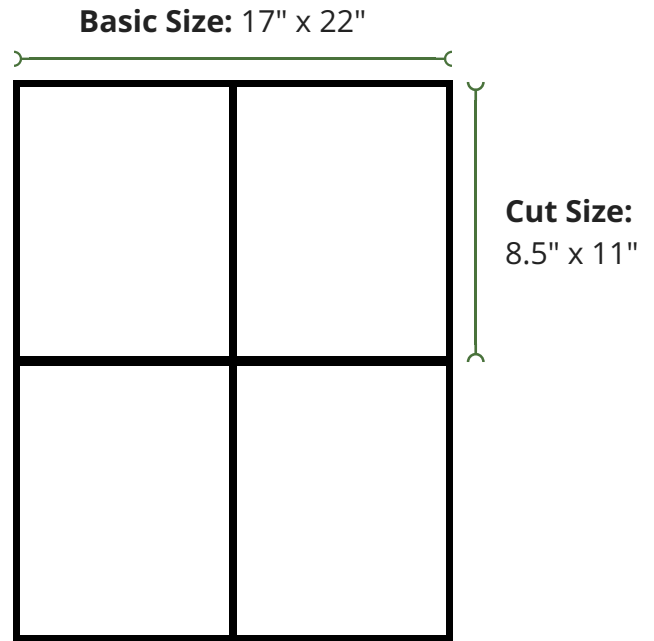
The size of the pre-cut and packaged paper you buy from a store, such as 8.5" x 11".

Measured *after* a sheet has been cut down from its basic size.

BASIC SIZE

The size of a sheet *before* it's cut down to common cut sizes. Each paper grade has a different basic size.

Before a sheet is cut, it is weighed and categorized according to basis weight.



PAPER GRADE	BASIC SIZE
Book	25" x 38"
Bond	17" x 22"
Bristol	22H x 28H
Cover	20" x 26"
Index	25H x 30H
Tag	25" x 38"
Writing	17" x 22"

SHEET SIZES

COMMON CUT SIZES

DESKTOP

Used for small, quick printers: desktop, laser, inkjet, photocopy machines, fax machines, and small presses.

8½" x 11" 11" x 17" 17" x 11"

DIGITAL

Intended for high production digital printing presses such as HP Indigo®, Xerox iGen®, Kodak NexPress®, Canon imagePRESS™, etc.

12" x 18" 13" x 19" 18" x 12" 19" x 13"

FULL

Largest sizes available, used for printing large scale projects like signage, posters, banners and large runs. Rather than printing off lots of smaller size sheets, smaller works are printed on a sheet with larger dimensions (called a parent size), then cut down.

19" x 25"	20¾" x 29½"	23" x 29"	25½" x 38"	28" x 44"
20" x 26"	20 13/16" x 29½"	23" x 35"	26" x 40"	28.3" x 40.2"
20" x 28"	22" x 30"	24" x 36"	26½" x 40"	28.35" x 40.16"
20½" x 24¾"	22½" x 28½"	25" x 38"	27½" x 39⅝"	35" x 23"
20¾" x 29⅝"	22½" x 35"	25½" x 30½"	28" x 40"	35½" x 23"

CRAFTING

Standard dimensions for scrapbooks and other paper crafts.

8½" x 11" 12" x 12"

OTHER

Cut to non-standard specifications or custom sizes, including legal (8½" x 14"), as well as Imperial sizes like demi (17½" x 22½") and quarto (9" x 11"). These sizes can be used in a variety of applications and products.

9" x 11"	17½" x 22½"	18.1" x 12.6"	20" x 14"	26" x 14⅓"
14" x 20"	17 5/7" x 25⅓"	18 ⅜" x 12⅝"	20½" x 14⅓"	26" x 20"
14⅓" x 26k"	18 1/18" x 12⅜"	19" x 12½"	26" x 14"	

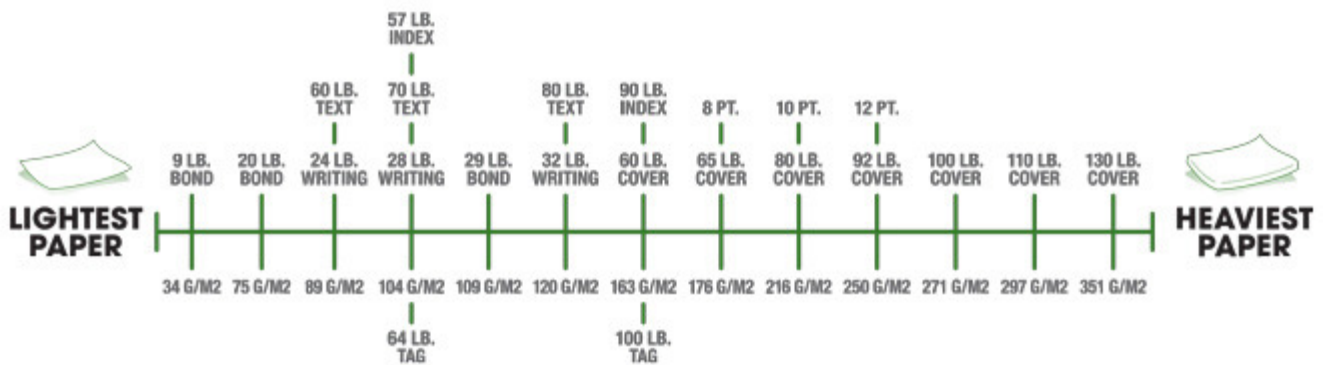
PAPER WEIGHT

BASIS WEIGHT (LBS)

The weight of 500 sheets (1 ream) of card stock, weighed at its basic size.

A basis weight of 80lbs means that a 500-sheet stack of that paper grade at its basic size weighs 80 lbs.

Basis weight varies depending on the grade of stock because every paper grade has its own basic size. This is why a thick card stock can have the same basis weight as a thinner text weight paper, and also why two papers can have the same basis weight but different calipers.



CALIPERS (PTS)

Measures the thickness of a sheet, with each point representing 1/1000 of an inch.

10pt cover is 0.010" thick.

Generally speaking, the higher the caliper, the thicker the sheet.

PAPER WEIGHT

BASIS WEIGHT				CALIPERS
BOND	TEXT	COVER	INDEX	1 Pt = 0.0001"
36	90	50		
38	100	55		6.0
43	110	60	90	
47	120	65	97	8.0
54		74	110	
58		80	120	10.0
		90	135	
		93	140	12.0
		100	150	
		115	170	14.0
		130	200	16.0

PAPER WEIGHT

COMMON BASIS WEIGHTS

65 lb		80 lb	
Light-weight business cards Greeting cards Postcards Book covers Posters Tickets Crafts		Standard-weight business cards Posters Greeting cards Invitations Table tents Folders Tickets Crafts	
100 lb		110 lb	
Business cards Flat cards Invitations Posters Folders	Tickets Crafts Gift tags Greeting cards	Business cards Awards Certificates Report covers Menus	Price lists Crafts Gift tags Invitations
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