

# Printing Guide

By popular demand, this guide will show you how to print the maps included in this download using a standard printer. This is only one method out of many, but one we have found usually works well for most.

## Download PosteRazor

First, download the [free software PosteRazor](#) (Eventyr Games has no affiliation with PosteRazor and take no responsibility for any issues using PosteRazor – always do your own due diligence before downloading unknown software). PosteRazor allows you to make cutout PDFs out of JPEG files, in 5 easy steps:

### Step 1: Load an input image

After installing and launching PosteRazor, select the ‘Input Image’ (the map you want to print). Because of a bug with how images are rendered by Photoshop, you may see that the resolution of the image is reported as 72 DPI under ‘Image Informations’, and that the size in inches doesn’t match up with the maps real size. Ignore that for now, we’ll fix that in step 4.

### Step 2: Define the printer paper format

Choose your printer paper (usually letter or A4) as well as the orientation of the printer, which can influence the amount of paper used to print the map, but otherwise isn’t too important. Also select a border width (the blank space around the print on each piece of paper) – usually between 0.2 and 0.5 inches, depending on the accuracy of your printer.

### Step 3: Define the image tile overlapping

Overlapping is simply put the amount of overlap each piece of the map has with the next piece. If you’re using tape or glue to put the map together, you’ll probably want at least 0.2 inches of overlap. As for the position of the overlap, it doesn’t matter too much, but we usually go with Bottom Right.

### Step 4: Define the final poster size.

Because of the minor bug mentioned in Step 1, you’ll often see a wrong ‘Absolute Size’ suggested here. We always include the actual dimensions of the map in inches in the map’s file title (such as 30x30 or 40x20, etc.). Input these numbers under Width and Height in absolute size, and you’ll get an accurately sized map. If you think the print uses paper inefficiently, you can go back to step 2 to change the orientation and see if that helps. You can even get away with creating a map with slightly smaller squares, by reducing the absolute size of the map by up to 20 percent.

### Step 5: Save the Poster

Congratulations, you’re done, and now have a ready-to-print PDF of the map that matches your specifications.

## Why not just include the printable PDFs in the download?

Because everyone has their preferences when it comes to paper size, borders, overlap, and which map (gridded, ungridded, or even DM’s version) they want to print, we’d have to create a handful of PDFs for each map, and we would still probably not cover everyone. With this guide, you should be able to print out your maps exactly how you want them every time, and it works with all maps and not just ours. If you have any questions or encounter difficulties, you are more than welcome to leave a comment on the product, on [eventyrgames.com](http://eventyrgames.com), or shoot us an email to [jvaleur@eventyrgames.com](mailto:jvaleur@eventyrgames.com), and we’ll do our best to help you.