

Cookbook Sizes

Besides organizing a cookbook from the appetizer and main entrée to dessert, one of the most critical decisions is setting the final cookbook size. The size of a cookbook affects various things including the presentation, layout, readability, and overall design, so don't take the measurements for granted.



Cookbook Sizes Standard

- Portrait Size – The traditional portrait cookbook size is A4 or 8.5 × 11 inches.
- Landscape Size – The ideal landscape cookbook size measures around 11 × 8.5 inches.
- Square Size – Also a popular option is the square cookbook size which is around 12 × 12 inches.

Cookbook Sizes for Digital – Social Media

Cookbook Size for Facebook

You can follow the US letter size 8.5 × 11 in A4 or A5 in posting your cookbook as an image post or ad on Facebook.



Cookbook Size for Instagram

The ideal Instagram cookbook post uses the 12 × 12 in cookbook size or 1500 × 1500 (125 pixels per inch) and 3600 × 3600 (300 pixels per inch).

Cookbook Size for Instagram

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The diagram illustrates an Instagram post layout. At the top, the word "Instagram" is written in a purple script font. Below it are five empty circular icons representing profile pictures. The Instagram logo and the word "instagram" are positioned below the icons. The central focus is a cookbook cover for "LATIN AMERICAN PLATE" by DOLLY RIVERA. The cover features a photograph of various Latin American dishes. Blue lines with circular endpoints indicate the dimensions of the cookbook cover: a vertical line on the left side is labeled "12 inches or 1500 px", and a horizontal line at the bottom is labeled "12 inches or 1500 px".

Cookbook Size for Goodreads

On Goodreads, you register your cookbook as an official published book, and most Goodreads cookbooks follow the 8 × 10 inches or 8.5 × 11 inches cookbook size.



Cookbook Size for Wattpad

Wattpad recommends the 256 × 400 pixels size with a 2:3 ratio on the cover. Go for the size that fits best for your cookbook goals.



Cookbook Sizes for Print

Portrait Sizes

Besides the standard A4 portrait size-inch 8.5 × 11 or 210 × 297 millimeters, other print sizes include 5.5 × 8.5 in or 148 × 210 mm (A5) and 4.25 × 11 inches.

Landscape Sizes

The average landscape cookbook size is 11 × 8.5 inches with a horizontal page orientation, but you may also opt for smaller print sizes such as 9 × 6 inches and 8.5 × 5.5 inches.

Square Sizes

The commonly used square cookbook size is 12 × 12 inches, but there are other print sizes available such as 8 × 8 inches and 6 × 6 inches.

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TYPE OF COOKBOOK	SIZE (in)
PORTRAIT SIZES	8.5 x 11 in 5.5 x 8.5 in
LANDSCAPE SIZES	11 x 8.5 in 9 x 6 in 8.5 x 5.5 in
SQUARE SIZES	12 x 12 in 8 x 8 in 6 x 6 in

Cookbook Sizes for Email

If you plan to create cookbooks online and share them via email, just make sure to keep the size comfortable enough by following the medium cookbook size of 7.5 × 9.25 inches since it is not too big and still has enough room for margins and food recipe images.

The diagram illustrates an email interface with a light blue background. At the top left, there is a red envelope icon. Below it, on the left side, are three horizontal blue bars representing a menu. In the center, there is a 'Sender' section with a blue profile icon and the word 'Sender'. Below the sender information are three horizontal blue bars representing the email body content. The main focus is a cookbook cover titled 'LATIN AMERICAN PLATE' by DOLLY RIVERA. The cover features a photograph of various Latin American dishes. Blue dimension lines with circular endpoints indicate the size of the cover: a vertical line on the right side is labeled '9.5 inches' and a horizontal line at the bottom is labeled '7.5 inches'. In the top right corner of the email interface, there is a logo for 'TEMPLATE.NET' consisting of a blue square with a white 'T' and the text 'TEMPLATE.NET'.

Cookbook Sizes for Business

In business, you can use A4, A5, or A6 for your cookbooks for as long as there is enough room to place ads or market your business on the cookbook itself.

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A4 A5 A6

Cookbook Sizes for Adobe Photoshop

There are premade cookbook PSD templates that make it easy for you to create cookbooks in Adobe Photoshop; simply follow the 0.125-inch bleed and set the image resolution to 300 pixels per inch.



Cookbook Sizes for Adobe Illustrator

When using Adobe Illustrator to create cookbooks, it's best to use a trim size of 0.125-inch bleed per side while selecting the CMYK color model and 300 PPI image resolution.

Cookbook Sizes for Adobe Illustrator

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The screenshot shows the Adobe Illustrator interface with a cookbook cover design. The cover features the text '150 CLASSIC LATIN AMERICAN RECIPES', 'LATIN AMERICAN PLATE', 'Mixed As The Stunning Recipe Photographs', and 'DOLLY RIVERA'. A photograph of various Latin American dishes is centered on the cover. A blue callout line points to the right edge of the cover with the text '0.125" bleed'. The Illustrator logo 'Ai' is visible in the top left corner of the workspace.

Cookbook Sizes FAQs

What Is the Standard Cookbook Size?

Staple cookbook sizes measure 8.5 × 11 inches but may be as little as 5.5 × 8.5 inches or as big as 12 × 12 inches.

What Is the Anarchist Cookbook File Size?

In kilobyte filetype, The Anarchist Cookbook file size is 3225 kb.

What Are the Dimensions of a Cookbook?

Cookbook dimensions measure between 8.5 × 11 inches and 8 × 10 inches or 20 × 25 cm.

What Font Size Should a Cookbook Be?

Whether you create professional cookbooks or a kids' book for cooking, cookbook recipe texts usually follow the 10–13-point type.

How Do You Create a Cookbook Cover Size?

Deciding on the cookbook cover size means following the formula:

- cover width = 3.2 mm bleed + back cover width + spine width + front cover width + 3.2 mm bleed
- cover height/length = 3.2 mm bleed + trim height + 3.2 mm bleed

How Do I Increase the Font Size of My Recipes?

Go to the app where you created the cookbook recipes and find the font tool from the menu to change the font size and even the font style and margins.

What Is the Best Paper Size for a Cookbook?

The best paper size for cookbooks is 8.5 × 11 inches but it can also be opinionated because it all comes down to your favorite paper size rather than following from generic cookbook paper sizes.

How to Reduce Cookbook Size in Photoshop

You can reduce the cookbook size in instant by clicking “Image Size” and inputting the new pixel dimension, document size, or resolution.

How Do You Design Cookbook in Pixel?

You can design cookbooks in pixels by using Photoshop, InDesign, and other tools that offer image resolution tools, and the recommended resolution would be 300 pixels per inch.

How Do You Layout a Cookbook?

A blank cookbook needs a proper layout including the appropriate trim size, creating recipe layouts, determining your cookbook sections, monitoring the recipe names, following a structure, writing headnotes, and taking pictures.