Layout Considerations Window Sizes COUNTER MAT SPECIFICATIONS Trim Size: 28" x 19.5" Final Trimmed Area of Counter Mat 5¼" x 8¼" 8" x 13" 5½" x 8½" Bleed Size: 28.25" x 19.75" 81/4" x 103/4" 8½" x 11" **Critical Element Boundary** 8½" x 14" 81/4" x 133/4" Add 1/8" for bleed Image Size: 8484 x 5925 pixels aka "Live Content Area" 8½" x 11" of Counter Mat 81/4" x 103/4" 10" x 16" (300 Pixels Per Inch @ 100% Size) 8¼" x 13¾" 8½" x 14" Keep critical 13"x 19" 8¼" x 13¾" 8½" x 14" 11"x 17" elements that **CMYK and/or Spot Color is accepted**

12"x 17"

14" x 18"

15" x 22½"

do not bleed

Optional Window Area

1/4" from edge

1" minimum

print area for

maximum window size

14"x 19"

19½"x 28"

For best results see

Art Check List on next page.

8¼" x 13¾"

10¾" x 16¾"

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8½" x 14"

11" x 17"

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COUNTER MAT ART CHECK LIST

A quick test to ensure success! Art and digital files that pass this pre-flight "test" usually flow through our system with ease. These guidelines are also explained in detail at CounterPointMats.com/production.

1 Layout

- ✓ 1/8" Bleed when art extends off of the mat
- ✓ Critical elements at least 1/4" inside mat's edge

2 Image Resolution

Image resolution MUST be 300ppi or higher. EVERY file used to create the final piece MUST be included and editable. This includes linked or placed files.

- ✓ Save images at 300ppi/dpi, sized to 100%
- ✓ Save images as .psd, .tif, .eps, or .ai files
- ✓ Include editable versions of *all* files

3 Fonts

- ✓ For Sublimation: at least 18pt serif, 12pt sans-serif
- ✓ For Offset and UV Ink Jet: at least 8pt
- ✓ All reversed type set to bold
- ✓ Convert all fonts to outlines/curves
- ✓ Include all Screen & Printer fonts

4 File Formats

- ✓InDesign® ✓Hi-Res PDF
- ✓ Photoshop® ✓ Illustrator®

 Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, and
 Excel are not acceptable file formats.

5 Art Submission

✓FTP: CounterPointMats.com/upload (3-80Mb)

✓ Email your Product Specialist directly (<3Mb)

6 Color Target / Output Sample

Include a complete, full sized hard copy of the composite art submitted. These may be color or black & white, but must be printed from the final file(s) you provide. Print 4-Color Process targets using calibrated output devices.

- ✓ Calibrated Color Target
- ✓ Black & White

Colors – Process CMYK

Colors should be defined as CMYK. Converting spot or RGB colors to CMYK may produce unexpected or undesirable results. Spot and RGB colors will be converted to CMYK.

✓ CMYK 4-Color Process

8 Design Tips

- ✓ Avoid small type and other thin elements for fabric counter mats
- ✓ Include all files, including fonts and images
- ✓ Avoid borders, text, and art elements that run close to and parallel to the mat's edge
- ✓ Convert fonts to outlines/curves
- ✓ For a list of standard fonts available for typesetting, visit CounterPointMats.com/fonts
- ✓ Supply a printed copy of the final layout and color samples or color targets

9 Corner Radius

- ✓ Standard corner radius is 3/8" (.375")
- ✓ Any other corner radius requires a custom die
- ✓ Square corners are NOT recommended

Layout Considerations

