

# TEMPLATE FOR A 6x9 BOOK

**These instructions are for a 6x9 book size or 152 x 229mm.**

Please use these dimensions when formatting your cover and manuscript.

This will help prevent errors when submitting your files to YourBooks and ensure they meet professional standards.

## Cover Size

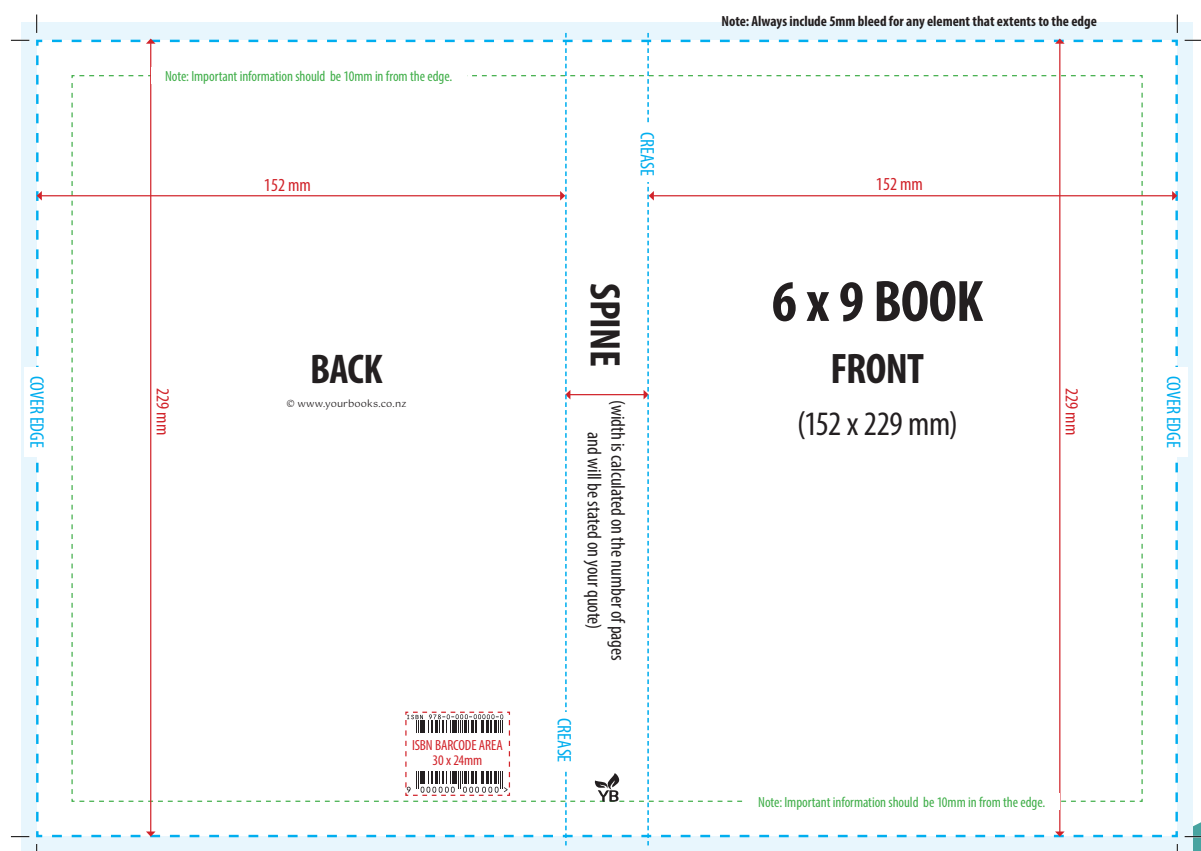
Your cover must be the correct size to pass our quality checks. If we need to make adjustments, an additional charge may be incurred.

Your cover should be supplied as one file with the front, back and spine showing.

The spine width is based on the number of internal pages and the paper stock of your text. The spine dimension will be on your print quote.

You will also need at least 5mm bleed on all sides.

See example below:



## Laying out your text

Your first page always starts on the right hand side and the edge **closest** to the spine should have a larger margin to allow for the glue area and the opening of the book. If you don't do this, your text won't visually look centered and some text could be difficult to read. See *How to format your margins in Word* on page 4.

Your page margins should be as follows:

- Top of page margin: 21mm
- Bottom of page Margin: 21mm
- Inside Margin (the edge closest to the spine): 27mm
- Outside margin (the outside edge): 21mm

**Please note:** If you have any images or design elements that extend to the edge of a page, you must include at least 5 mm of bleed on all sides. This means the image should extend 5 mm beyond the final page trim edge.

The main text area should measure approximately 104 x 186mm. Page headers and page numbers should sit outside this space. *See example on the following page.*

The recommended order of your front matter pages is:

- A half title page (right hand side)
- Copyright information (left hand side)
- A full title page (right hand side)
- Then anything else like a dedication etc.

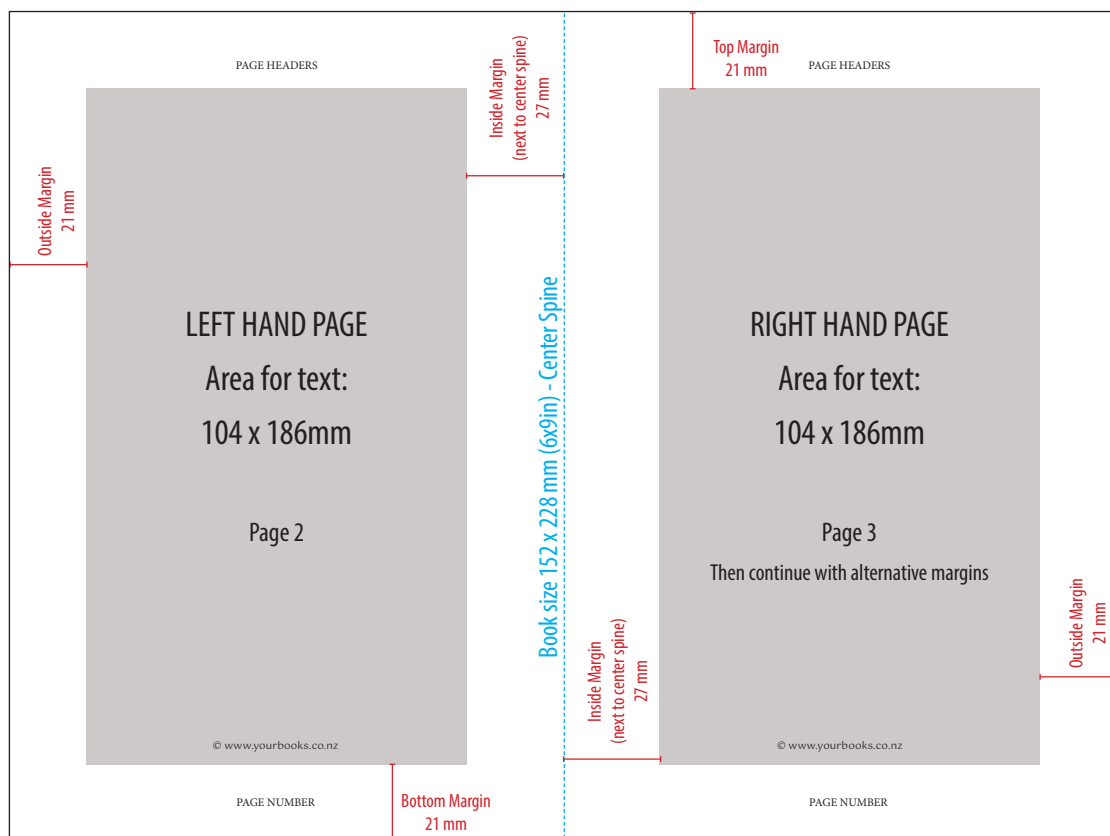
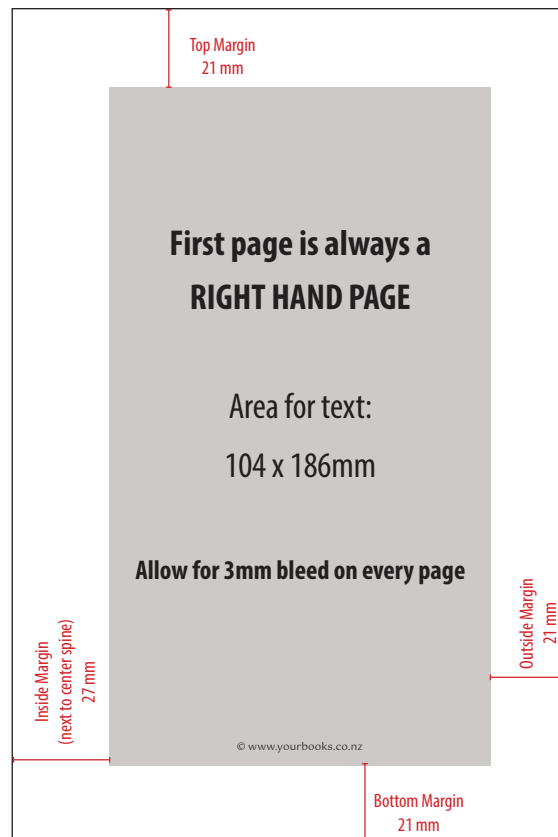
**The first page of your initial chapter should always start on a right hand side.**

**Fonts:** We recommend using a serif font such as Garamond for your main text, with a suggested size of 12 point. Please note this is a general guide only, as the final font choice and size will depend on the type of book you are producing.

*Please note: Your final file for printing must be supplied as a print ready PDF as single pages with bleed.*



## Page layout guide:

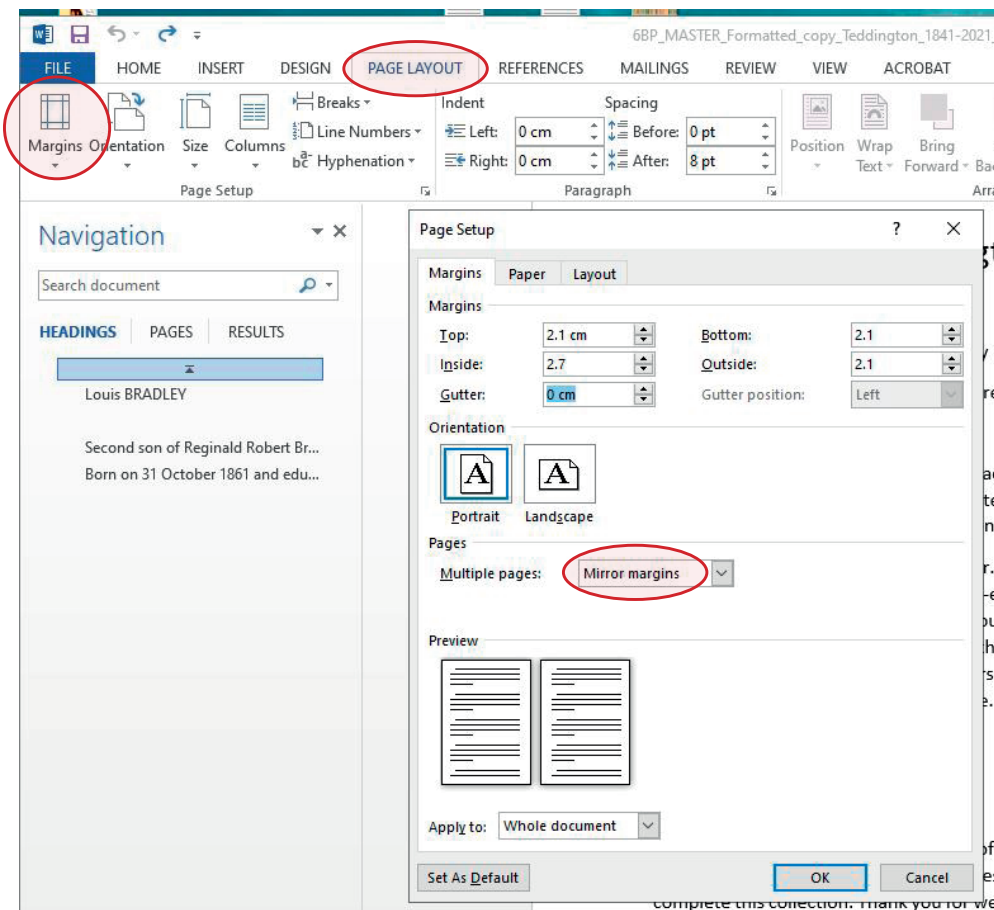


# How to format your margins in Word

As previously discussed, if you are formatting your own manuscript for printing, your book margins must be different on each alternate page. All pages have to have a larger space on the edge that is closest to the book's spine. So your first page, being on the left hand side should have a larger margin on the left-hand side, and so on.

Below are instructions on how to adjust your margins in **Microsoft Word**:

- Page Layout > Margins > Select "Custom Margins" then you should get a pop-up window.
- From this, select "Mirror Margins" from the drop down next to "Multiple pages" and adjust your margins accordingly. See attached screenshot below.



Please note: Your version of Word could look slightly different.

