



## Guidelines for setting up router cut files in Adobe Illustrator

### Create or place your artwork

Create or place your artwork in Illustrator following the [guidelines for setting up Adobe illustrator files](#).

### Create a 'Contour' swatch

On the color palette, click the caret on the upper right hand corner of the palette and choose **Create New Swatch**.

Name the new swatch '**Contour**' (important) and make the **Color Type** a **Spot Color** and the **Color Mode** - **CMYK**. The color values can be set to any visible color. For this guide we will make them Cyan: 0, Magenta: 100, Yellow: 0, Black: 0. Click **OK**.

### Create a cut line

Now create a line that you wish the router to follow for your cut. Make sure there is at least 1/8" of image bleed outside your cut line. Finally, assign the stroke color for your cut line to be your newly created '**Contour**' swatch color. You should be able to find this saved color in your swatch palette **Window->Swatches** with the name '**Contour**'.

### Save your file

Follow the [Adobe Illustrator guidelines](#) for saving your file.

