

Importing files from other applications into InDesign

Import Illustrator Graphics

- Do you need to edit the graphics after you import them?

If you want to adjust layer visibility

Save the file as a layered PDF. Make sure to select “Create Acrobat Layers From Top-Level Layers” before saving.

If you want to edit objects and paths after importing

Copy and paste the graphic directly from Illustrator to InDesign. Artwork will be pasted as grouped items.

Importing with multiple artboards, use Import Options to specify which one

Import Photoshop Files

- Do you need to edit the graphics after you import them?

You can paste a photoshop file directly into an InDesign file. This lets you adjust visibility of the top level layers without altering the original photoshop file.

If you have the color management profile embedded in your photoshop document, InDesign will read the embedded profile.

Import PDF Pages

- Do you need to edit the graphics after you import them?

Using the place command, you can specify which pages you want to import from a multipage PDF or an Illustrator file with multiple artboards.

You can import a single page, a range of pages, or all pages.

Your link to specific pages will break if:

- Adding a password to the original PDF
- Delete pages in the original PDF
- Reordering pages in the original PDF

Import InDesign Pages

Using the place command, you can import pages from one InDesign document into another. It's done similarly to the way InDesign pages are imported.

PNGs in InDesign

Don't do it.

PNG format is best for online documents. Color PNG graphics placed in an InDesign document are RGB bitmap images.

Especially when small, they will appear blurry and low quality. Can you adjust your background to go with that of the document and export as .jpg or something else? Can you make the object vector instead?