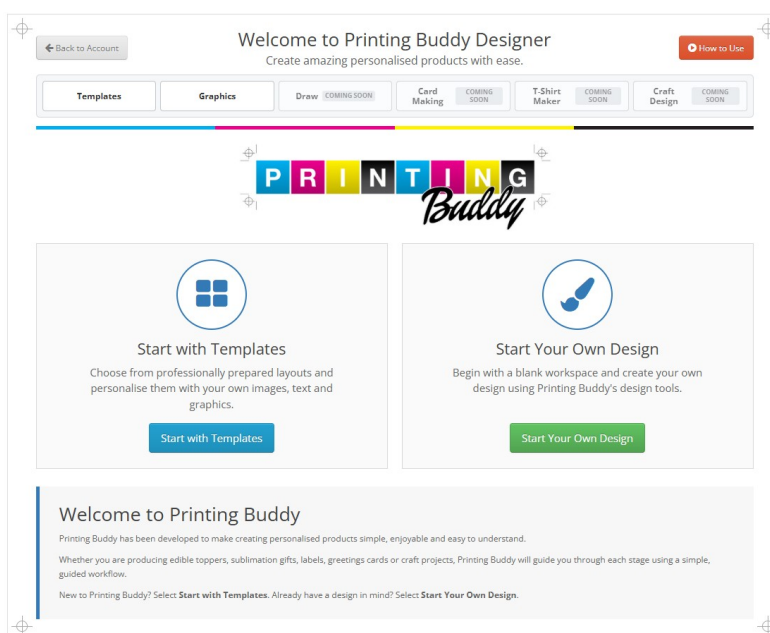


PRINTING BUDDY CUSTOMER GUIDE

PB Studio

Quick Start User Manual



PB Studio welcome screen

Templates • Graphics • Personalised print-ready designs

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Before you begin

PB Studio runs in your web browser. Your images remain in the browser while you work; PB Studio does not upload customer artwork to permanent server storage.

Important Working designs held in the browser are temporary. Use Save Project to download a .pbstudio project file before clearing browser data, changing computers or leaving unfinished work for later.

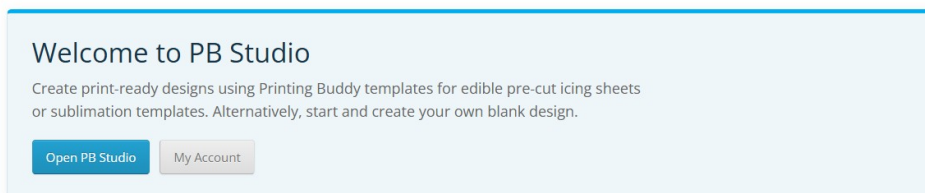
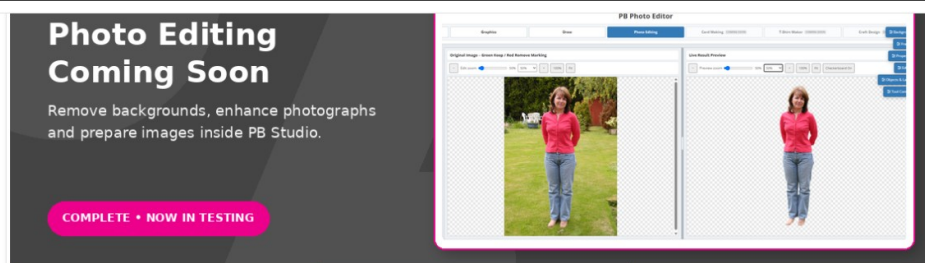
Recommended preparation

Use a current version of Chrome, Edge, Firefox or Safari. Allow downloads from studio.printingbuddy.co.uk and keep the browser tab open while a large design is being prepared.

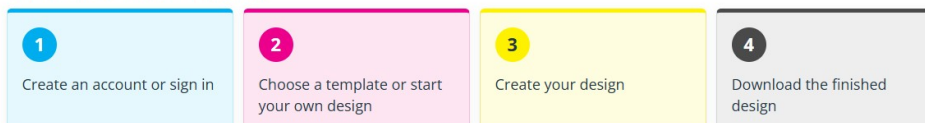
Choose clear, high-resolution JPG, PNG, WebP or SVG artwork. PB Studio warns when an image may print below 300 DPI at its chosen size and automatically reduces very large raster images for reliable browser storage.

The four-stage route

1	Create an account or sign in
2	Choose a Printing Buddy template or start with a blank design
3	Create, arrange and save your artwork
4	Download the finished design as a printable PDF or PNG image



Your route into PB Studio



The PB Studio entry page shows the four-stage customer route.

Create and verify your account

Select Open PB Studio. New customers create an account; returning customers sign in using My Account.

Currency ▼ 01430 284112 My Account ▼ Wish List (0) Shopping Cart Checkout

PRINTING Buddy

Search Q 0 item(s) - £0.00

Buy Credits PB Studio Plans & Pricing

Account Register

Register Account

If you already have an account with us, please login at the [login page](#).

Your Personal Details

* First Name

* Last Name

* E-Mail

* Telephone

Your Password

* Password

* Password Confirm

Newsletter

Subscribe ☐ Yes ☒ No

Login

Register

Forgotten Password

My Account

Address Book

Wish List

Order History

Downloads

Recurring payments

Reward Points

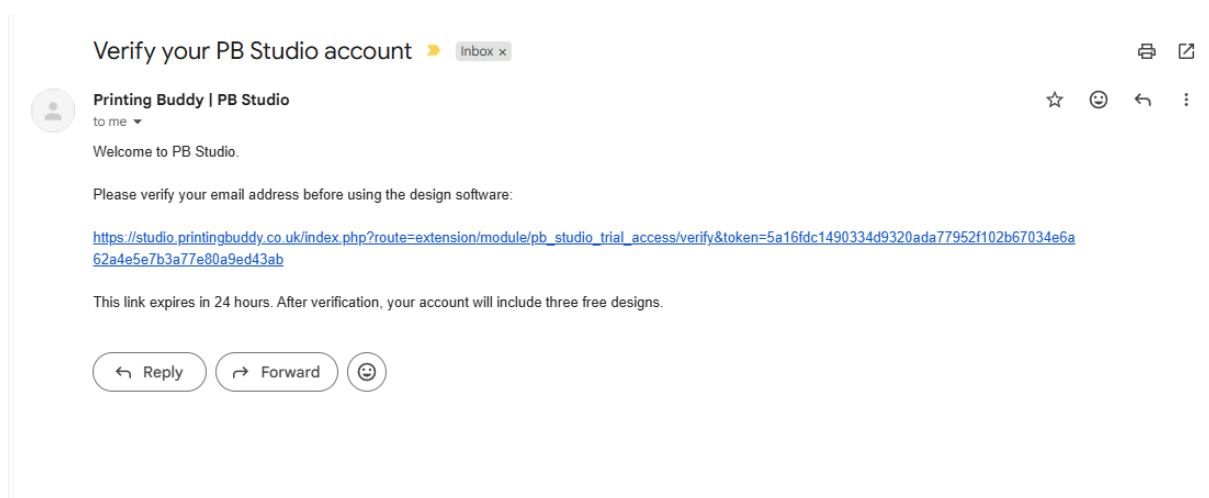
Returns

Transactions

Newsletter

Complete the required account fields and choose a secure password.

Verification PB Studio sends an email containing a verification link. The link expires after 24 hours. Check the spam or junk folder if the message does not appear.



Select the verification link before attempting to use PB Studio.

Open PB Studio

After signing in, open My Account and select PB Studio. The PB Studio Credits page shows promotional and purchased credits separately.

The screenshot shows the Printing Buddy website interface. At the top, there's a header with a currency selector (£), a phone number (01430 284112), and links for My Account, Wish List (0), Shopping Cart, and Checkout. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for Buy Credits, PB Studio Plans & Pricing, and Buy Printing Supplies. The main content area is titled 'Account' and features a sidebar with 'My Account', 'My Orders', 'My Affiliate Account', and 'Newsletter'. The 'My Account' section is active, showing options like 'Edit your account information', 'Change your password', 'Modify your address book entries', and 'Modify your wish list'. The 'PB Studio Credits' option is selected in the sidebar. On the right, a table lists account management options: My Account, Edit Account, Password, Address Book, Wish List, Order History, Downloads, Recurring payments, Reward Points, Returns, Transactions, Newsletter, PB Studio Credits, and Logout.

Account Management Options
My Account
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PB Studio Credits
Logout

Open PB Studio from the customer account page.

Understand PB Studio credits

PB Studio Credits shows the current balance and keeps a history of credits awarded, purchased and used.

PB Studio Credits

Available credits		
Free/promotional credits	47	Voucher/purchased credits
0		47

Redeem a pack voucher

Voucher code [Redeem voucher](#)

Credit history

Date	Activity	Type	Credits
2026-08-04 15:20:10	PB Studio design created	Commercial	-1
2026-08-04 15:05:48	PB Studio design created	Commercial	-1
2026-08-04 14:33:08	PB Studio design created	Commercial	-1
2026-08-04 14:27:40	PB Studio design created	Promotional	-1
2026-08-04 14:24:18	PB Studio design created	Promotional	-1
2026-08-04 14:16:30	PB Studio design created	Promotional	-1
2026-08-04 08:53:58	PB Studio design created	Promotional	-1
2026-08-04 08:46:49	PB Studio design created	Promotional	-1
2026-08-04 08:43:31	PB Studio design created	Promotional	-1
2026-08-04 08:35:35	PB Studio design created	Promotional	-1
2026-08-03 15:28:52	PB Studio credits purchased	Commercial	+25
2026-08-03 14:21:52	HobbyPrint pack voucher redeemed	Commercial	+25
2026-08-03 14:18:36	Promotional credits awarded by PB Studio	Promotional	+1
2026-08-03 14:13:05	PB Studio design created	Promotional	-1

Credits, voucher redemption and credit history are available from PB Studio Credits.

Choose how to begin

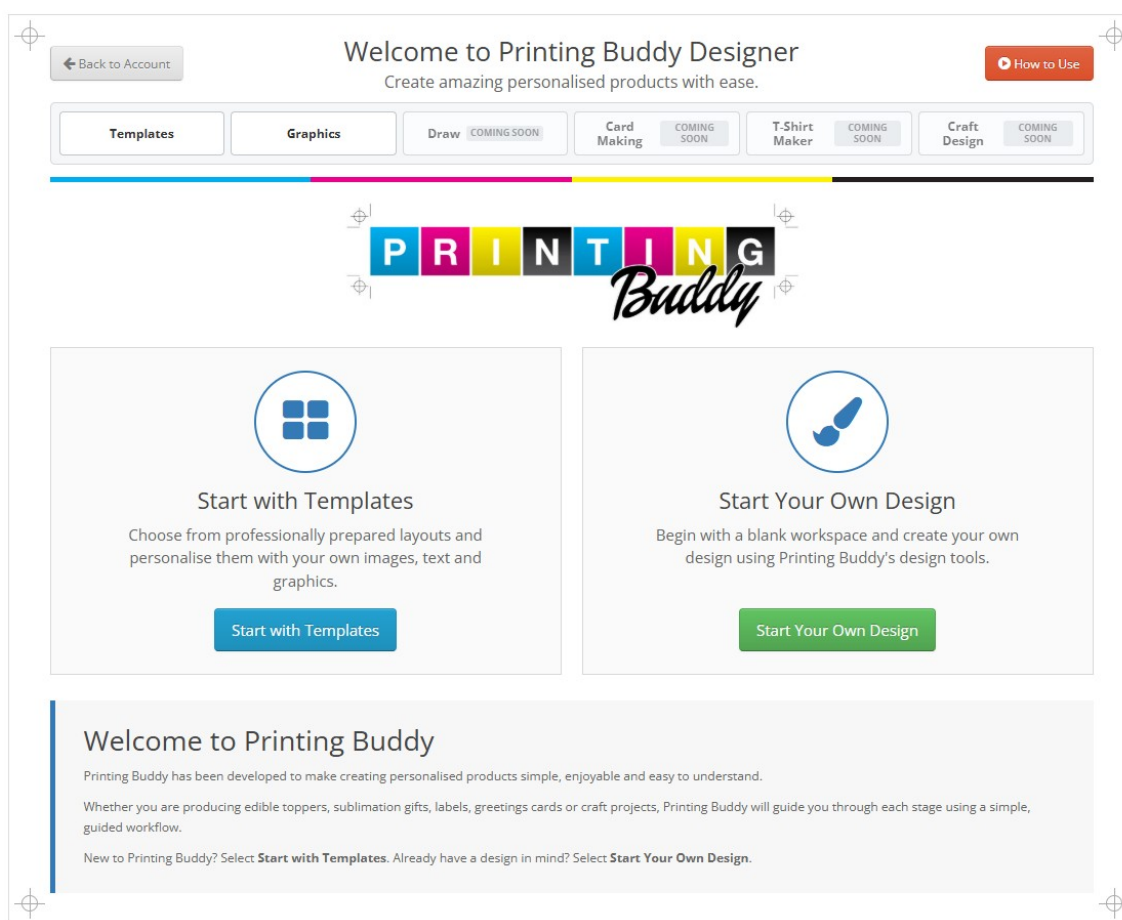
The welcome screen provides two working routes.

Start with Templates

Choose a prepared layout for edible pre-cut icing sheets, sublimation products and other supported media. Each outlined object becomes an individual design position.

Start Your Own Design

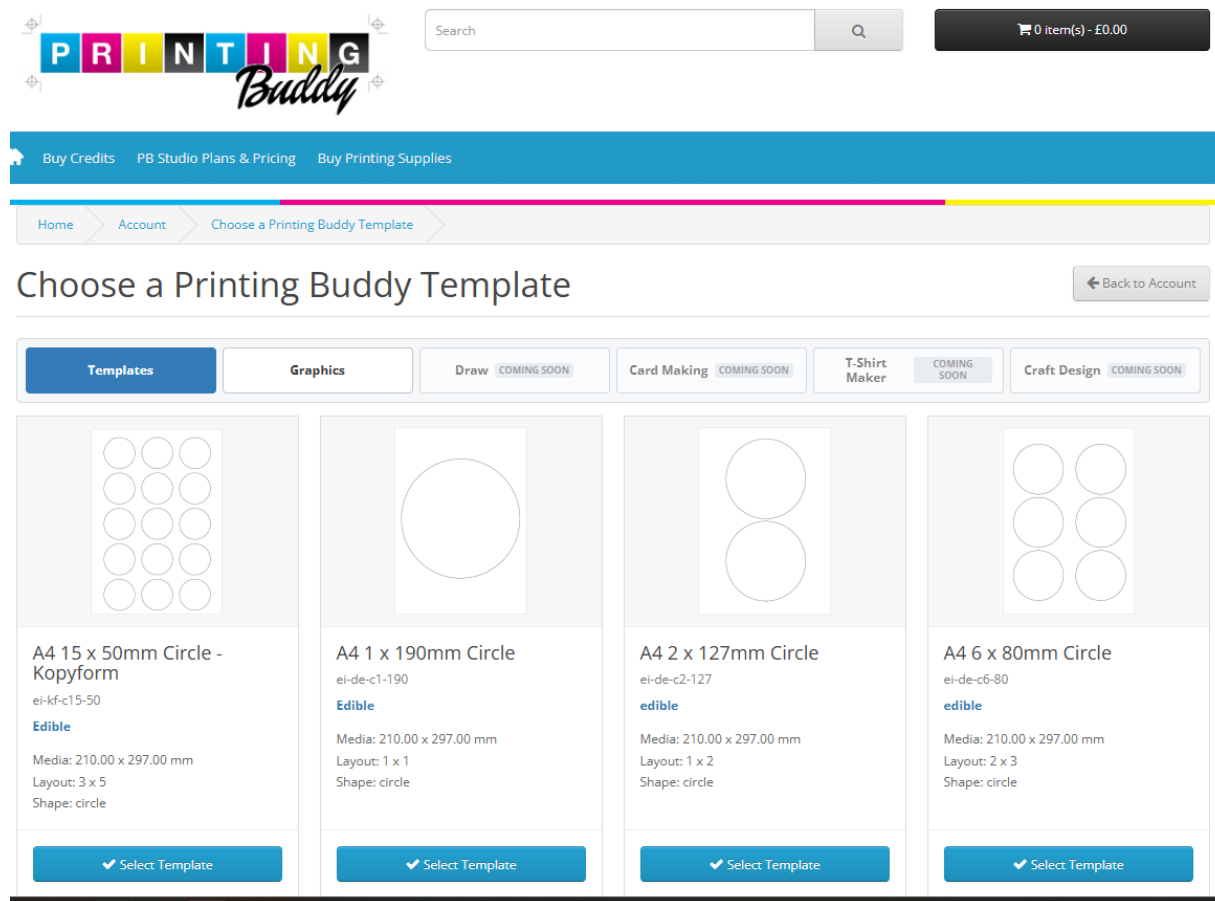
Open a blank workspace and create an unrestricted design using images, shapes, text, frames, backgrounds and drawing tools.



Choose Start with Templates or Start Your Own Design.

Select a template

Templates show their media size, layout, subject and object shape. Check these details against the Printing Buddy product you intend to print.

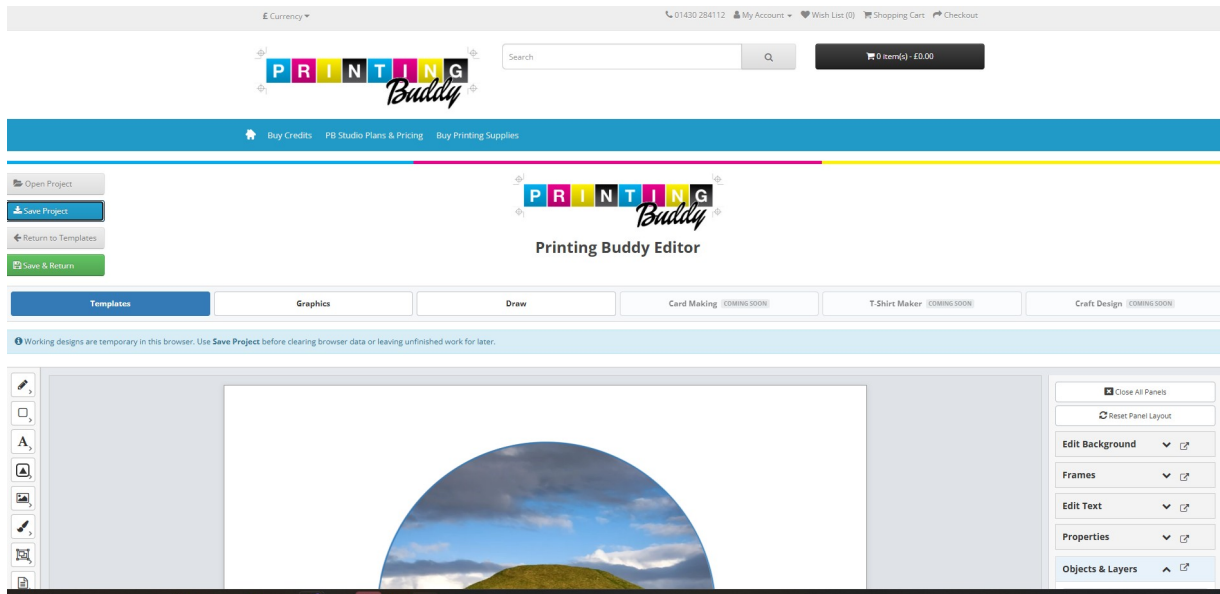


Select the required template using the blue Select Template button.

Check before designing Confirm the template name, dimensions and layout. Changing templates after artwork has been added may require the design to be recreated.

Create the first object design

Select an unused object on the template. PB Studio opens that object in the larger Printing Buddy Editor so the design can be created accurately.



The single-object editor includes Open Project, Save Project and Save & Return.

Create the design using the left tool rail. The centre area is the object canvas; panels on the right provide background, frame, text, properties and layer controls.

Save & Return When the object design is ready, select Save & Return. This applies the design to the source object and returns to the full template.

Images

Select the Images icon on the left tool rail to upload and position raster or SVG artwork.

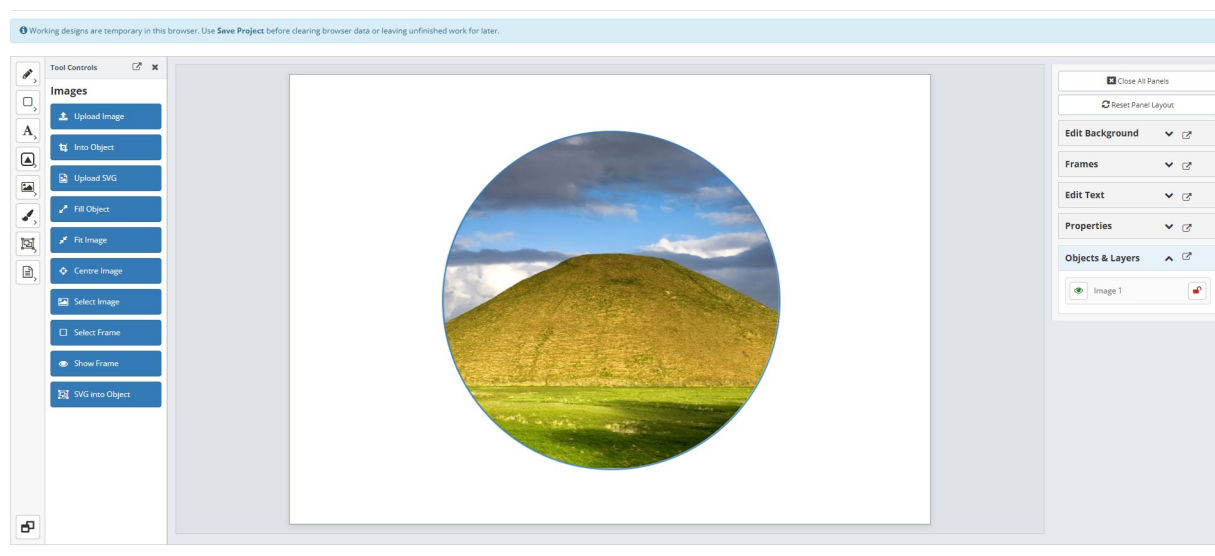


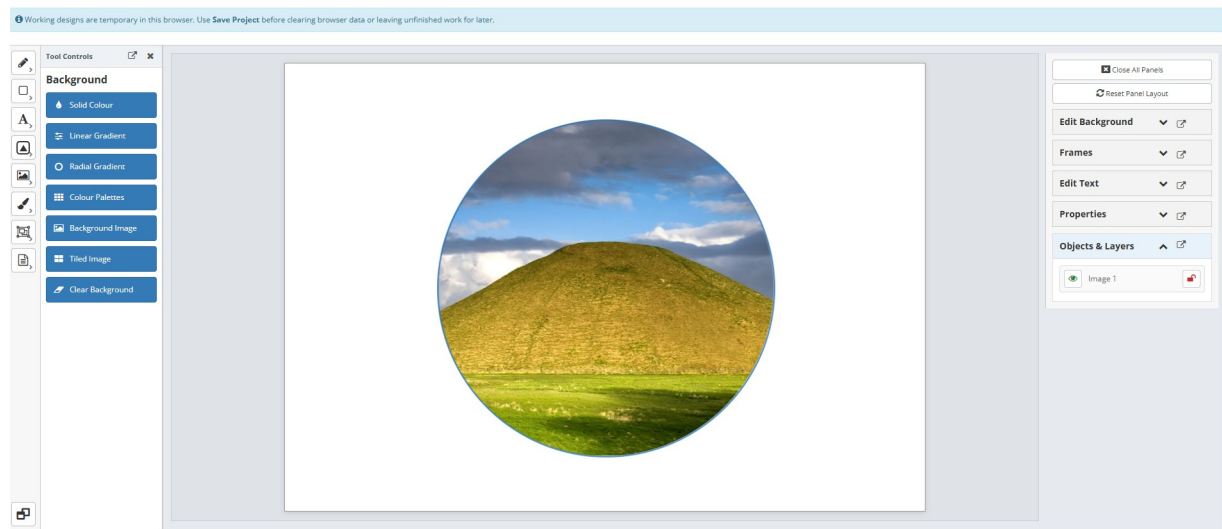
Image controls with artwork fitted inside a circular template object.

Upload Image adds ordinary image artwork. Into Object clips the selected image into a selected shape or frame. Fill Object covers the entire object; Fit Image keeps the whole image visible. Centre Image quickly repositions it.

Use Select Image and Select Frame when working with a clipped image. Show Frame restores a hidden frame, while SVG into Object places compatible vector artwork into an object.

Backgrounds

Background controls are separate from ordinary images. This prevents a background from behaving like a selectable foreground object.



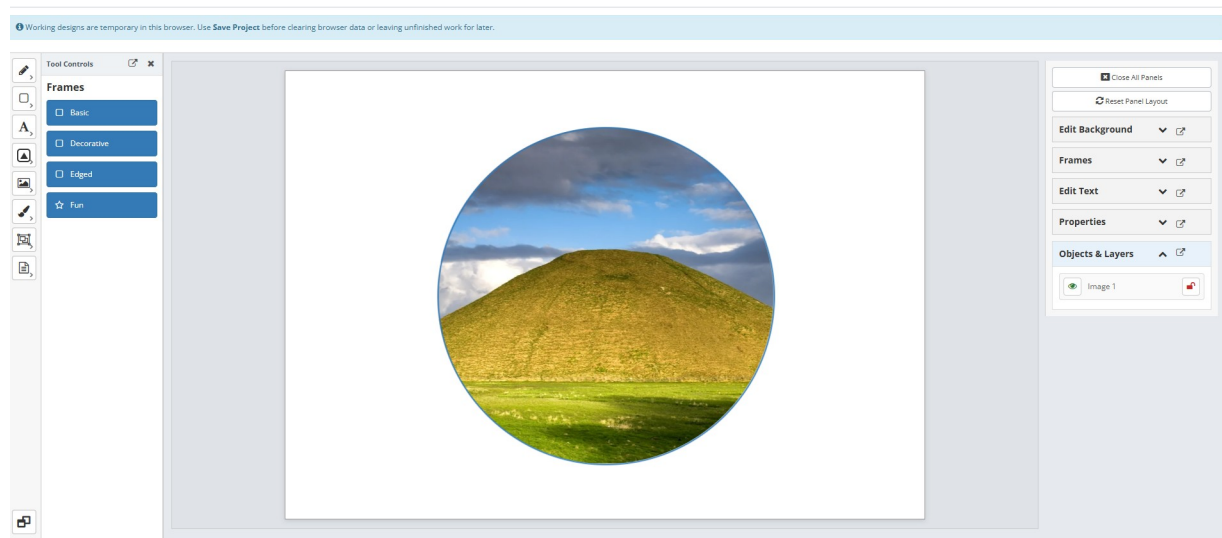
Background choices include colour, gradients, a standard background image and a tiled image.

Background Image fits one image across the design background. Tiled Image repeats artwork as a pattern. Solid Colour, Linear Gradient, Radial Gradient and Colour Palettes create backgrounds without uploading an image.

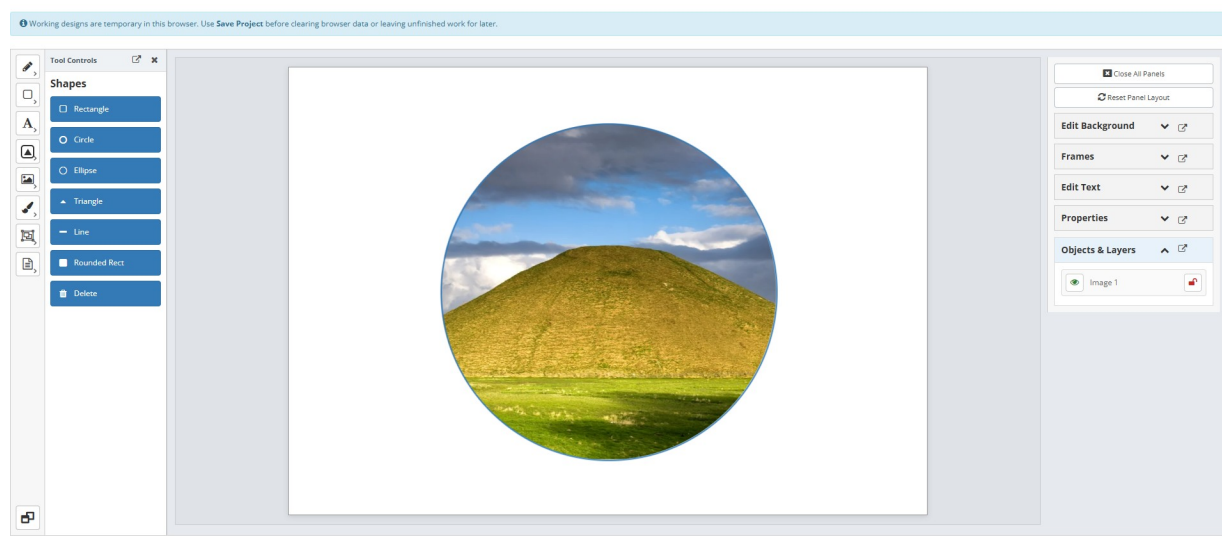
Tip Use Background Image when one photograph or design should fill the background. Use Tiled Image only when a repeating pattern is required.

Frames and shapes

Frames define how images are clipped and decorated. Shapes can also be added as independent design objects.



Frame categories: Basic, Decorative, Edged and Fun.

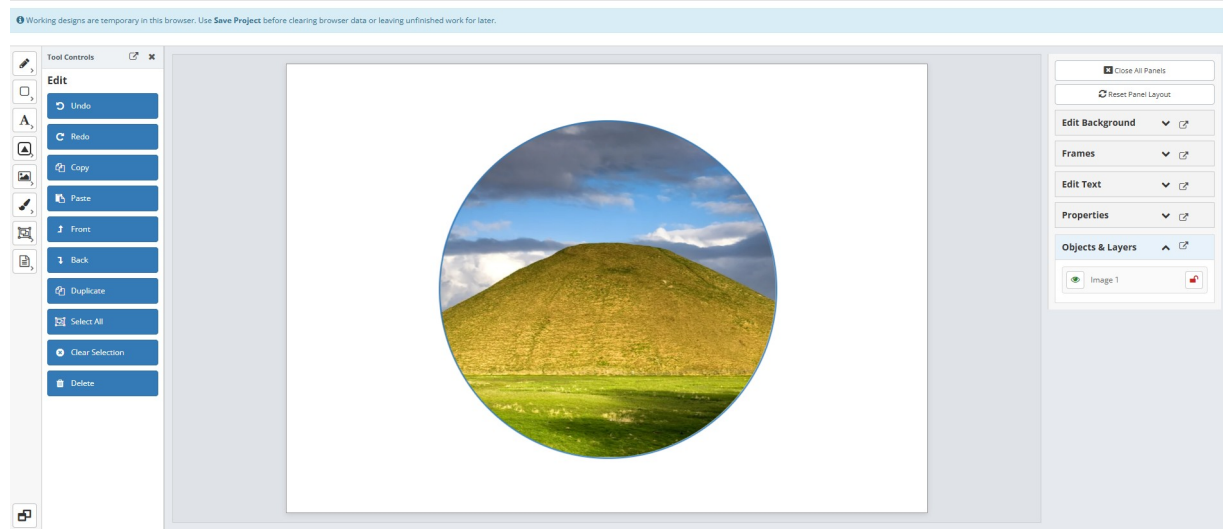


Shape controls: Rectangle, Circle, Ellipse, Triangle, Line and Rounded Rectangle.

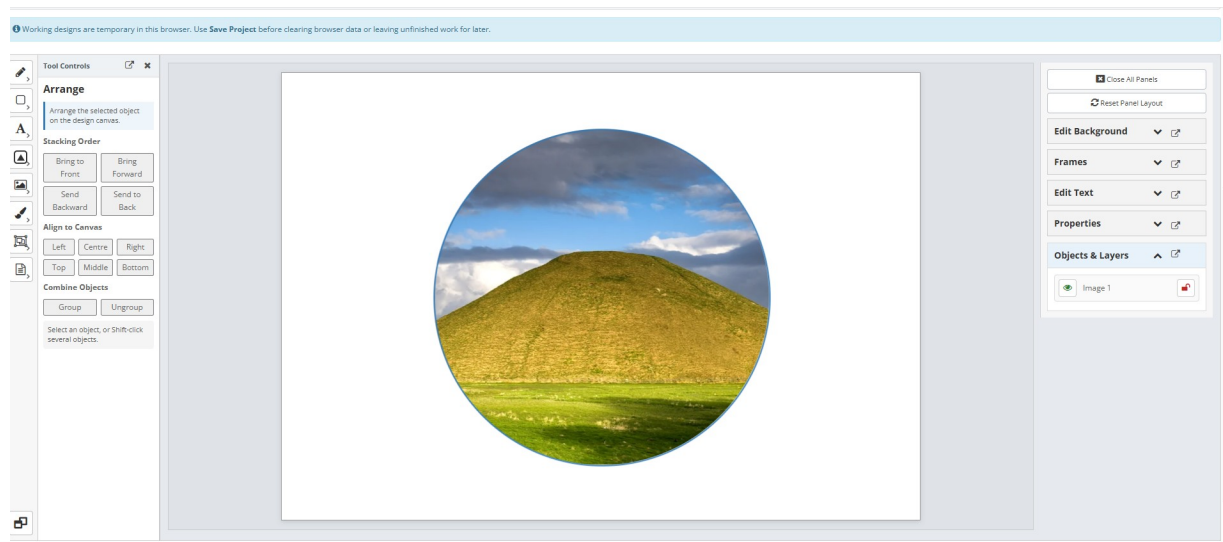
After adding a frame, select the image to reposition or resize the artwork inside it. The frame may be selected separately when its size, angle or appearance needs changing.

Edit and arrange objects

Select an image, shape, frame or text object before using these commands.



Edit controls for undo, redo, clipboard actions, stacking and deletion.

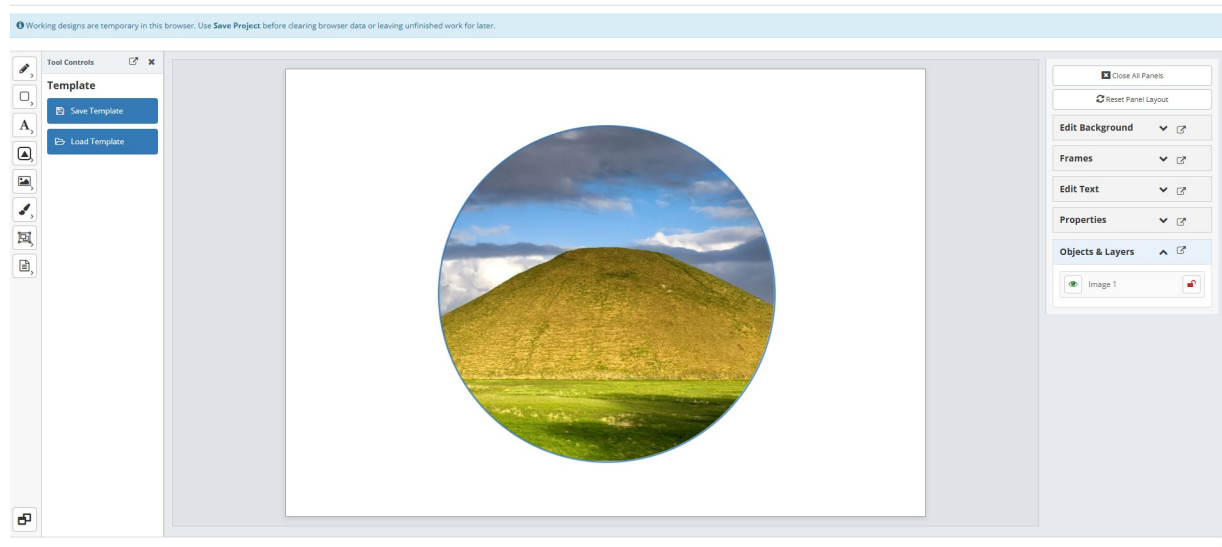


Arrange controls for stacking order, canvas alignment and grouping.

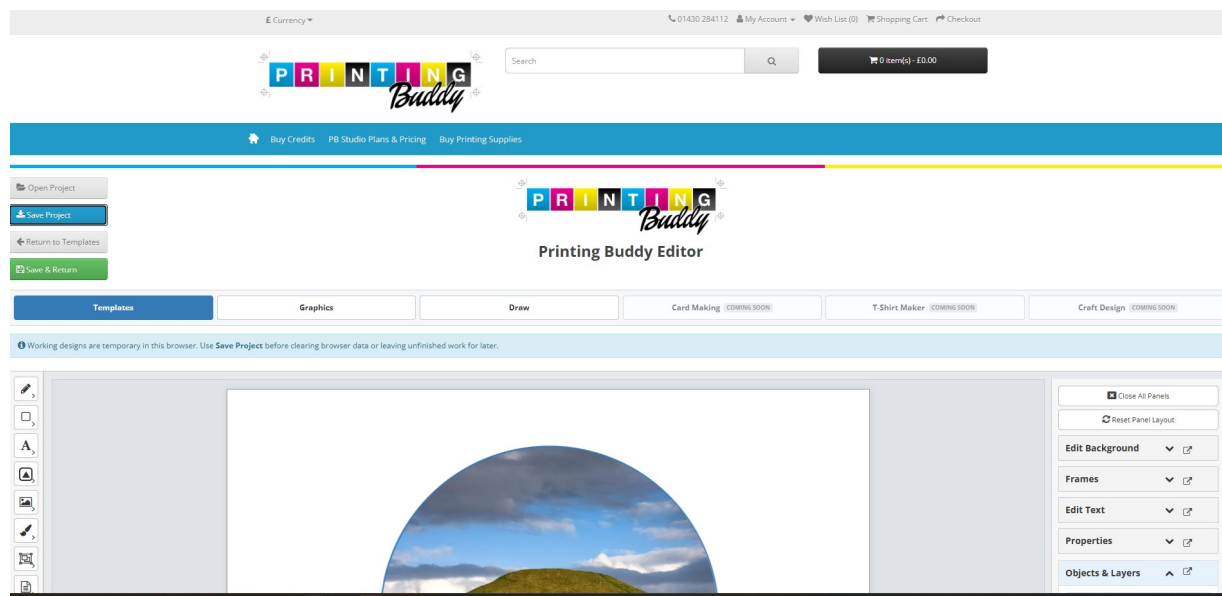
Front and Back change which object appears above another. Arrange provides finer Bring Forward and Send Backward steps. Shift-click several objects before selecting Group; use Ungroup to edit them individually again.

Save an editable project

A .pbstudio project file preserves the editable design so it can be reopened later.



Save Template and Load Template controls within the tool rail.

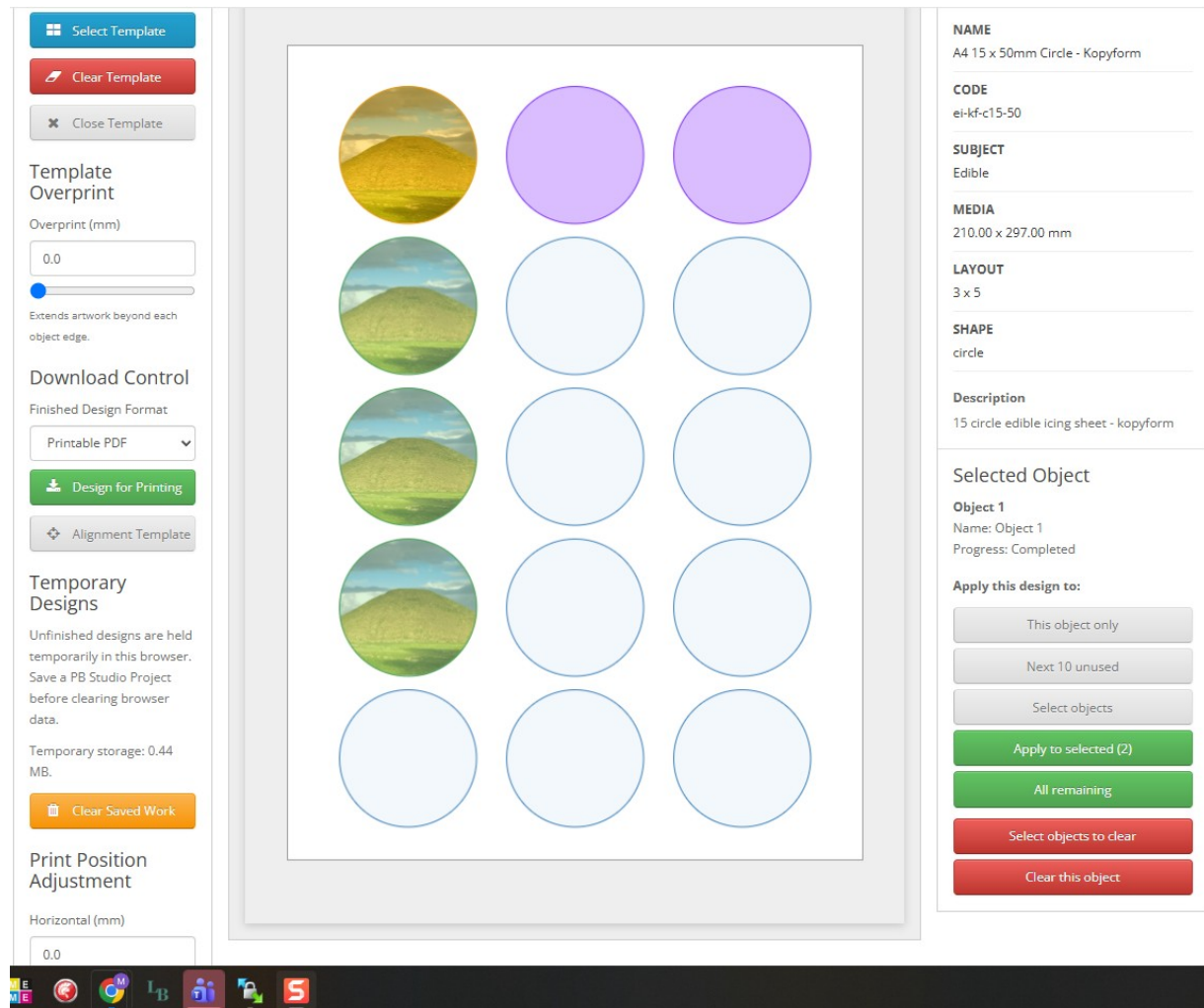


Open Project and Save Project are also available at the top of the object editor.

Do this before leaving Select Save Project and keep the downloaded .pbstudio file safely. Use Open Project to continue editing it later. A printable PDF or PNG is a finished output and is not a substitute for the editable project file.

Apply a design to template objects

After Save & Return, select a completed source object. The panel on the right offers several ways to copy its design.



Two unused objects are highlighted purple and Apply to selected shows a count of 2.

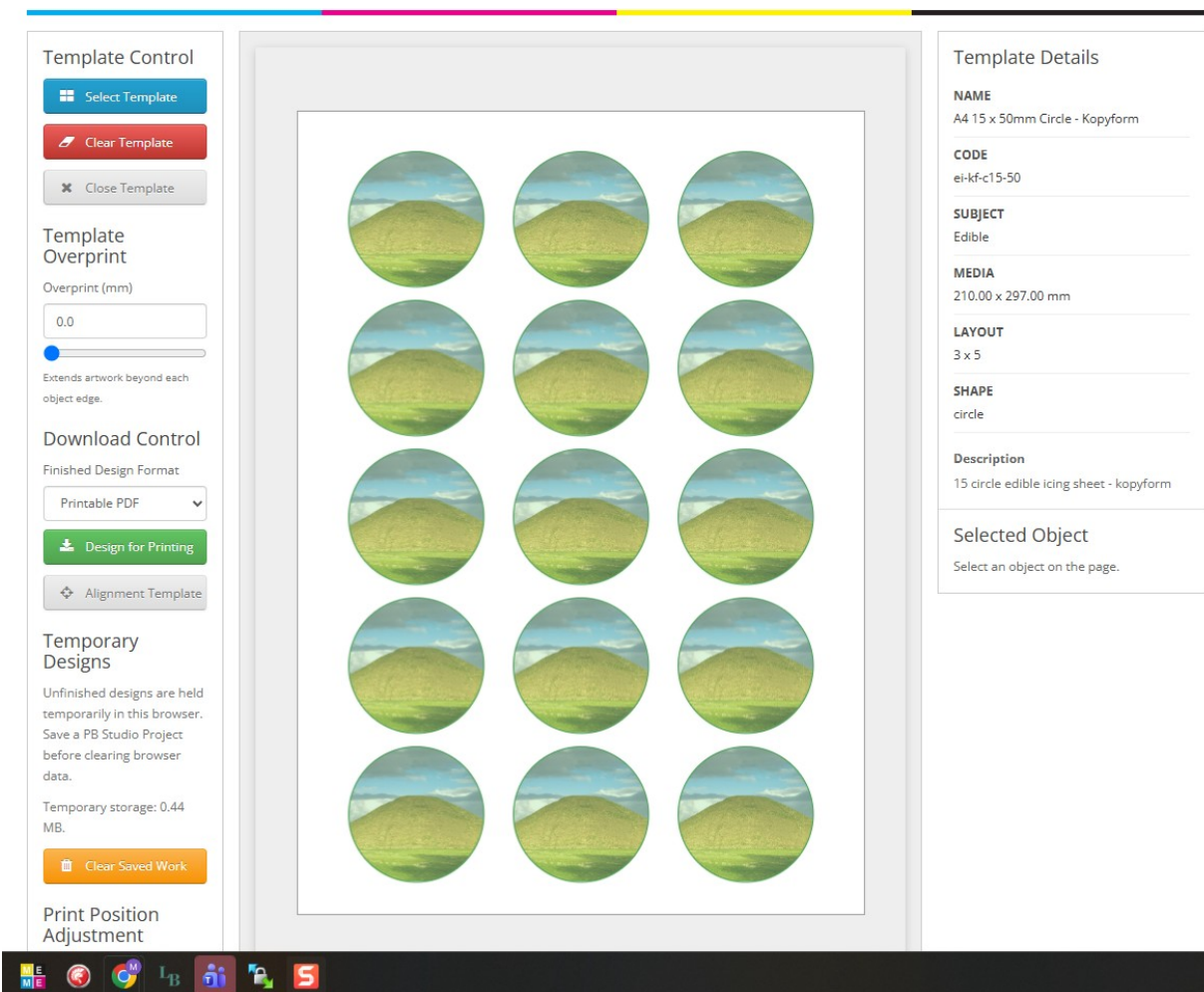
Application choices

This object only applies the design to the current object. Next 10 unused fills the next ten available positions. Select objects enters multi-selection mode; choose each required object and check the number on Apply to selected. All remaining fills every unused position.

Colour guide Unused objects are pale blue, selected objects are purple, the source object is orange and completed objects are green.

Complete and download the template

Every template object must be completed before PB Studio prepares the finished printing file.



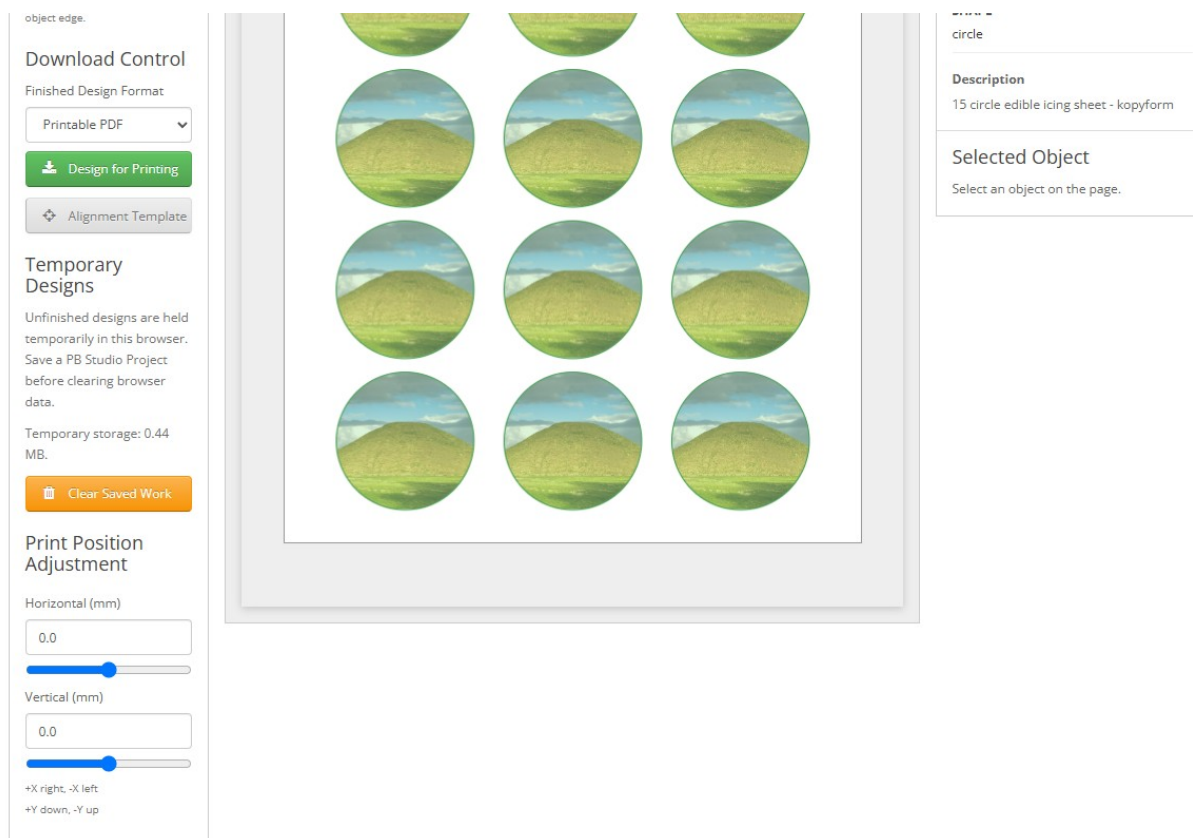
A completed 15-object template with the Finished Design Format selector.

Choose Printable PDF for an A4 print-ready document or PNG Image for a finished raster image. Then select Design for Printing. Alignment Template downloads a separate guide for checking printer positioning.

Printing accuracy Use Horizontal and Vertical Print Position Adjustment only when a test print shows a consistent offset. Overprint extends artwork slightly beyond each object edge to reduce the risk of white edges.

Temporary browser storage

PB Studio keeps unfinished template objects temporarily in the current browser so you can move between the object editor and the full template.



Temporary Designs displays current browser usage and provides Clear Saved Work.

Clear Saved Work This removes PB Studio working designs from the browser. Download a .pbstudio project file first if the design may be needed again. Clearing browser history, cookies or site data can also remove temporary work.

Quick troubleshooting

Most problems can be resolved without recreating the design.

Problem	What to do
Nothing downloads	Allow downloads for studio.printingbuddy.co.uk, confirm every template object is completed, refresh the page and try again.
A design cannot be saved	Use Save Project immediately, check that browser storage is enabled and remove old temporary designs only after saving any work you need.
An image looks soft	Use a larger original. PB Studio warns when the selected image may print below 300 DPI at its chosen size.
An image will not upload	Use JPG, PNG, WebP or SVG. Raster image uploads are limited to 20 MB; project files are limited to 25 MB.
A download records an error	Save the design first, keep the page open and retry. Sign out and back in if the session has expired.
Panels are misplaced	Select Reset Panel Layout. Close All Panels provides a clear workspace before reopening only the panels needed.

Best protection Keep the original artwork and the latest .pbstudio project file outside the browser. The project file is the customer's editable backup.