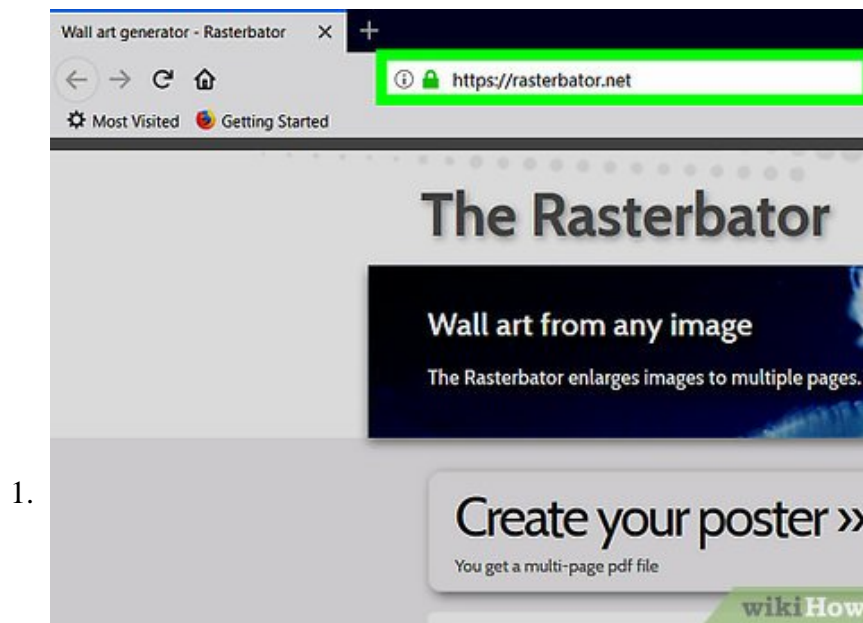


How to Print a Large Image on Multiple Pages on PC or Mac

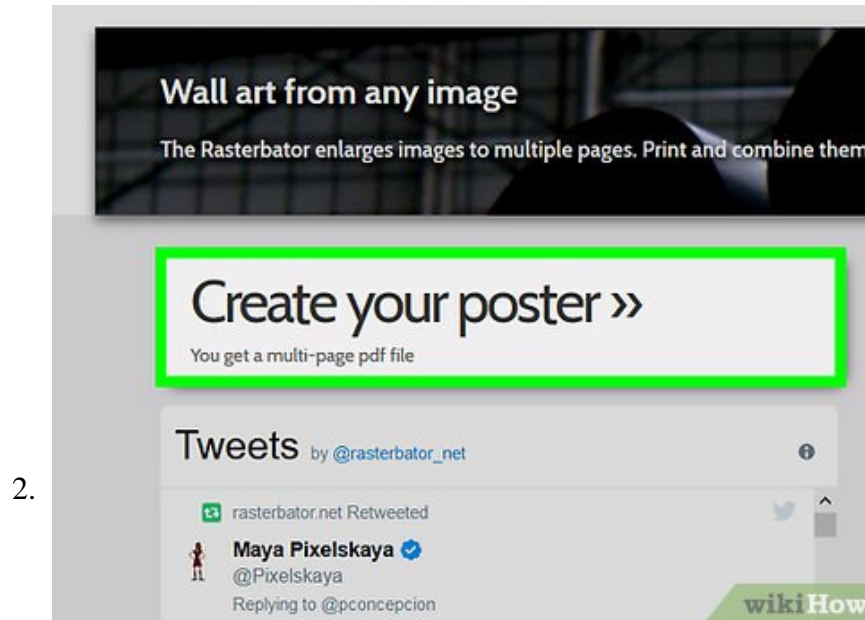
This wikiHow teaches you how to print one large image on multiple sheets of paper (also known as a tiled or rasterbated poster) from your PC or Mac. Go to <https://rasterbator.net/> in a web browser. The Rasterbator is a popular website...

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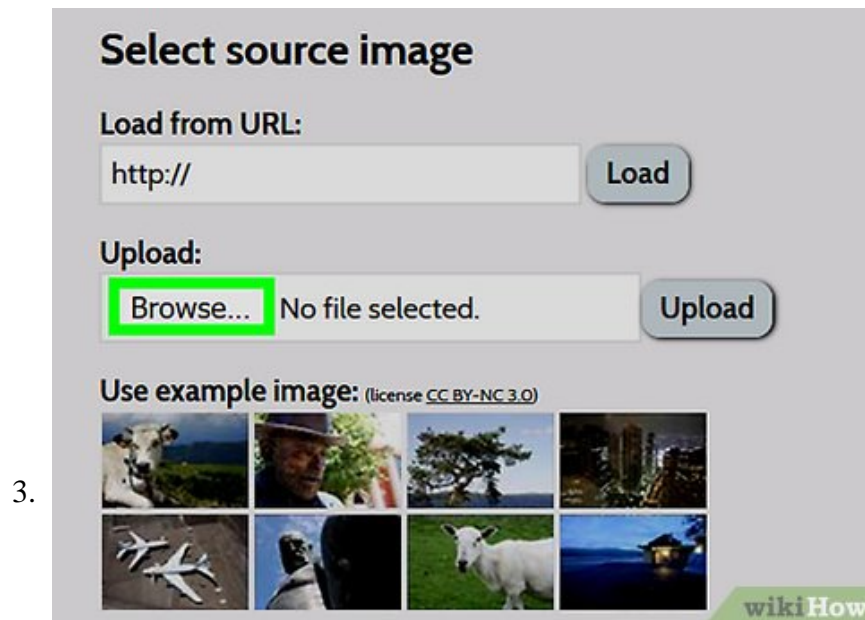
Using Rasterbator to Enlarge the Image



Go to <https://rasterbator.net/> in a web browser. The Rasterbator is a popular website known for creating poster-sized wall art. This site works for both Windows and macOS.

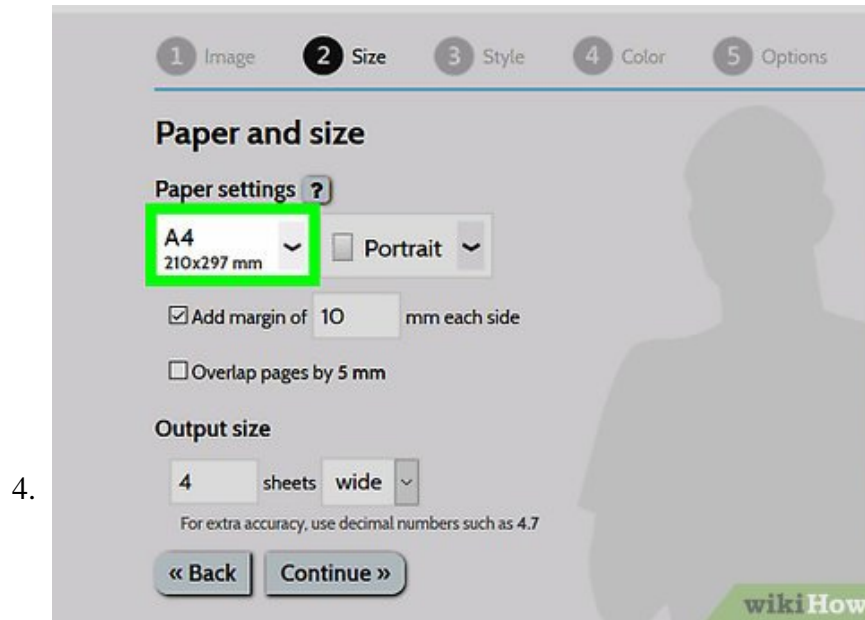


Click **Create your poster**.



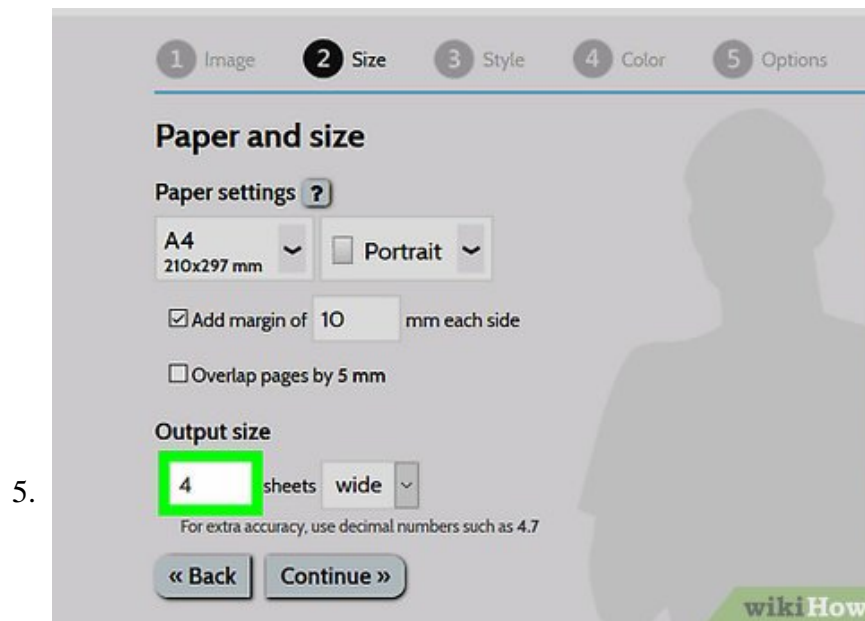
Select a source image. There are three ways to do this:

1. If the image is online, type or paste its direct URL into the 'Load from URL' blank, then click Load.
2. If the image is on your computer, click **Browse...** to open your computer's file browser, select the image, click **Open**, and then click **Upload**.
3. Another way to upload an image from your computer is to drag it from a folder to the the 'Drag image file here' box.



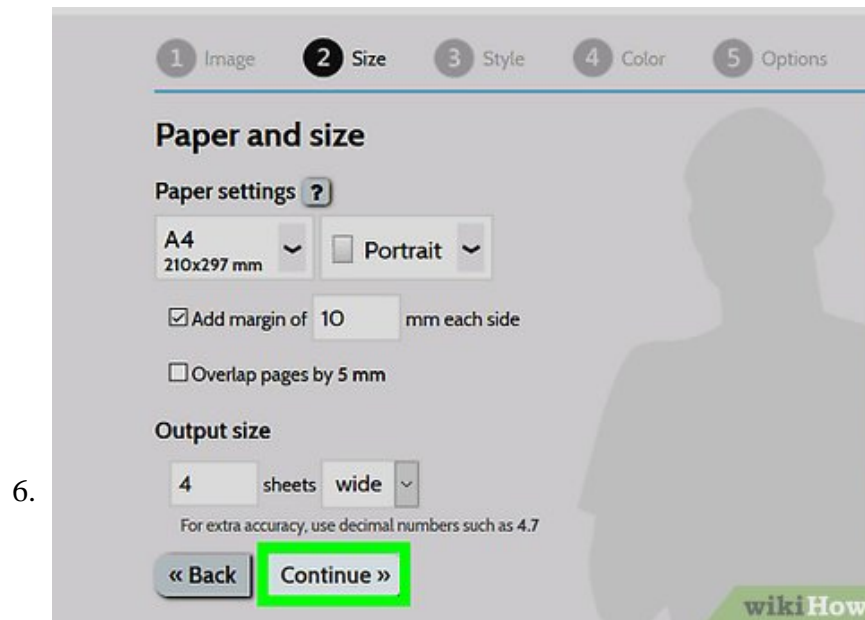
Select your paper settings. Under 'Paper settings,' choose your desired options:^[1]

1. Choose the size and format of the paper you're printing on, such as **A5** (5.8' x 8.3) or **US Letter** (8.5' x 11'), from the first drop-down menu.
2. Select either the **Portrait** (tall) or **Landscape** (wide) format.
3. The default margin size is 10 mm, which should work for most home printers. Margins are necessary because most printers don't print all the way to the edge of the paper. If the margins are too small, some of the image will be cut off—if it's too big, you can always just trim off the edges.
4. Overlap makes it easy to join the images together when you cut off the margins because the image will slightly overlap onto the adjoining sheets. Check the box 'Overlap pages by 5 mm' box for best results.

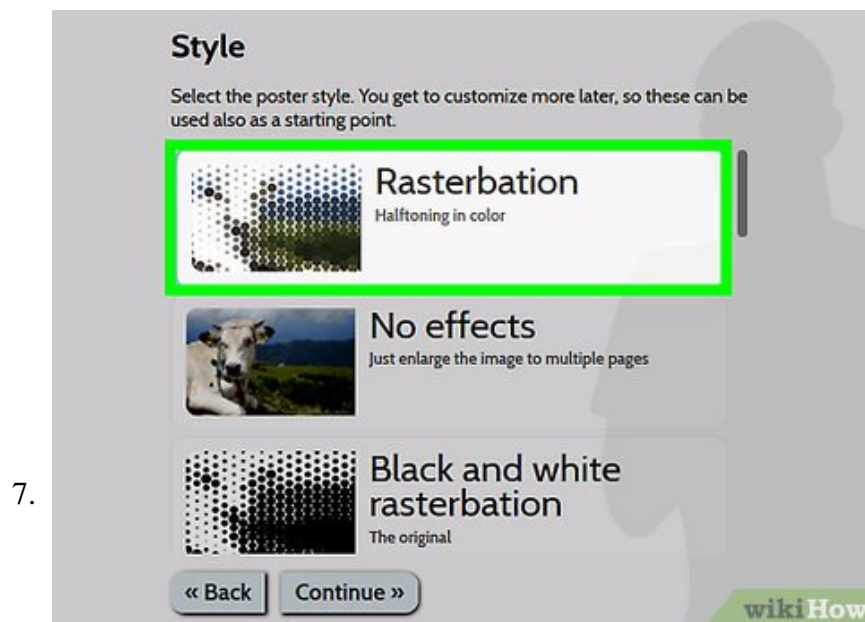


Choose the size of your poster. The 'Output size' section determines the size of your poster based on the number of sheets making up the image. The higher the number of sheets, the larger the size of the poster.

1. Enter the number of sheets into the first box.
2. In the drop-down menu, select **wide** or **high**.
 1. For example, if you type 6 into the 'sheets' box and select **wide**, the image will be the size of 6 sheets of paper across (wide). Rasterbator will figure out how many sheets tall the poster must be to fit the image.
 2. If you select **tall**, the example image would be 6 sheets tall, and Rasterbator would determine the width based on the image size.
3. The grid lines on the preview show how many sheets of paper you'll be using.



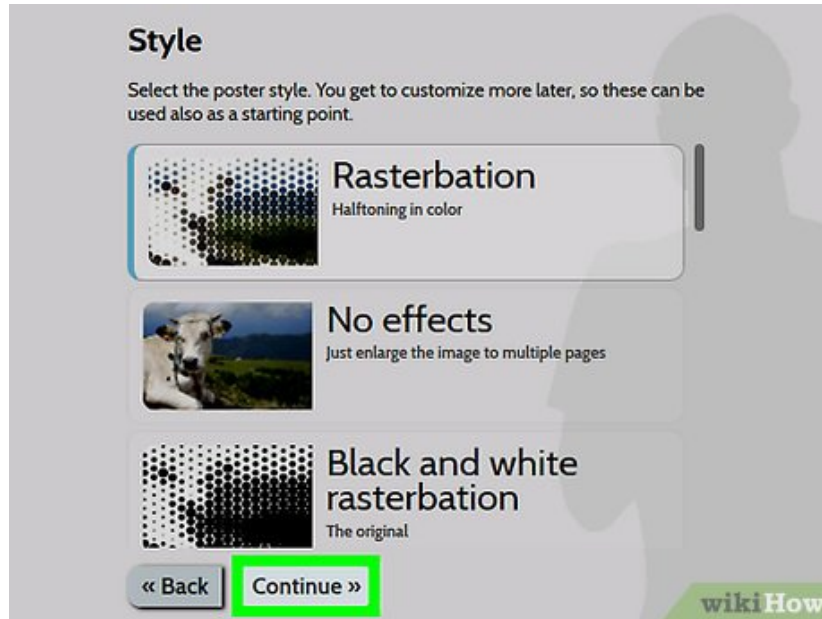
Click **Continue**.



Select a style. Rasterbator lets you choose from an assortment of styles to add an artistic effect to your poster. Click a style (a preview will appear on the image), or select **No effects** to skip this step.

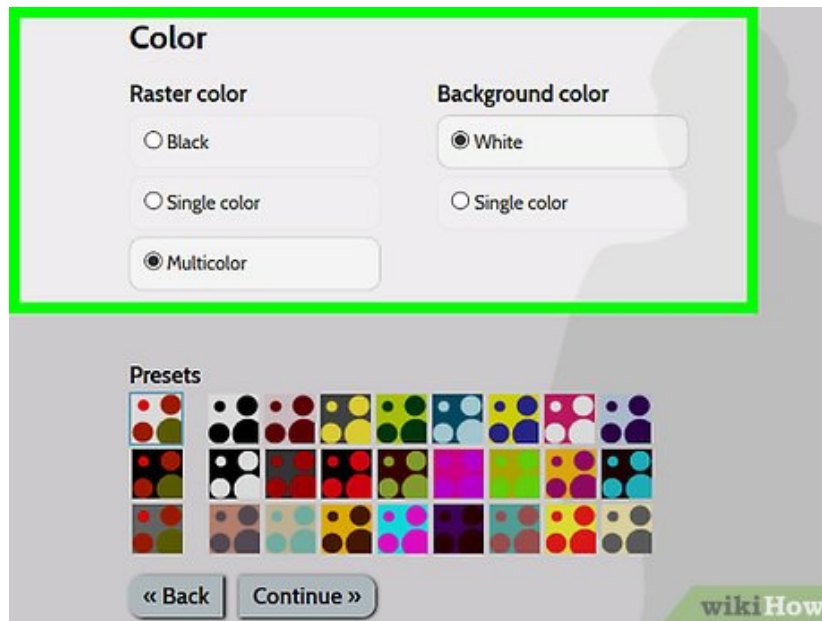
1. **Rasterbation** and **Black and white rasterbation** are popular choices that print in a halftone style, comprised of many dots.

8.



Click **Continue**.

9.



Select your color preferences. If you selected a style, you'll be able to choose additional options for the final product.

1. If you chose **No effects**, none of these menu options will affect your poster.

10.

Color

Raster color

Black

Single color

Multicolor

Background color

White

Single color

Presets

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Click **Continue**.

11.

Options

Output

Interlaced halftone
Halftone with alternating columns

Circle

Grid size: 10 mm
Typically 5-25 mm, larger sizes may be useful with huge posters

Raster size: 0 - 100 % of grid size
0-100% will work fine

Other

Crop marks
They help cut margins

Page position
Coordinates on each page

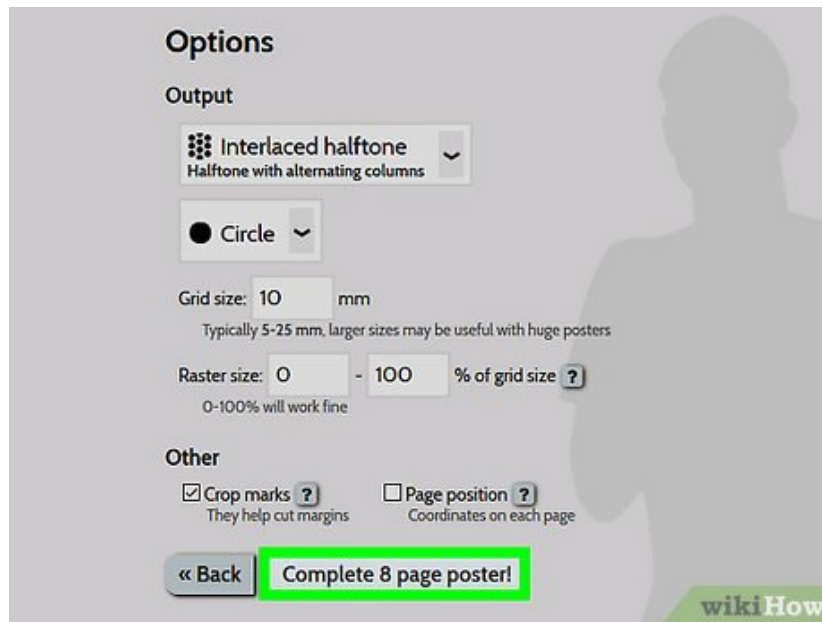
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Select your final style options. These options will vary depending on the style you selected.

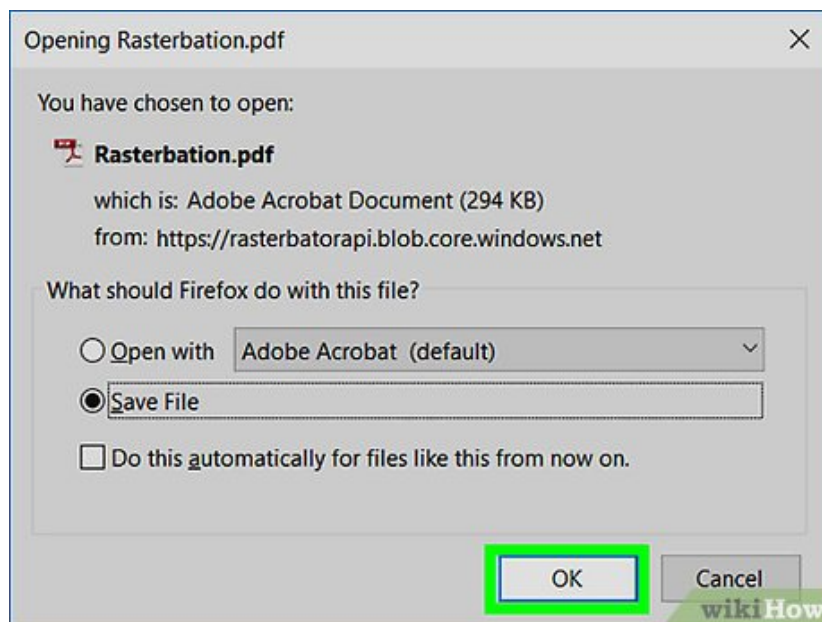
1. If you did not select a style, you can still browse through the drop-down menu at the top of the screen to add some effects to your final product. If you decide not to use any, select **Enlarge** from the menu.
2. To make it easy to trim off the margins, check the box next to 'Crop marks.' This is optional, and is not necessary if you added the 5mm overlap.

12.



Click **Complete X page poster!**. The 'X' represents the number of pages you're printing. The site will now build your image.

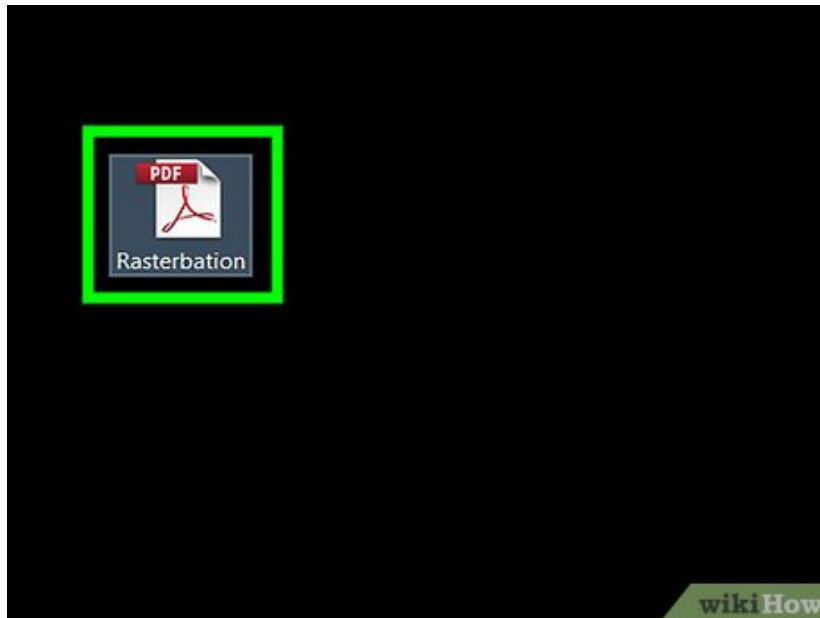
13.



Download the PDF. Click **OK** or **Save** (the options vary by computer and browser) to download the finished image that's ready to print.

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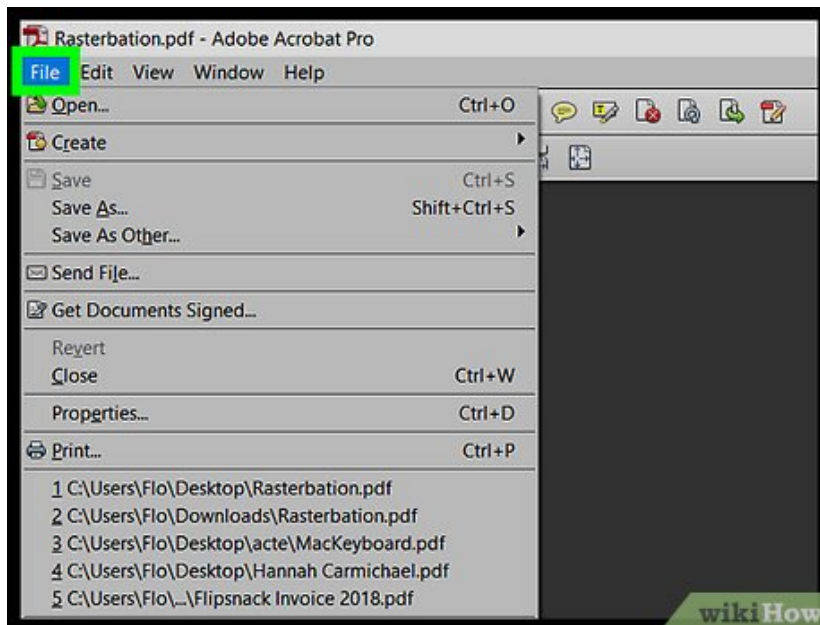
Printing the Image



1.

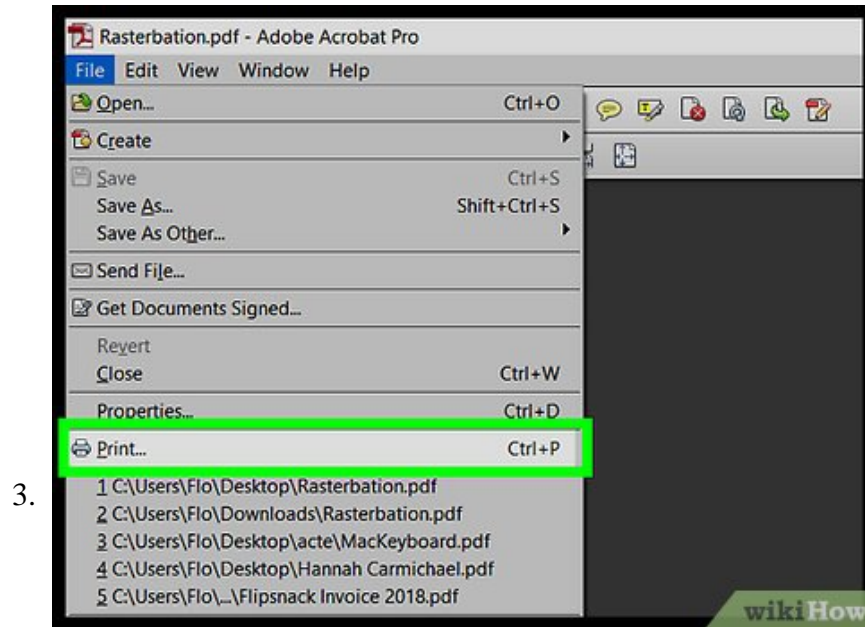
Open the PDF. Double-click the file you downloaded from Rasterbator to open it in your computer's default PDF reader.

1. Rasterbator recommends using Adobe X Reader, but any reader is fine.^[2]

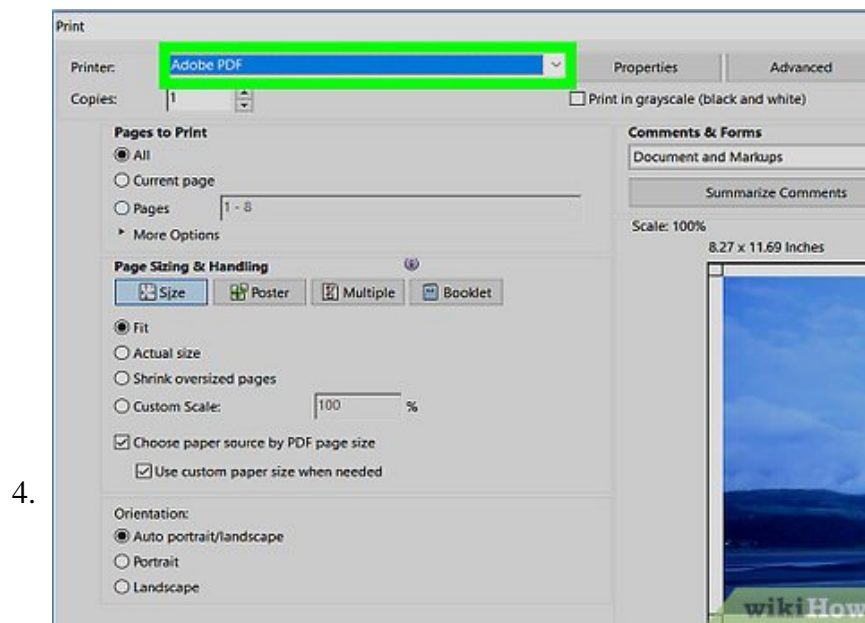


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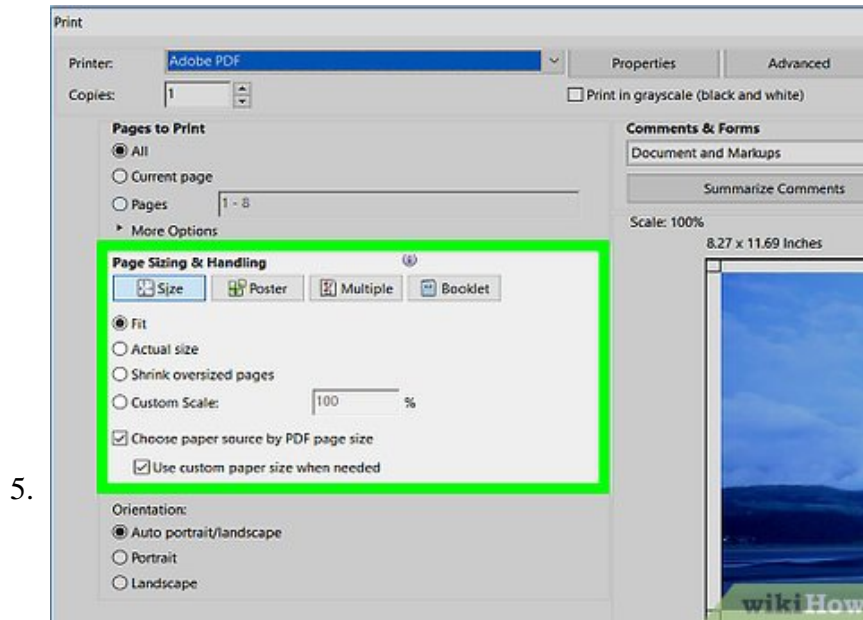
Click the File menu. If you're using Windows, it's in the menu bar at the top of the PDF reader. If you're using a Mac, it's in the menu bar at the top of the screen.



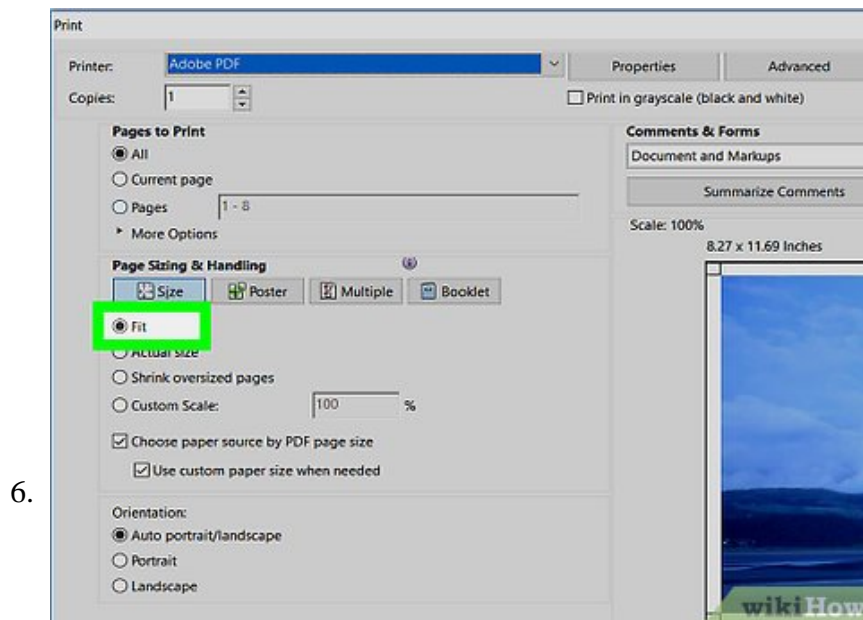
Click **Print**. This opens your computer's printing options.



Select your printer. If the printer you want to use does not appear in the 'Printer' drop-down, click the drop-down to select it now.

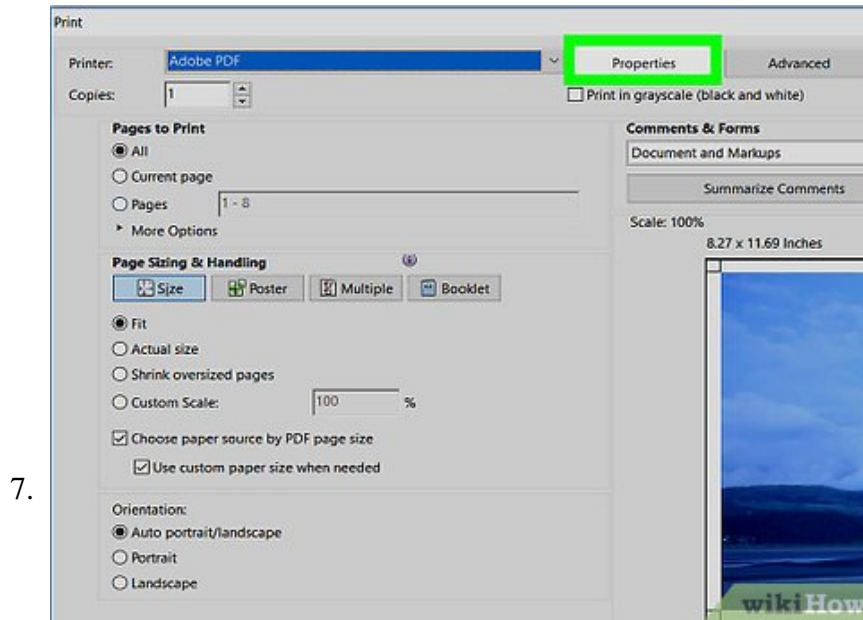


Select a paper size. Click **Size** or **Paper Size**, then select the size you selected in Rastorbator.



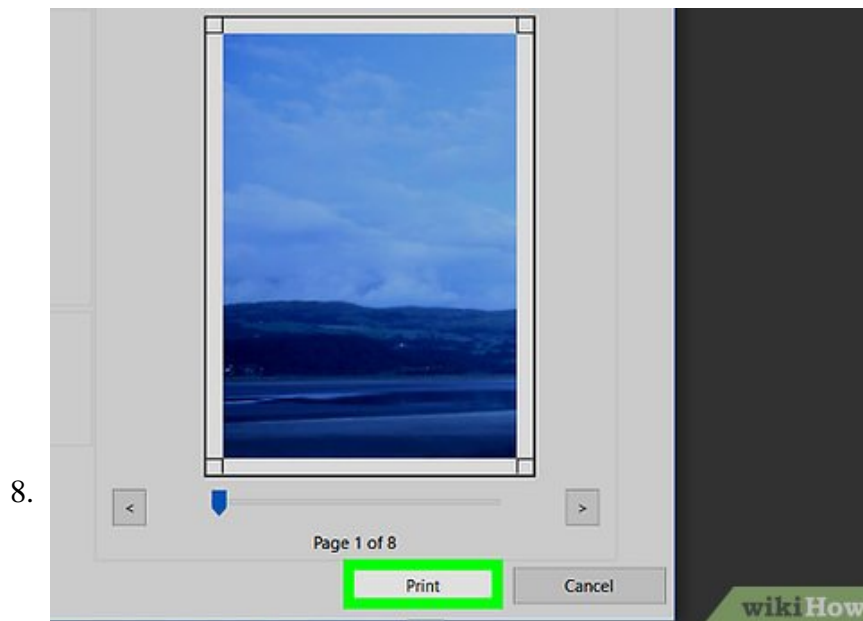
Select the 'Scale to fit' option. If you're using a Mac, you may have to click **Show Details** to see your printer options.^[3]

1. In macOS, select **Scale to Fit**.
2. If you're using Adobe Reader for Windows, check 'Fit' under 'Paper size & handling.'



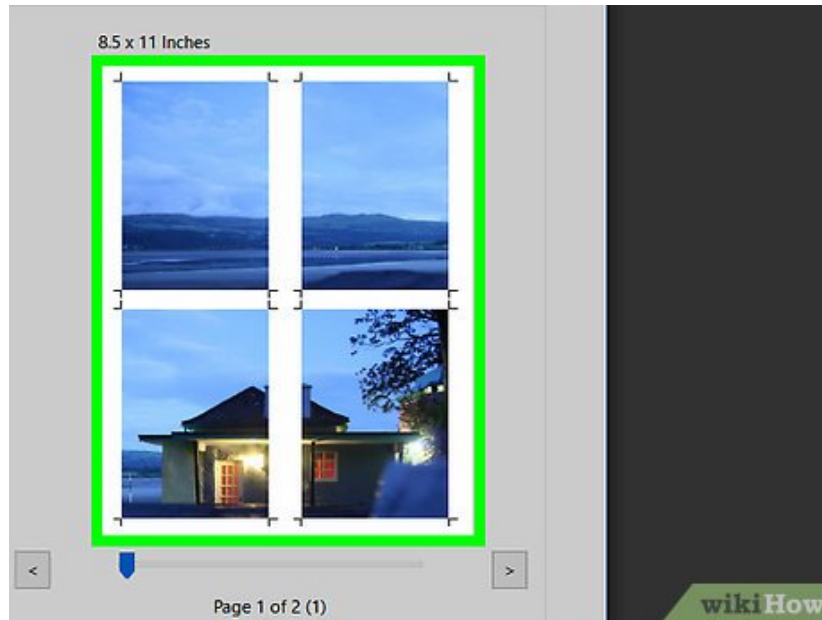
Make sure your printer is not set up to print on both sides of the paper. For the poster to print properly, each page must print on its own sheet.

1. If you're using Windows, make sure 'Print on both sides of the paper' is NOT checked.
2. If you're using macOS, select **Layout** from the drop-down menu at the center of the printer screen, then make sure 'Two-sided' is set to **None**.



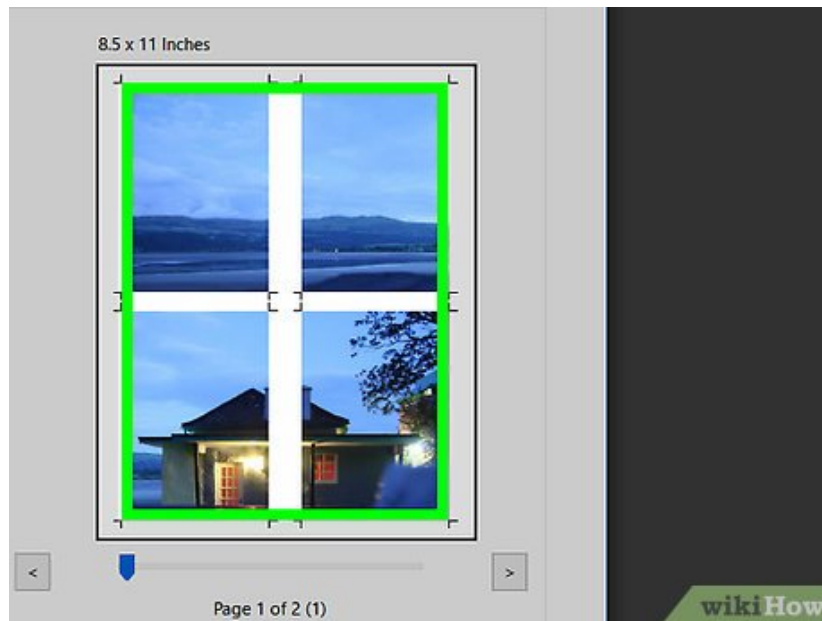
Click **Print**. This sends your poster to the printer.

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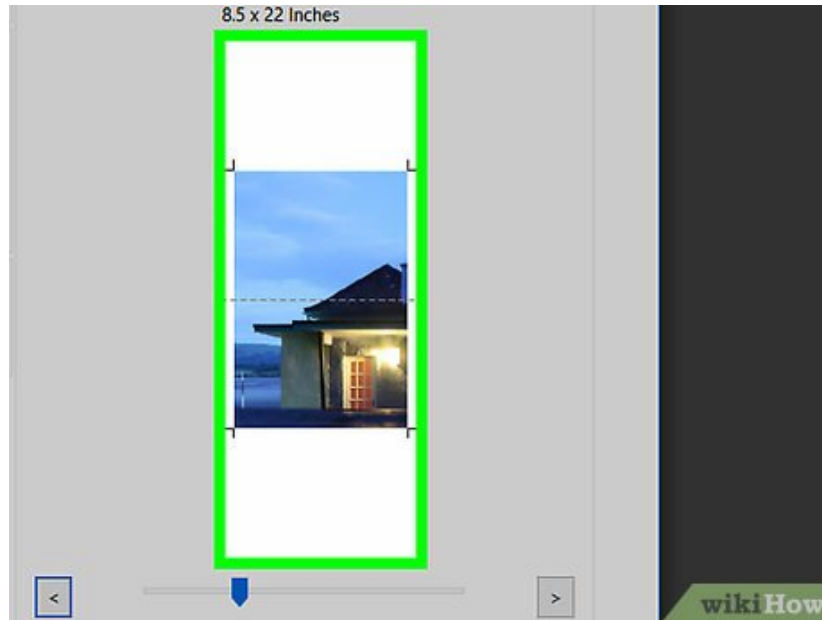
Arrange the pages in order. It's best to use a large surface for this. If you printed the image across a lot of sheets, it may be difficult to figure out which sheet goes where. Fortunately there's a marker at the bottom-right corner of each page that tells you how to connect the sheets.^[4]

10.



Trim the margins. Use the crop marks on the outside of the image as a guide for cutting. It's best to use a utility knife and a ruler to get a clean line.

11.



Join your pages together to form one large image. You can use any method you wish, such as tape, gluing it to a board, or pinning each sheet to your wall.

1. It may be helpful to use a small piece of tape on the edge of each adjoining sheet when the poster is face-up on the ground so you can easily move it.

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