

# Activity 18: Create a Smart Layout

## Who should complete this activity

This is an optional activity. It can be completed by anyone using the Pro version of Pandora software (version 8.0 or later) who wants to use color sorting technology to intelligently create ganged layouts.

You can purchase the Pro version option if you are using software-based licensing or FLIM licensing.

## Why you should complete this activity

Using the Smart Layout feature helps to eliminate color takeoff issues on press by building layouts based on common color. Layouts are built with largest item at top to smallest with the ability to hold items to the glue flap, if desired.

## Recommended reading

Pandora 8.0 User Guide, [Smart layouts](#) page

## Time required to complete this activity

30 minutes

## What you'll need

For this activity save these files on a server in your work environment on a share that's accessible to your workstation. If you will be importing an Excel spread sheet, do not save them on your local workstation.

For Job 1: [Healthy-Vitamin\\_activity\\_files.zip](#)

- [Healthy-VitaminA.pdf](#)
- [Healthy-VitaminB.pdf](#)
- [Healthy-VitaminC.pdf](#)
- [Healthy-VitaminD.pdf](#)

For Job 2:

- [Coconut.PDF](#)
- [Honeycomb.PDF](#)
- [ImpactBlonde.PDF](#)
- [ImpactBurgundy.PDF](#)
- [ImpactCaramel.PDF](#)
- [PowderColour\\_4L.PDF](#)
- [PowderColour\\_7L.PDF](#)
- [PowderNonBio\\_F4.PDF](#)
- [PowderNonBio\\_F7.PDF](#)

## What you'll learn

- Objective 1— Create a new Smart Layout job (Job 1)
- Objective 2— Create a Smart Layout without importing an Excel file
- Objective 3— Save Smart Layout Job 1, then output it as a PDF file
- Objective 4— Create a second Smart Layout job (Job 2)
- Objective 5— Prepare an Excel file for the Smart Layout
- Objective 6— Create a Smart Layout by importing an Excel file
- Objective 7— Save Smart Layout Job 2, then output it as a PDF file
- Review what you've learned