

Adding objects to a separation

Although you cannot create objects, you can have Plate Builder fill any objects containing stroked paths that are closed by selecting **Fill closed paths**. In this way, you can use a position keyline to create an overall varnish or white backing plate. For example, to fill the following circle with a varnish or white separation, select **Fill closed paths** or edit the circle in the original desktop software so that the circle's fill color is no longer set to **None**; otherwise, Plate Builder adds only the outline of the circle to the separation.



1. Click the **Plate Builder Tool** button to start a Plate Builder session.
2. Select an object or objects.
3. On the Plate Builder toolbar, click **Add selected objects to separation**, or right-click (Control-click), and select **Add Objects to a separation**.
4. In the Add Selected Objects to Separation dialog box:
 - a. In the **Separation** list, select a separation, or select **Edit Separation List** and add a separation.
 - b. In the **Object Borders** area, select **Choke** or **Spread**, and type the size of the border in the **Size** box.

You can **spread**, or overlap, the border of an object to an underlying object or substrate, or you can **choke**, or shrink, the border of an object for a color separation. You can also specify the geometry of line joins so that they are **Bevel** (default), **Round**, or **Miter**. If needed, you can set the **Miter Limit**.
 - c. From the **Line Join Style** box, select **Miter**, **Round**, or **Bevel** (default), and if needed, set the **Miter Limit**.
 - d. In the **Small Objects** area, in the **Ignore text smaller than** box, type smallest sized text that you want Plate Builder to recognize, and in the **Ignore strokes smaller than** box, type the smallest line size that you want Plate Builder to recognize. Plate Builder will not add objects smaller than these values to the separation.
 - e. If you want Plate Builder to fill any stroked paths that are closed with the separation color, select **Fill closed paths**.
 - f. Click **OK**.

The highlight color changes to the **Object in Separation Selection** color.