

About the lists in the Resources pane

Set up resource lists with your commonly used media, stock, marks, and layouts for building press runs. You can manually drag the resources to a layout, or use various tools for generating the layouts.

The **Resources** pane provides the following lists:

- The **Stocks** list contains the available sheet sizes. Each stock resource represents a press sheet that will be printed on one or both sides to produce the final printed product. When adding a stock, you specify its dimensions and characteristics for your own reference—such as manufacturer, weight, and grain direction.
 - The Variable Sheet Size property lets you define a signature for a fold pattern with an unconstrained height and width. As you change the fold pattern or add additional sections to a variable sheet size, the sheet will be updated to accommodate the change. You can define this stock property in the Preps job or template. To change from a variable sheet size in the **Resources** pane, right-click on another stock, and select **Replace on Current**, **Replace All Variable Sheets**, **Replace on Selected Press Runs**, or **Replace All Press Runs**.
- The **Media** list contains the software's pre-defined standard media and the media resources that you configure to target specific devices. You can also store tile sets for specific media resources.
- The **Marks** list contains the predefined marks and the mark files that you create, which are based on Kodak SmartMarks technology.
- The **Layouts** pane contains a **Templates** list, a **Fold Patterns** list, a **Step & Repeat Patterns** list, and a **Search** tool for filtering the lists.
 - The **Templates** list contains complete, reusable layouts that predefine the press sheet dimensions and template page sizes, positions, and numbering for specific binding styles.

Preps includes a selection of sample templates, and you can save frequently repeated jobs as templates. When setting up Preps, you might create non-customer jobs with layouts for the purpose of creating templates.

Note: You can also migrate and continue to use existing templates from previous versions of the software.
 - The **Fold Patterns** list contains dimensionless, prenumbered page grids that you drag to press runs to build imposition layouts on the fly. You can edit the default binding style, page size, page numbers, and trims that are automatically applied to the resulting press-run section.
 - The software includes standard fold patterns that are derived from the *CIP4 Pagination Catalog* (also referred to as the *JDF Fold Catalog*). You can also create and save new fold patterns or variations of standard fold patterns.
 - The **Step & Repeat Patterns** list shows previously saved step-and-repeat placeholders that contain a specific grid pattern of a set height and width.
 - Use the **Layouts Search** tool to find a specific layout in large collections of templates and fold patterns.