

Step-and-repeat layouts

Use step-and-repeat to quickly fill an area with copies of a page, section, or placeholder. The objects are automatically grouped, and function as a single object that can be ungrouped. You can step-and-repeat a page or section by dragging it across an area. The properties will be updated in the **S&R Properties** pane.

To create a step-and-repeat group, use the **Step & Repeat** tool, or apply advanced settings in a dialog box. To create a new placeholder element, click the down arrow next to the **Step & Repeat** tool. You can save patterns to the step-and-repeat pattern folder that is accessible from the Layout pane, and you can define placeholders and sections for different step-and-repeat patterns for packaging label and flexible bag printers.

- When you click the **Step & Repeat** tool, the **Properties** pane appears. Artwork is assigned to a step-and-repeat pattern by dragging a PDF file to different "hot corners" of the placeholder to fill a single position, row, or column, or to fill the whole step-and-repeat pattern.
- Use the Duplicate dialog box when you need to create a step-and-repeat group with particular requirements.
For example, you can choose to fill the press sheet with as many repeated objects that will fit, and whether to flow around existing objects or marks.

You can define default values for Step-and-Repeat settings in Preferences. Click the **Step & Repeat** tab, and enter default values for:

- **Name**
- **Arrange Pages:** trim to trim, bleed to bleed, gutters, distance
- **Placeholder size** and **position**