

Creating the seam

The seam is a horizontal series of segments that goes across the layout around the data. The seam defines the shape of the media that will be cut on the cutting table. You can create the seam manually, semi-automatically, or automatically.

After you create the seam, the seam appears blue and the defined gap (defined in **Preferences > Plate on Sleeve Planning > Minimum gap between line and data**) appears in a light pink color. If a segment of the seam appears red:

- The segment or gap overlaps the data
- The segment is too small (**Preferences > Plate on Sleeve Planning > Minimum segment length**)

To find out why a segment is red, place the mouse over it and read the tooltip that appears.

To round the corners of the seam, select the **Round corners** check box. Round corners are less likely to break when the shape of the seam is cut.

Creating the seam manually

1. From the **Inventory** palette, on the **Separations** tab, in the **Seam/Lanes** list, select the seam that you want to create.
The relevant separation is selected and the **Properties** palette opens on the **Seam** tab.
2. Click the **Seam** tool , and then click in the display window to create the line segments.
3. If any of the seam segments are red, adjust them.

Creating the seam semi-automatically

1. From the **Inventory** palette, on the **Separations** tab, in the **Seam/Lanes** list, select the seam that you want to create.
The relevant separation is selected and the **Properties** palette opens on the **Seam** tab.
2. From the **Properties** palette, select the **Complete seam automatically** check box.
3. To create the segments of the first two columns/elements, click the **Seam** tool , and then click in the display window to create the line segments.
TIFF Assembler Plus software duplicates the segments in the remaining columns.
4. Click **Finalize**.
The software creates the rest of the seam.
5. If any of the seam segments are red, adjust them.

Creating the seam automatically

1. From the **Inventory** palette, on the **Separations** tab, in the **Seam/Lanes** list, select the seam that you want to create.
The relevant separation is selected and the **Properties** palette opens on the **Seam** tab.
2. From the **Properties** palette, select the shape of the seam. Choose between , , , , or .

3. In the **Define seam automatically** area, click **Apply**.
The software uses the job step-and-repeat parameters to create the seam automatically.
4. If any of the seam segments are red, adjust them.