

# Using variable marks in an Imposition Plan

1. In Preps, create a template.
2. Add variable marks to the template.  
**Note:** In Preps, use the `$(xxxxx)` variable marks. When you add variable marks to the template, leave enough space between each variable mark to ensure that the populated variable marks do not overlap each other.
3. Use the template in a Preps job.
4. Print the job to an Adobe job ticket or JDF.
5. Submit the imposition plan: that is, the PJTF or JDF.
6. When the system applies a process template to the imposition plan, the system automatically populates the variable marks.