

Creating a 12 column layout Grid InDesign (the easy way)

1. Start a document

open inDesign and create a new document

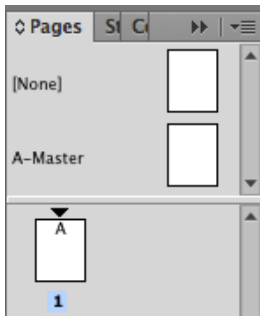
File Menu > New Document

Size 11x17

Uncheck Facing Pages

2. Double click the master page in the top of the pages palette.

We will make the grid on a master page so if you make multiple pages, they will all contain the same guides.



3. Add vertical grid by using Columns

This will create a series of vertical grid spaces. The bottom is a little larger which ensures correct alignment when we make the rows of the grid.

Layout Menu > Margins and Columns

Margins:

Top: .5

Bottom: .667

Inside: .5

Outside: .5

4. Add Horizontal rows

In this case you will use the Create Guides feature.

Layout Menu > Create Guides

Rows

Number: 12

Gutter: .1667 in

5. Turn on the Baseline Grid

This is a typographic grid that will help you to keep your type aligned on the page or across numerous pages.

View Menu > Show Baseline Grid

6. Check the settings of the Baseline Grid

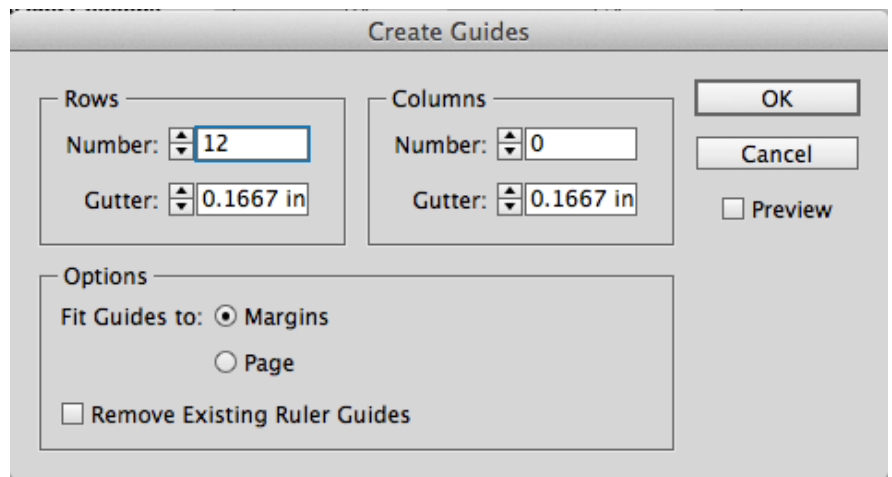
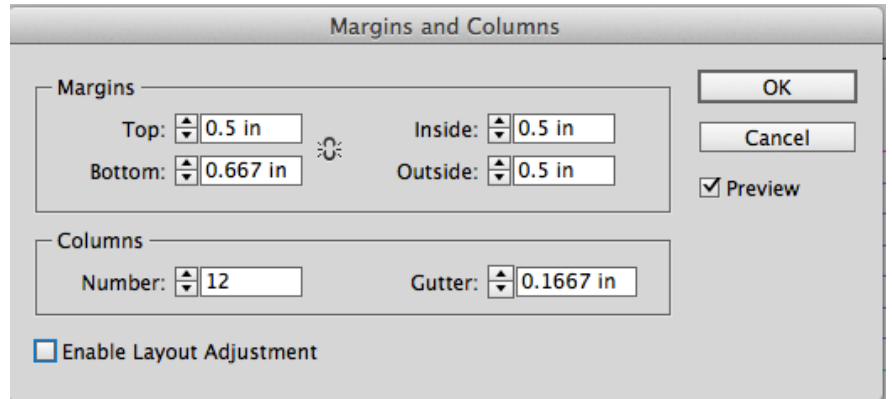
All of the elements of this template are measured to work together, to the baseline grid, the gutters and the grid areas all work together.

InDesign menu > Preferences > Grids

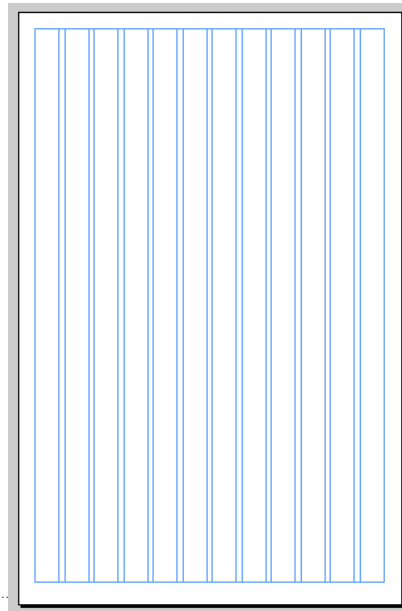
Start: .5

Relative to: Top of Page

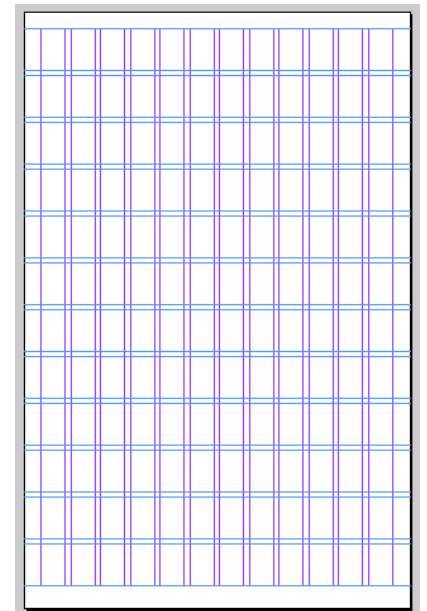
Increment every: 12pt



columns



columns and rows



close up view of baseline grid

