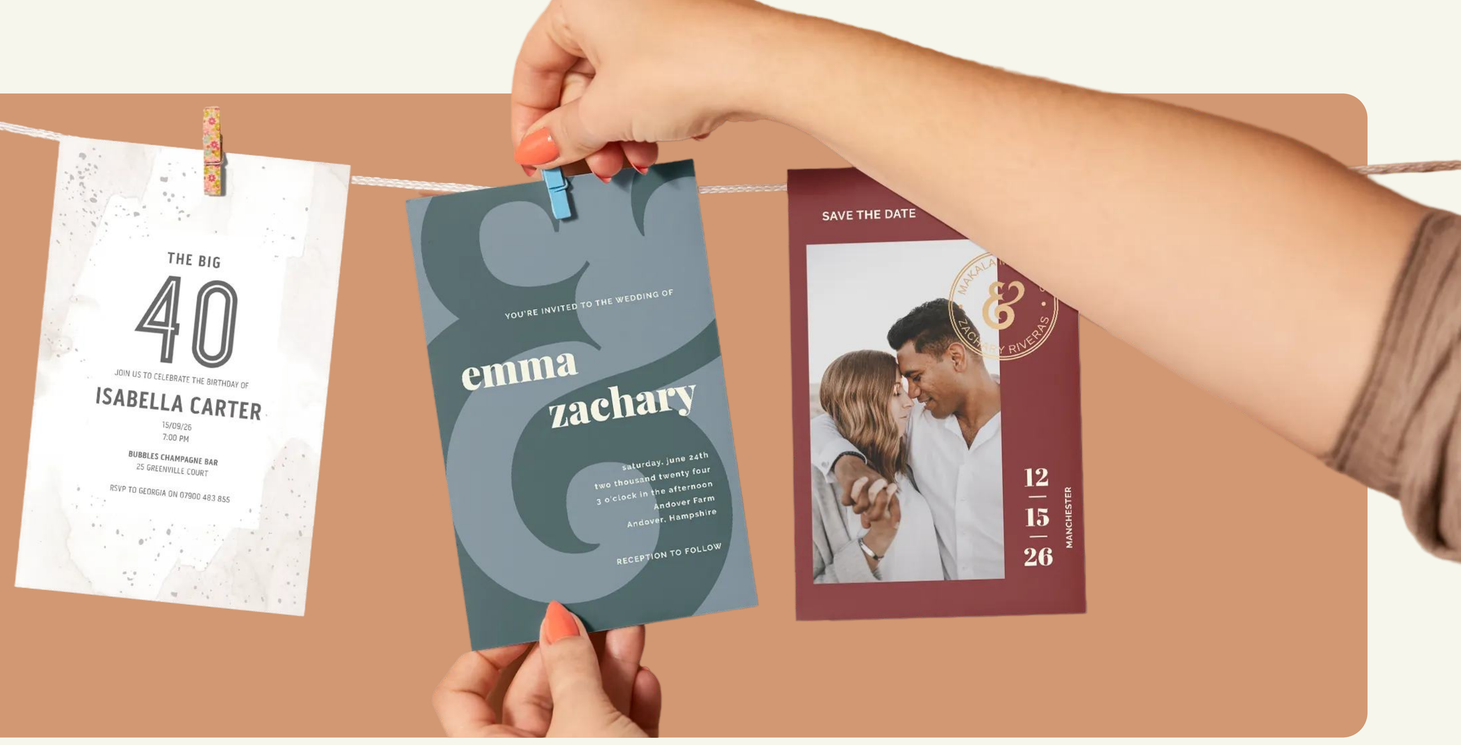
6 checks before you print and mail your invitations

Work through this list before sending your file to print, then again before you mail it in an envelope.



Before you print

Get the file right while it is still on screen – color, resolution and the edges are where home printing goes wrong.

- [ ] **Convert the file to CMYK**
  RGB is built for screens – on paper it can shift to look muddy and flat.
- [ ] **Check every image is 300 DPI**
  Low-resolution images print soft or pixelated at full size.
- [ ] **Extend the background into the bleed**
  Run it 0.125" past the trim, or cutting leaves white edges.
- [ ] **Keep text inside the safe area**
  Nothing important should sit near the margin.

Before you mail

Now that the invitation is printed – make sure it arrives looking the way you intended.

- [ ] **Format the A7 (5" x 7") envelope in clear, legible type**
  Handwriting degrades by the fiftieth envelope.
- [ ] **Weigh the fully assembled invite**
  Heavy stock, seals and enclosures can push it past the limit of 1 oz per envelope.

Reference

FILE
CMYK · 300 DPI

BLEED
0.125" past the trim edge

STOCK
100 lb to 14 pt cardstock (270–300 GSM)

ENVELOPE
A7 – 5" x 7"

POSTAGE
USPS First-Class, up to 1 oz

MAIL BY
4–6 weeks ahead | 8–10 weeks ahead for big holidays