

Quibbler Art and Production Guidebook

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Submission Requirements: Art

All artwork **must** meet the following requirements:

- Please refrain from sharing your artwork anywhere else on the internet (tumblr, deviantart, twitter, etc.) until **after** the issue has been released.
 - While we do accept artwork that has been previously submitted to reddit, if it's a piece that has already received points, you will not get more.
- If artwork is a photo manipulation, the images being used must be paid for or from the public domain, AND modified significantly from the original piece.
 - Your source(s) need to be in the 'Artist Notes' section.
 - *Any photo edits without sources will be denied.*
- Any artwork that needs to be redone because it did not meet the above requirements, will not receive points. However, you will have the opportunity to redo the denied piece.
- If your artwork includes words, like descriptions of the art piece, or is presented as a mix of written word and images, include the words when you submit your piece.
- All artwork **must** be PG-13 or lower.
- PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE put your reddit username on your art piece. **Put your username at the bottom of your artwork and centered.**
 - If it's on the side, there's a chance it'll be hidden in the spine of the magazine. If it's at the top, it'll be covered by the magazine title. If it's in the corners, it may be covered by page numbers. Keep it centered and at the bottom for safety.

IMPORTANT NOTE: For the time being, artwork depicting caricatures of others within the r/harrypotter (or any other affiliated subreddit) are not allowed. If you would like one done of yourself, you may request it. However, you need to already have an artist selected and you will need to check their artwork yourself before publication to ensure it's to your liking before submitting.

If an article is written as an interview, the author *must get permission* from the interviewee for a caricature. Interviewer **and** interviewee will need to agree on an artist, approach the artist, request artwork, and approve the artwork before submitting to *The Quibbler*. The art editor will verify with all parties that the art was approved before publication.

If the artwork was not approved by all parties, it will be denied.

Submission Process: Art

Only submit the artwork for one article at a time.

A brief overview of how to submit artwork via the submission form:

- What is your artwork for?
 - Independent artwork is for artwork not attached to an article.
 - Other is for what article this piece is for or ad, etc. Anything that was requested.
- Album Link.
 - If you are submitting multiple pieces for **one** article, it **MUST** be an **(ONE AND ONLY ONE)** ALBUM link from imgur that shows all of your images.
 - [Here is how to upload your artwork to Imgur, if you are unsure how.](#)
 - **Make sure the album is set to hidden!**
 - Your artwork should have your reddit username at the bottom of the image, in the center.
- Notes about your artwork.
 - Please include your sources here and any additional information you need either the art department or the production department to know.
 - If you're a photographer or are doing independent artwork, please include a title for your work! Put it here.
- How many and what size of articles are you submitting?
 - We can now include the number of images in the album link, instead of individually submitting pieces for one article.
 - If you make 14 small images, insert 14 into the small section.
 - If you make 5 full page images, put 5 into the full page section.
 - I will be reviewing all of these to ensure the correct size and number were selected. If you make a mistake in your sizing, just let me know and I can edit it. You don't need to re-submit it.
- Words for Artwork
 - Instead of having to submit a separate article when your artwork includes words, now you can put it here! Include a link to your google doc and your word count. I will be double checking these.

Size Guidelines: Art/Production

[The Quibbler uses International A4 size paper instead of US Letter.](#)

Sizing:

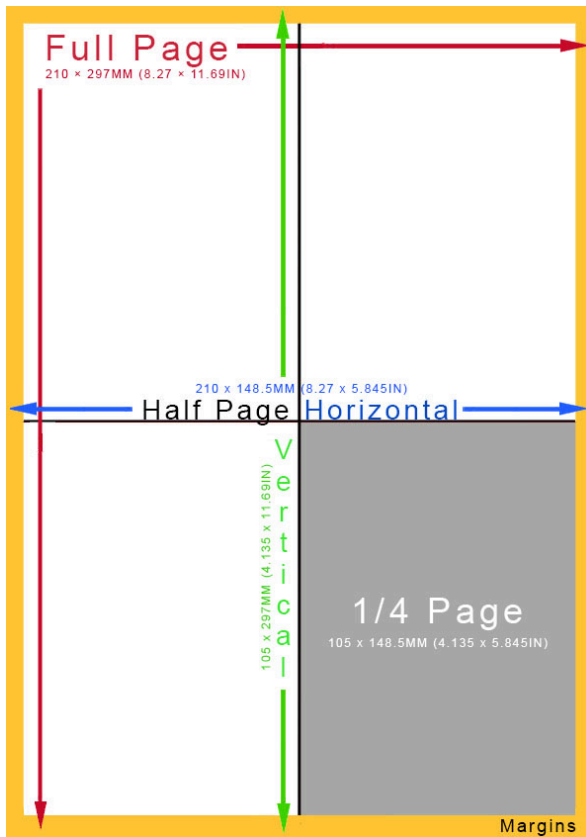
- Small Example Sizes:
 - This is anything from icon/avatar size to $\frac{1}{4}$ of a page.
 - 4.134 x 5.8465 inches
 - 148.5mm x 105mm
 - 1754px x 1240px @ 300dpi
 - 421px x 298px @ 72dpi
- Half Page Example Sizes:
 - Anywhere from $\frac{1}{4}$ of a page to $\frac{3}{4}$ of a page.
 - Your image can fit vertically or horizontally on the page.
 - 4.134 x 11.693 inches
 - 105mm x 297mm
 - 8.268 x 5.8465 inches
 - 210mm x 148.5mm
 - Full vertical height: 3508px @ 300dpi / 842px @ 72dpi
 - Full horizontal width: 2480px @ 300dpi / 595px @ 72dpi
- Full Page Example Sizes:
 - This must be a full size page. The point of a full size page is there's no additional room on the page for the production team to fill in.
 - 8.268 x 11.693 inches
 - 210mm x 297mm
 - 2480px x 3508px @ 300dpi
 - 595px x 842px @ 72dpi

General/Advanced Information:

- Minimum resolution of 72dpi (300 is better)
- Color Mode RGB
- Photoshop full page template (Remember to use A4!)
- Be aware that imgur caps transparent pngs at 1MB.
- Transparent portions of an image will not count towards image size.

- Ex: If you have a half page image and leave the top half transparent for production, it will only count as a small image.

Production Sizing Example:



Kackel has conveniently made these guidelines for Production. It shows a visual example of the above information:

- [PSD File Size Guide made by the production team.](#)
- [JPG File Size Guide made by the production team.](#)
 - The yellow portion is a margin guideline.
 - Please leave the margins blank!
 - Put your reddit username in the margin at the bottom in the center.

It's alright if none of the above makes sense. Please note that if you do traditional art and take a photo, that's certainly acceptable! If you want any quick/minor Photoshop edits (adjust the lighting, make color pop a bit more, clean up the scan/photo, crop it, etc.), I can certainly do that for you.

I will also be adjusting the sizes you select, so if you select the wrong size by accident, I can fix that for you without you needing to go through the submission process again. That being said, if you submit a full page photo and want it to be a smaller size (like half page or small size) in the final article, please notate that for me in the artist notes. Otherwise I will change the size to whatever size the submission is.

It's helpful in your imgur album to label the title of your album to include the title of the article, and caption the images with what size you want the image to be (full page, half, etc.).

FAQs

Production FAQs and answers were created by KackelDackel. All credit goes to her!

What are you looking for?

Everything!

- Digital artwork
- Traditional artwork
- How-to guides with pictures
- Photography
- Comics
- Crafting
- Literally everything!

What if my artwork isn't good enough?

Most artists feel this way, however, my position as Head of Art, Layout, and Design isn't to judge your artwork. We encourage any and all submissions. If there is some issue, I will contact you directly to get it fixed. We'll work together.

What if my style doesn't work for *Harry Potter*?

Have you seen the variety of covers for *Harry Potter*? All styles are welcome and add so much flavor to it.

What if I don't have an art style?

Great! This means you can try out a lot of different styles. Though, frankly, you probably have an art style and don't realize it yet. ;D

What if I don't have the equipment?

If all you have is a paintbrush, paper, paint, and a phone camera, that's plenty! If you want your photos manipulated, team up with someone who can do that.

Collaborations between artists are great. You don't need to have a decent computer and photoshop to make it happen. You can use MSPaint and create some pretty amazing pieces of artwork.

Don't believe me? Watch a Bob Ross program and do it in MSPaint. Submit what you make. Consider it a personal challenge from me to you.

I've never drawn/painted/photographed/etc. before. Is that okay?

Everyone starts somewhere and there's no time like the present. Use it as practice!
You'll only go up from here.

What if I'm not sure I have the time/can commit to doing artwork for an article?

You can PM me and we'll talk about it. Or you can always create an independent piece of artwork. We're always looking for ads!

What if I'm not good at time management?

I will gladly help you with a schedule. Do you need me to make you deadlines (1 week for a sketch, 2 weeks for a detailed sketch, etc.)? I can help you with that.

What if I notice a mistake in The Quibbler?

Please fill out this [form](#). We'll issue an apology and correction for our mistake.

What size is The Quibbler?

We use A4 paper size or 210 x 297MM (8.27 x 11.69IN) For information on how to size your artwork please refer to [this guide](#).

Will there be a mobile friendly Quibbler version?

There are no current plans to publish a mobile optimized version. The Quibbler is a labor of love created by a team of volunteers in their spare time. Our main focus for now is creating a beautiful, full size magazine.

What program do you use in Production?

Production mostly uses Adobe InDesign with additional graphic work done in Photoshop or Illustrator. Some members use other graphics programs, but the final magazine is always compiled in InDesign.

I can't use OneDrive. Is there any other way to obtain a PDF?

Yes. You can message the Production Team on discord and ask for a Google Drive link.