

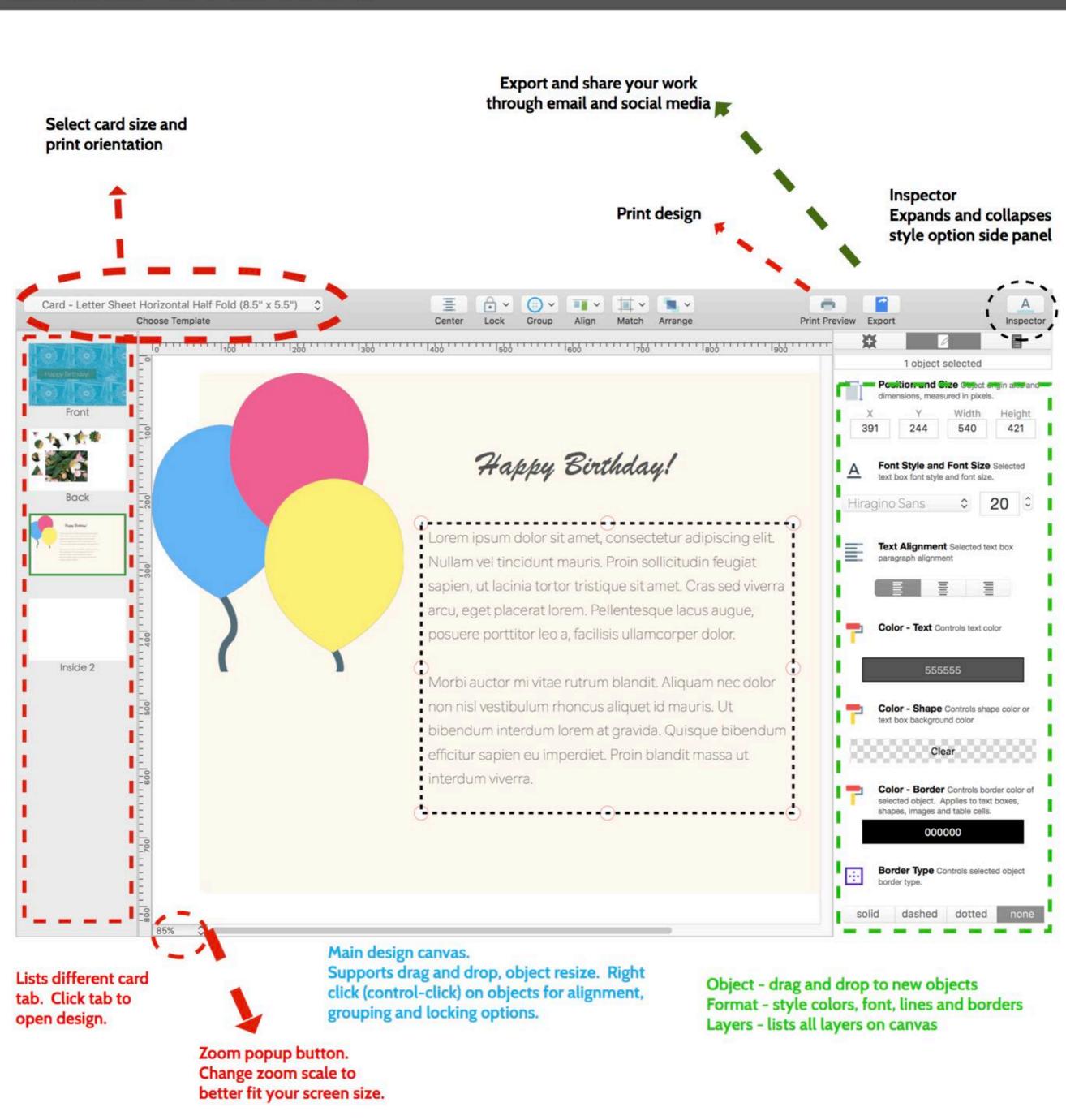
Orion Greeting Card Designer

Mac Edition User Guide

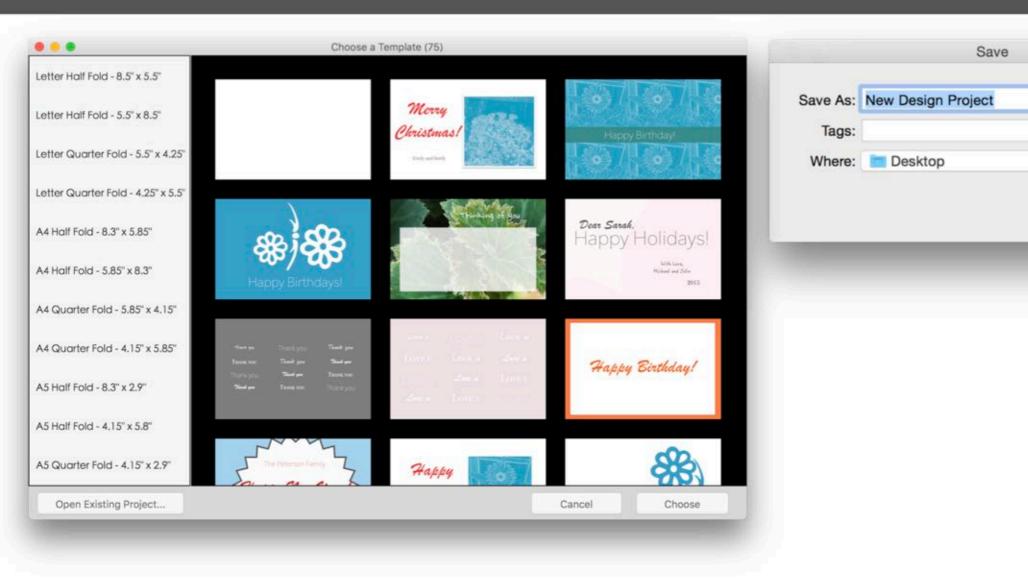
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Editor Overview



How to create new design project



- 1. Launch Orion Folding Card Designer on your Mac
- 2. File Menu > File > New > New Design Project
- 3. Choose a design template or the blank canvas
- 4. Select location to save new design project

In this example, we are going to keep the default suggested folder name "New Design Project". We will select to save it to the Desktop.

4. Choose "Save"

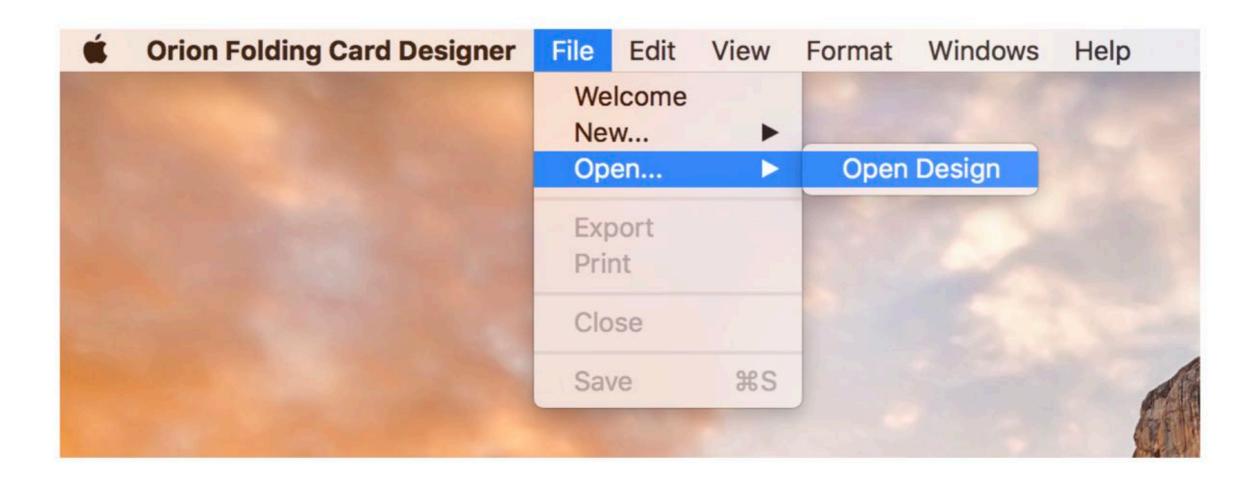
A new folder named "New Design Project" is saved to the Desktop.

In the new folder, you will find all your designs. Each design is saved in a file with "publisherstar" extension. This is the app's native document format.

Save

Cancel

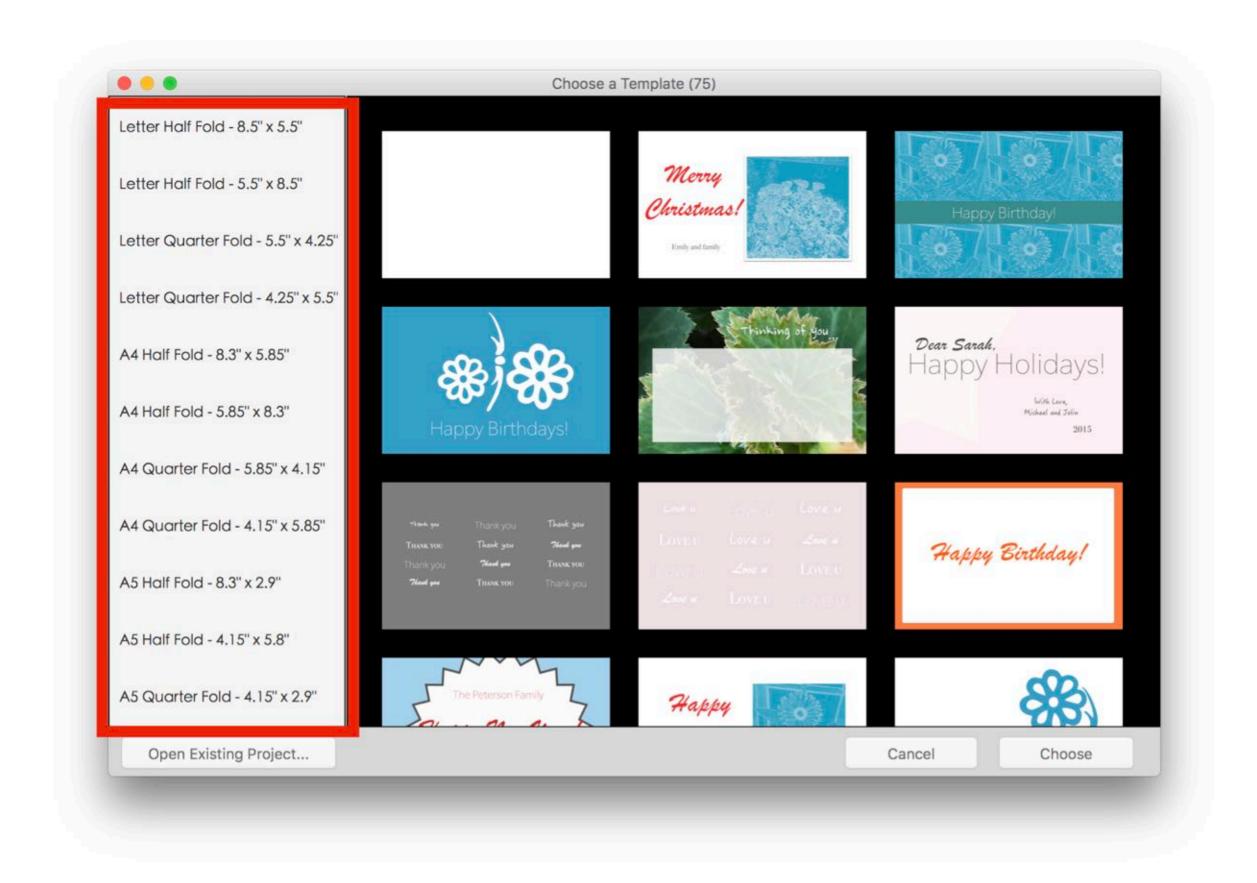
How to open saved design project



File Menu > Open ... > "Open Design" and select the "folder" containing the .publisherstar files.

NOTE: please select the saved "folder", not an individual file.

How to select card layout

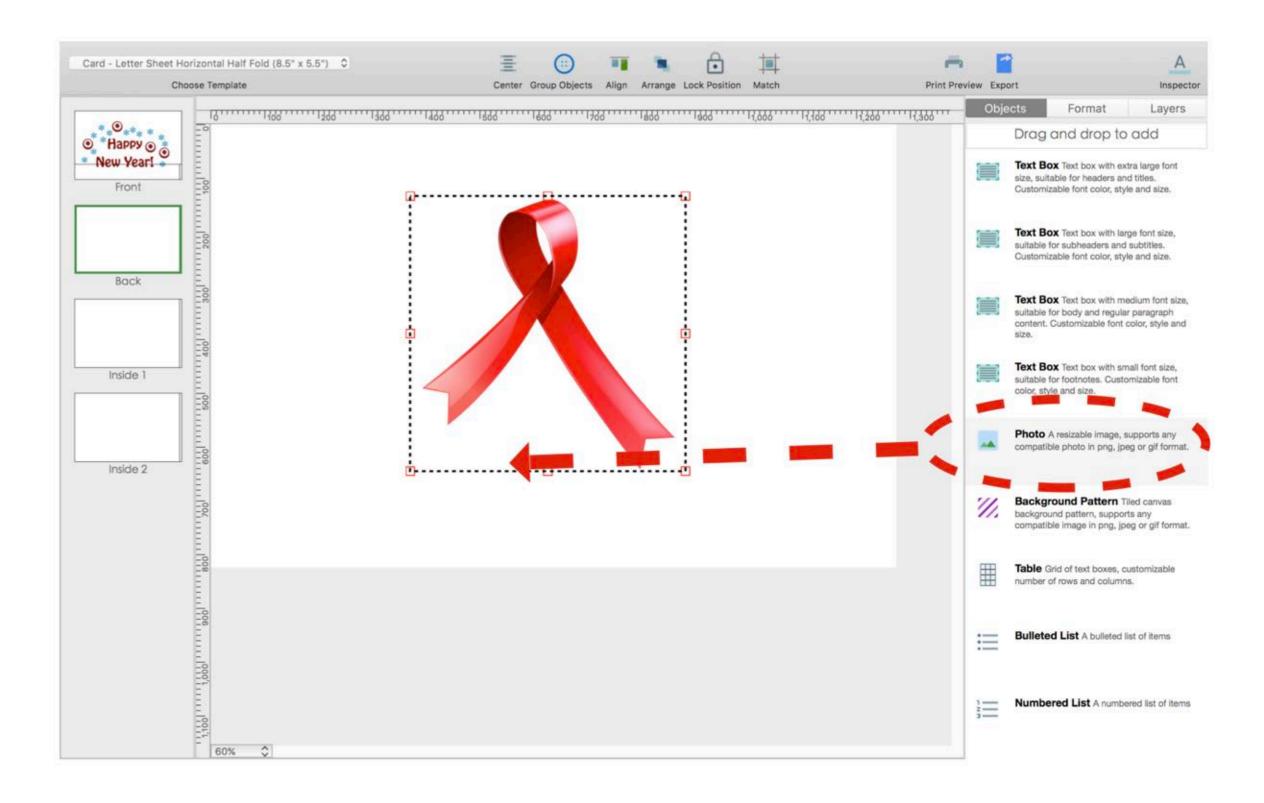


Orion Folding Card Designer supports a variety of card sizes and layouts, including both landscape and portrait.

Please select the design you wish to print in the template selection screen.

After selecting a new layout, the canvas will be immediately sized to fit the selection.

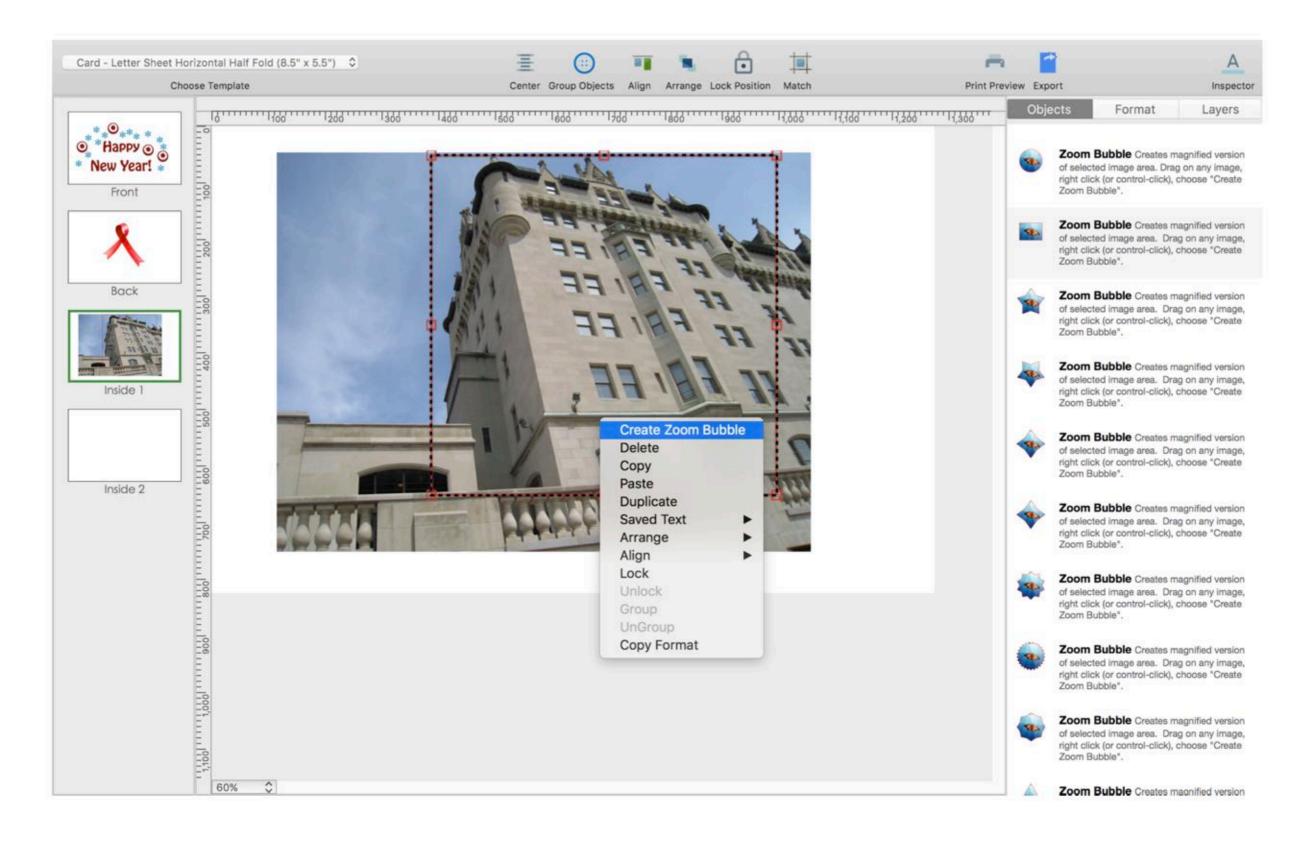
How to add image



There are different options for adding images:

- 1. Drag and drop the "Photo" item from Inspector side panel to canvas
- 2. Drag and drop any photo from Finder directly to the canvas
- 3. Copy and paste photos from other apps directly into canvas

How to crop image

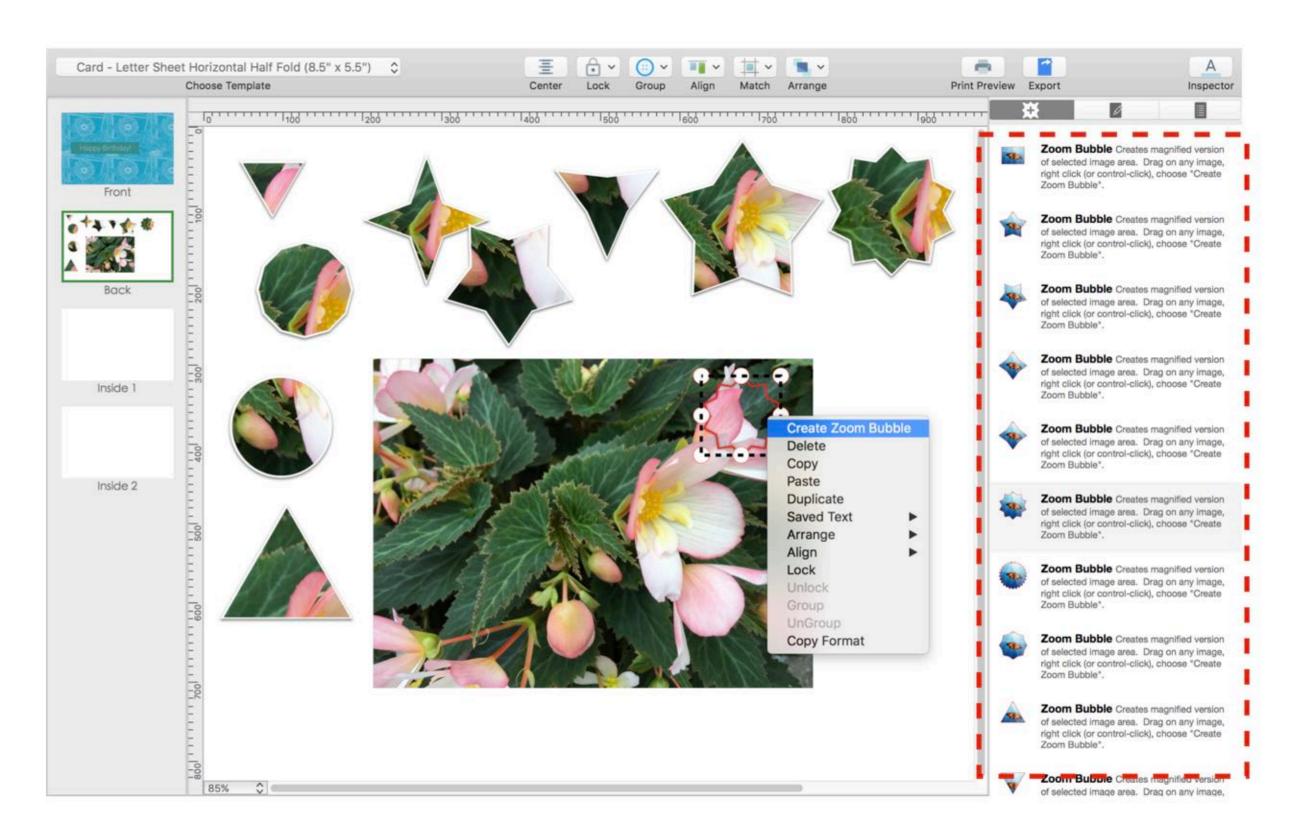


- 1. Add image to canvas
- 2. Open "Inspector Panel" side panel
- 3. In the "Objects" list, look for "zoom bubbles"
- 4. Drag and drop a "zoom bubble" over the image, resize the zoom bubble until it covers the region you wish to crop
- 5. Right click (or control-click) and choose "Generate Zoom Bubble"

A cropped image will be added to the canvas.

Depending on the zoom bubble selected, you may crop the photo into rectangle shapes, circular shapes, star shapes as well as a number of different polygons.

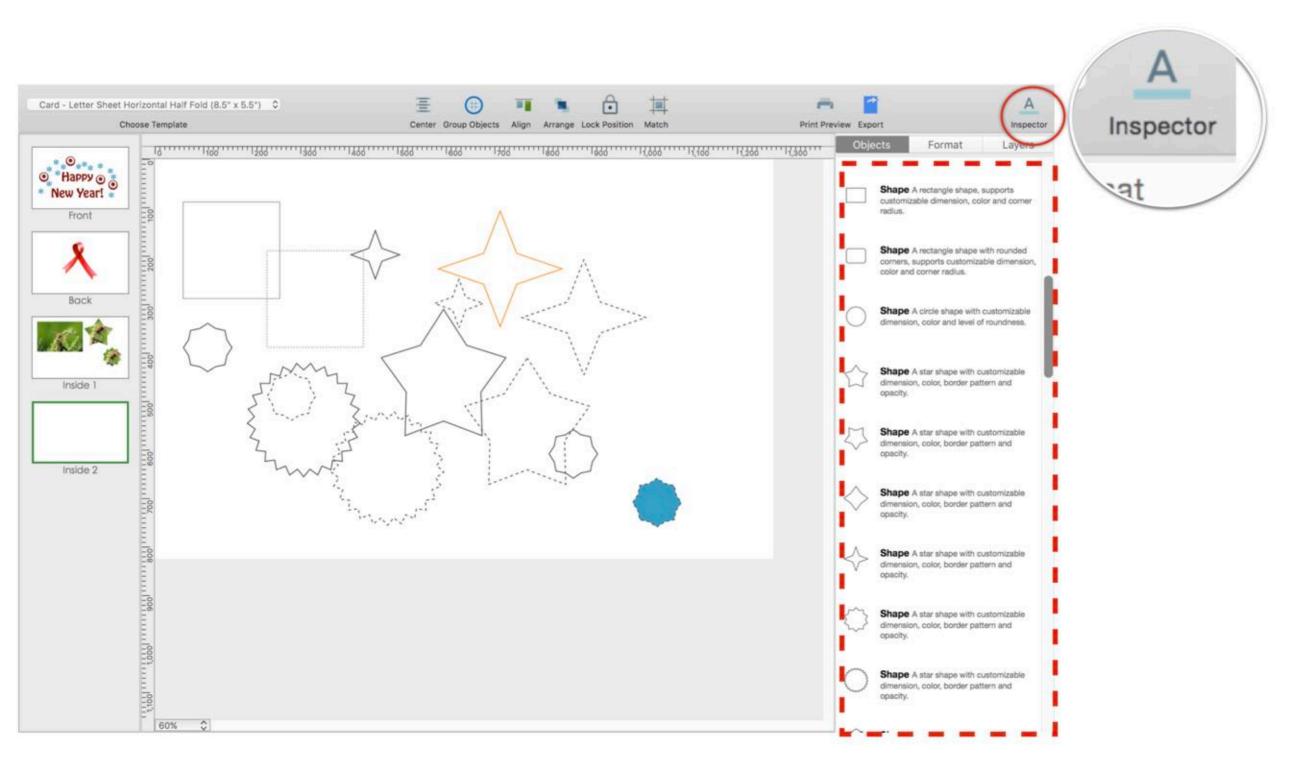
How to add photo shape bubbles



Zoom-in bubble: creates a magnified and cropped version of image area selected

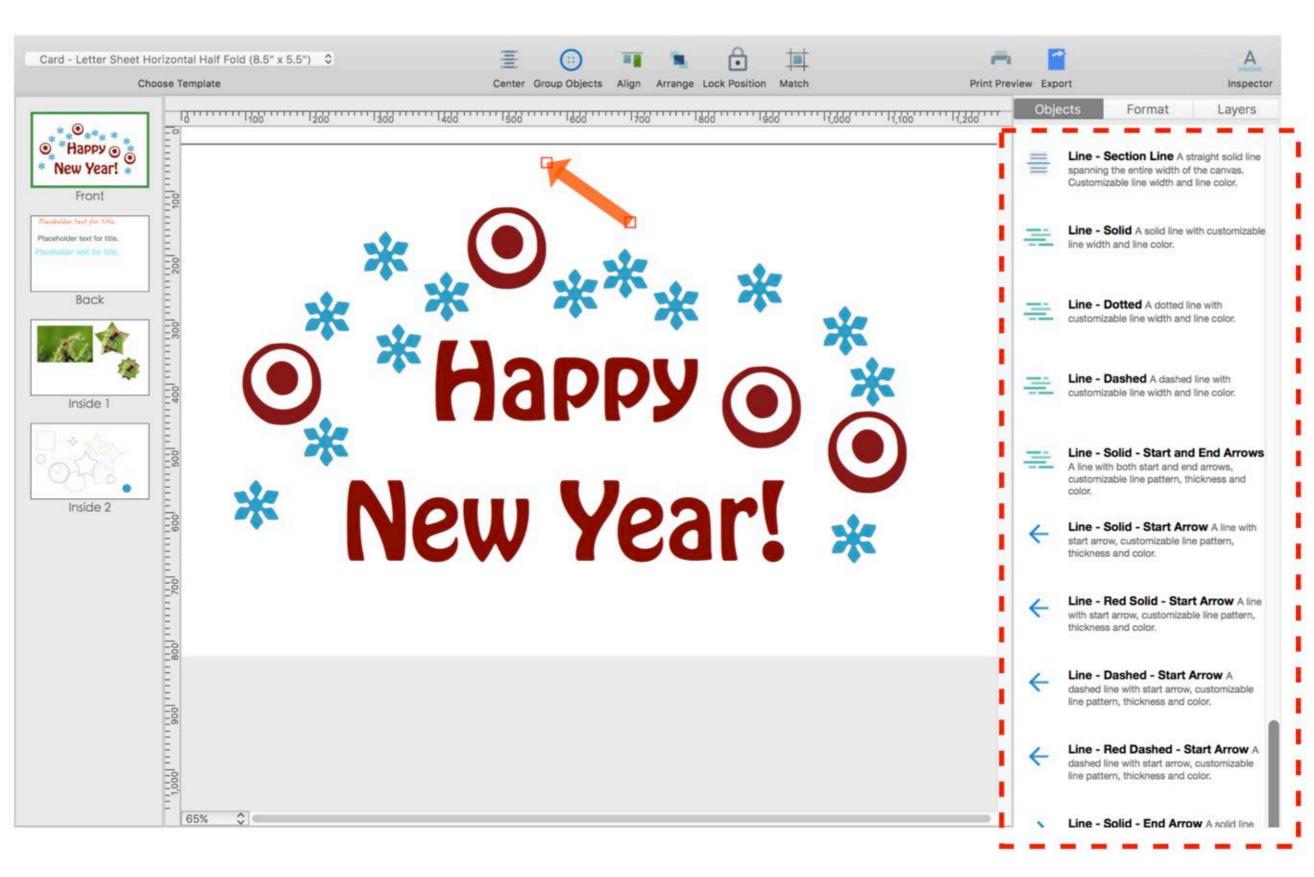
- 1. Open Inspector side panel
- 2. Choose "Objects" tab (this is the default tab)
- 3. Drag and drop "Zoom Bubble" on top of image
- 4. Move bubble outline top of image area you wish to zoom-in
- 5. Select bubble (highlight with red border), right click (or control-click)
- 6. Choose "Create Zoom Bubble"

How to add shapes



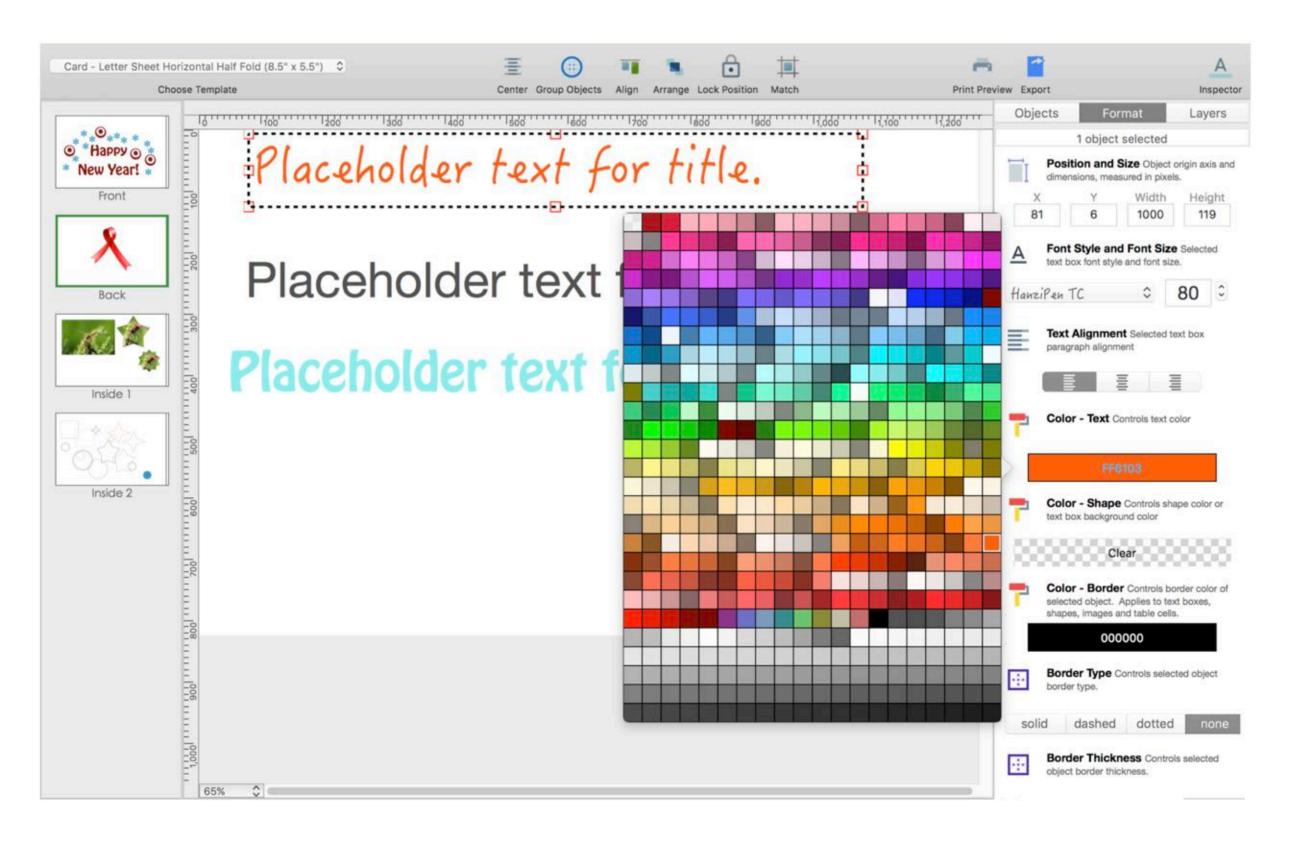
- 1. Open Inspector Panel, click "Objects" tab.
- 2. Scroll down to find the shape objects
- 3. Drag and drop the shape you want onto the canvas.
- 4. Move shape to desired location
- 5. If needed, you may also resize as well as format shape line color, fill color and opacity

How to add lines



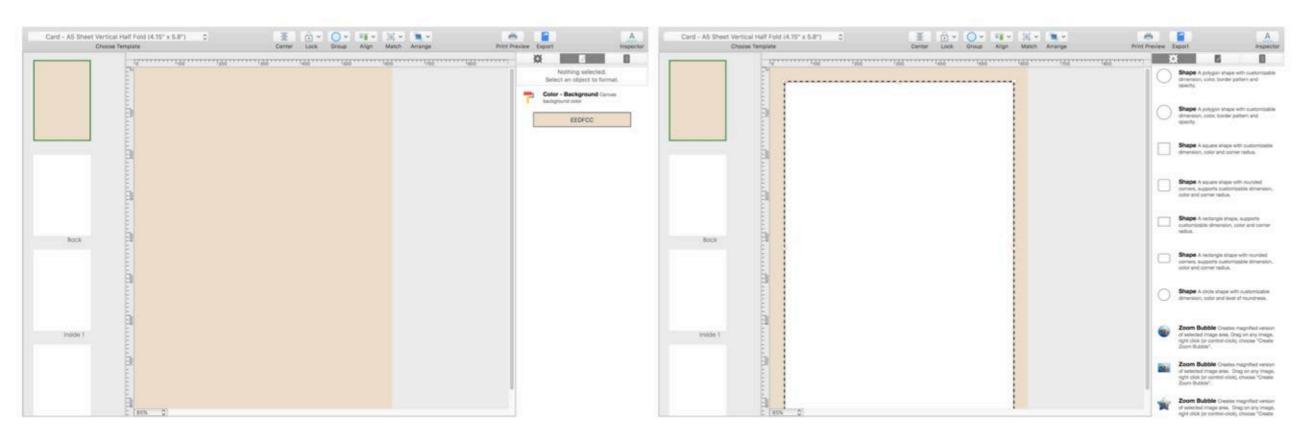
- 1. Open "Inspector Panel"
- 2. Scroll down the "Objects" list and look for "Lines"
- 3. Drag and drop line to canvas
- 4. Customize line thickness, color, line pattern. If needed, right click (control-click) on line to add arrows

How to update text color



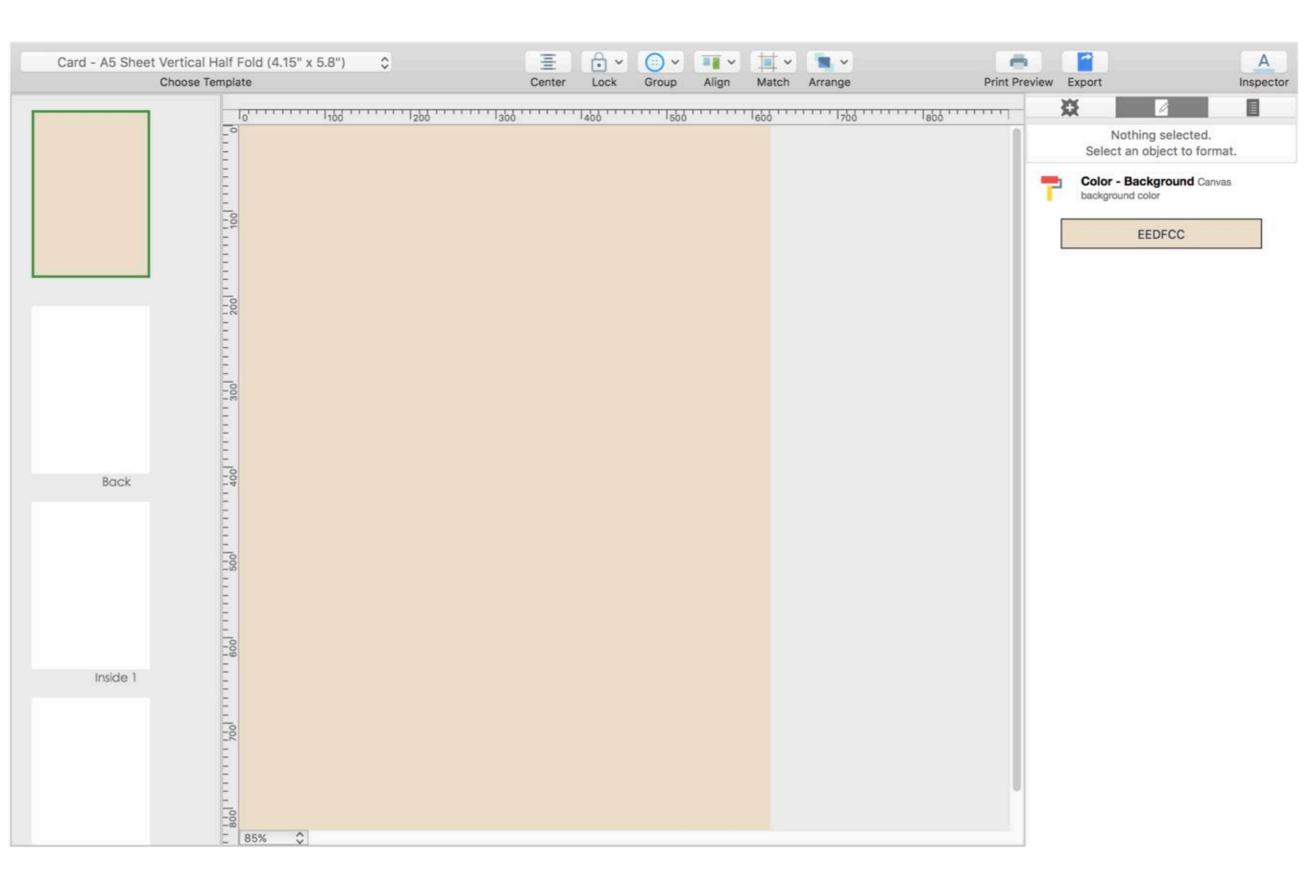
- 1. Open Inspector side panel
- 2. Choose "Format" tab (this is the second tab, located beside "Objects")
- 3. Select text box you wish to update
- 4. Choose "Color Text", select new color

How to create border space around card edge



- 1. Add background color to canvas (this will be the border color)
- 2. Add "Rectangle" shape to canvas
- 3. Resize rectangle shape to cover most of the canvas, leave spacing on edge
- 4. Fill rectangle with a solid color: Format > Fill Shape Color
- 5. To prevent rectangle from moving when contents are added top, apply a position "Lock". Select rectangle, right click (or control-click), then choose "Lock".

How to update background color



- 1. Open Inspector side panel
- 2. Choose "Format" tab (this is the second tab, located beside "Objects")
- 3. Make sure nothing is selected. To quickly de-select all objects, single click on canvas background (please make sure you're clicking on the background and not on any object)
- 4. Choose "Color Background", select new color
- **Note for printing to the edge of the paper: it's important to note NOT all printers support the features to print to the full edge of the paper. If your printer does, you may need to manually turn on the option to print to the edge, please check print settings for more details.

How to share your card design





Orion Greeting Card Designer is made for designing card layouts that can be printed and folded into greeting cards. If you do not wish to print onto physical paper and prefer to share your designs over email, each card "tab" can be sent individually as an image.

When designing for a card that is going to be printed, you will see four tabs in the project: Front, Back, Inside 1 and Inside 2. These tabs will be printed in a pre-arranged fashion so they can be folded into the right place.

When designing for a card that will be shared electronically you will likely only need to design a single tab. This app is integrated with Apple Mail, to share a card design through email, please navigate to the design and go to Toolbar > Export > Mail.