



New Features in Version 2.0

For more details, please see the Online Guide. Click ? on the control panel to access the new Help Centre, which also gives fast access to our web site for latest information.

Command Sequences

[\(Quite Imposing Plus only\)](#)

A new **Sequences** dialog allows the user to string together imposition commands and give the results a name. Optionally, the user can suppress prompts and provide a custom message for speed, so that less trained users can use a system that has been already set up.

Shuffle Assistant

This is a new option on the **Shuffle Pages** for imposition function. It allows the user to type in a page count, rows and columns, then fill in only the page numbers on the front of the first sheet. It can then work the correct rule for the most common saddle stitched, perfect bound and cut stacks imposition (signature). Shuffle pages also now supports advanced rules for cut stacks impositions.

PDF/X Support

[\(Quite Imposing Plus only\)](#)

Optionally (Off by default in Preferences) Quite Imposing Plus will work to preserve PDF/X data in all imposition functions. Both PDF/X-1a and PDF/X-3 are supported. Quite Imposing Plus is not a preflight tool or converter,

but will check the PDF/X status of the files it works with. For instance, it will make sure that a booklet imposed from PDF/X-3 file is a PDF/X-3 file.

Command History and XML

[\(Quite Imposing Plus only\)](#)

This release stores a history of *all* the commands that were used to make a particular PDF. They are an embedded XML file (visible in **Documents>File attachments** in Acrobat 6.0).

The commands can be inspected in Quite Imposing Plus **Info** panel, which can now show either layout or commands. As well as providing an audit trail, commands can be directly imported into **Command Sequences**, allowing almost any working imposition to be repeated i.e. imposition by example.

N-up Centering

The **N-up** and **Step and Repeat**

functions now allow the resulting page to be centered. This is a huge time saver.

Bates Stamping

[\(Quite Imposing Plus only\)](#)

The **Stick On Page Numbers** function allows a user to enter numbers with a leading zero. The resulting numbers will have at least the same number of digits. For instance, if a user typed 0098, the pages will be numbered 0098, 0099, 0100, etc.

Impose Annotations / Form Fields

This is an option now in preferences to decide whether form fields and annotations are discarded (as in 1.0) or converted to part of the imposition.

QI button

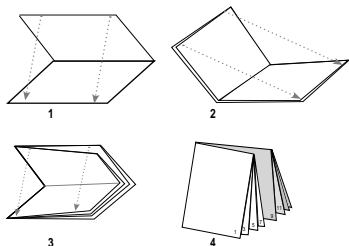
There is now a QI button to give fast access to the Quite Imposing Control Panel without going through the menus. (Note: in Acrobat 6 and later, you may need to use **View > Toolbars > Advanced editing** to see the button.)

Introduction

This Guide will give you a quick and easy reference for Quite Imposing and Quite Imposing Plus 2.0. We hope to help you get up and running as quickly as possible. Quite Imposing Plus is an Acrobat Plug-in that enables you to impose simple booklets, complex signatures and much more within Acrobat. Quite Imposing Plus 2.0 automates the imposition process, and adds other powerful features.

Understanding Imposition

If you are unfamiliar with imposition in printing, a simple way to show you the process is to make a “folding dummy”.



Take a single sheet of paper (letter size or A4 will work for this example) and fold it in half. Bring the two shorter edges together, crease and fold the following figure (shown above). Then number the pages as you would in a normal book, front and back. If you followed the example exactly the page numbers on your folding dummy will match the example.

Now open that sheet of paper. The way a sheet is folded determines the way the pages are arranged.



Front Sheet

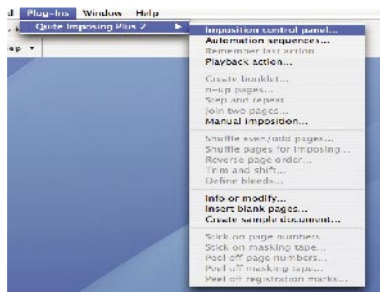


Back Sheet

Of course there are other considerations when preparing a publication for production other than determining imposition order. The types of press marks to be printed and the placement must be defined: if the book is to be saddle stitched or perfect bound (or some other signature setup), compensation for signature creep, and allowance for trimming of each page must be made when laying out a sheet.

Getting Started

Once you've installed the software you can now launch Adobe Acrobat. You will see an addition to the Plug-ins menu: **Quite Imposing Plus 2.**



In this guide we will show you not only how to create a booklet but also how to set up a saddle stitch or perfect bound booklet, step and repeat, define bleeds and creep and much more...

Creating a Booklet

- 1) Open your PDF Document.
In this example I have opened a 32 page, 8.5" x 11" saddle stitched document and I would like to create a booklet for the final output to be printed on an 11" x 17" sheet.

Note: I have chosen to make this booklet saddle stitched. If you are unfamiliar with this printing term please see the Online Guide for clarification.

- 2) To access Quite Imposing Plus, simply select **Plug-Ins** and then **Quite Imposing Plus** from Acrobat's Menu bar. Then select the **Imposition Control Panel** as shown here.



Quite Imposing has a similar but simpler control panel.

- 3) Click **Booklet** button.
A dialog box will appear.

Note: in this dialog we will ask you a series of questions and give you options that will work best for the particular job you are running.

- 4) Click **Next** button to continue.
A dialog box will appear.

In this example I have selected

- Make the booklet page large enough to hold two copies of the largest page in the original document, side by side. Scale 100%.

- 5) Click **Next** button to continue.
A dialog box will appear.

In this example I have selected

- Saddle stitched.

- 6) Click **Next** button to continue.
A dialog box will appear.

- 7) In this example I have selected
 - Interleave (front, back, front, back...).
 - Normal (use this also if you are printing only on one side).

- 8) Click **Next** button to continue.
A dialog box will appear.

In this example I have selected

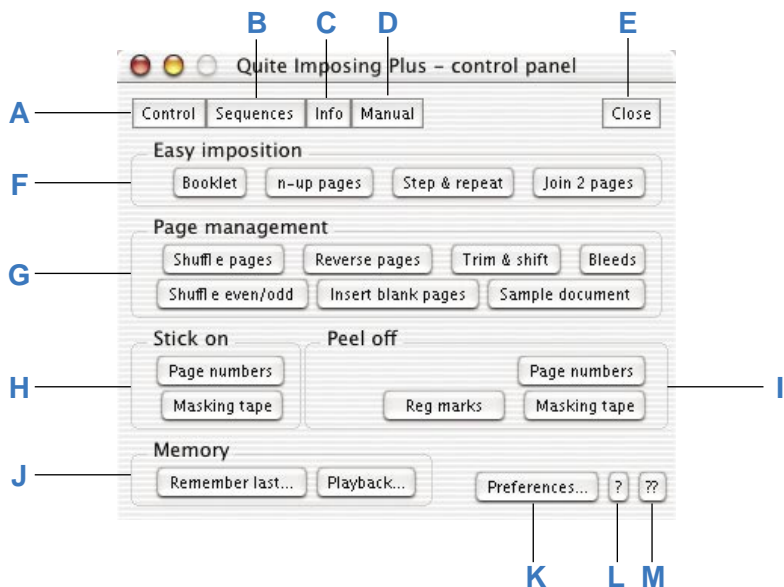
- Centre each page in its half of the sheet. Recommended in most cases.

- 9) Click the **Finish** button .

Note: you can now see the finished piece.

- 10) You can now Print or Save your document.

Quite Imposing Plus Control Panel



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| <p>A Return to the control panel from other panels.</p> <p>B Click to set up automation sequences to run multiple commands at once, with or without prompting.</p> <p>C Click to show info on what commands and layout made the current document.</p> <p>D Click to run Manual Impositions.</p> <p>E Click to Close Control Panel.</p> <p>F Basic signature creation: simple booklets*, n-up*, step & repeat, join 2 pages*.</p> <p>G Click to set up pages before signature creation. Shuffle for imposing*, reverse order*, trim & shift including creep*, bleeds, even/odd shuffle*, insert blank</p> | <p>pages*, or create a sample document for practice*.</p> <p>H Click to place and stick on page numbers also mask numbers and use Bates stamping.</p> <p>I Remove page numbers etc. stuck on in error.</p> <p>J* Basic memory and playback of single commands.</p> <p>K* Preferences including new page sizes and background sheets.</p> <p>L* Help centre - access to the online guide, up-to-date web pages, and registration.</p> <p>M* License information and plug-in version.</p> |
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Note: functions marked with * are also in Quite Imposing.

Shuffle Pages for Imposing

In this example we'll show you how to set up a 48 page (8.5" x 11") saddle stitched booklet , 4-up, head to head using our new **Shuffle Assistant**.

- 1) Open document in Acrobat. If you don't have a 48 page PDF available, you can use the **Sample Document** feature to make one. The large numbers on these new pages will help you see at a glance what is happening.
- 2) Select the **Shuffle pages** button from the Imposition control panel (or from the Plug-ins > Quite Imposing Plus pull down menu).
- 3) Check **Create a new document instead of modifying this one**.

Note: you don't have to do this but it's a good habit to get into if you forget to save your original document.

- 4) Click the **Shuffle assistant** button.

Layout of sheet

Columns: **2**

Rows: **2**

Page Count **48**

Click **Next** button.

Sheet 1 (front)

1 **48**

Check the **180 degrees** box on both (note: this will make your setup head to head).

4 **45**

To learn more about page rotation or turning pages sideways or upside down please see our Online Guide.

Notice you get a nice little graphic with page numbers and placement.

- 5) Click the **More** button if you want to preview more sheets.

Note: this button will take you to a dialog box that will have the rules you will need for this job. Remember you do not have to enter all of the numbers as the assistant is able to repeat a signature throughout your entire job. It doesn't matter how many pages you have.

Number of pages in each group 8.

Select saddle stitched.

Rule is 1* 8* 4 5 7* 2* 6 3

Click the **OK** button.

- 6) Click the **Finish** button.

This takes you back to the first dialog box where the shuffle assistant has correctly given the group size and the rules for the signature.

Click the **OK** button.

The next step is to action N-up. Please see next page for this section.

N-up Pages

N-up is the placement of your signature on the final output sheet.

To continue with the 48 page booklet above:

- 1) Select **n-up pages** from the control panel.
- 2) Check **Create a new document instead of modifying this one.**
- 3) Sheet will not be trimmed.
- 4) No, place all pages full size 100%.

Click the **Next** button.

- 5) Select **Margins.**
Space at edge of sheet 0.125 (note: you can change this if you need a larger value).
Space between each page 0.

Note: if you need more advanced margins or spacing see the Online Guide for information on the **Advanced** button features.

Check **Add crop marks.**

Note: click the **Custom** button and choose from 5 unique sets of marks.
In this example I selected style #3
Click **Next** button.

- 6) **Size and shape of sheets.**
Not sure what your final output size is or you don't see it in the pop-up?
Please see our Online Guide for **Defining backgrounds.**

In this case I selected 19 inches x 25 inches from the pop-up

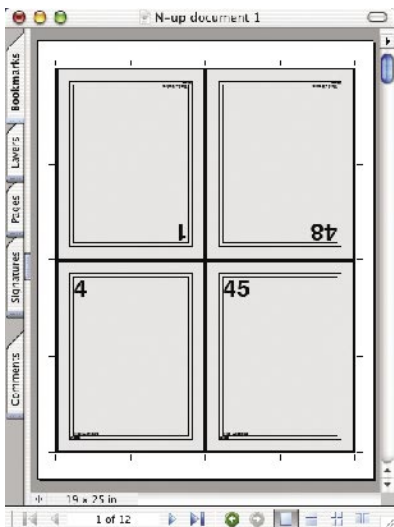
- Best fit (tall)
2 across
2 down.

Note: align is a new feature in version 2.0.

Align: Click the **Set** button.
Select **Centre.**

Click the **Finish** button.

You can now Save or Print your document.



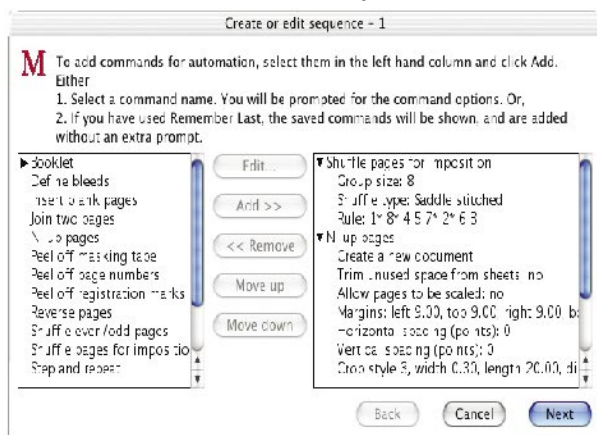
Automated Sequences

Quite Imposing Plus allows you to save a sequence of commands and run it later, so you can repeat the same task easily. Let's look at how simple that is, by following on from the last chapter, where you are left with a 48 page booklet imposed in front of you. We call this Imposition By Example.

Now you can enter a name for this automation sequence. Let's call it **4-up booklet**. Leave the other options unchanged and click **Finish**. That's it; this sequence is now permanently saved.

Now, quit Acrobat to close all your files, restart Acrobat, and make a new 48 page sample document.

Open sequences and check that **4-up booklet** is shown. Then click the



Imposition By Example

On the Quite Imposing Plus Control Panel, click **Sequences**. The Sequences control panel opens, and you can click **Import/export** button.

Select the first import option

- **Import commands from current document.**

You'll now see a screen showing you, on the right hand side, the **shuffle** and **n-up** commands that you used to set up the current document. You can change these or set up your own commands directly, but for now just click **Next**.

Play button. The booklet will be made again, with no prompting. But this isn't only useful for a 48 page original. The shuffle rules that were automatically made earlier will work with any number of original pages, adding blank sheets to make each layout up to a multiple of 8 pages - **try it!**

This feature will save you hours and hours of repeat setup time for the jobs you run again and again.

Step and Repeat

If you need to repeat one document or several (like setting up business cards), our **Step and Repeat** feature makes it easy to set up.

- 1) Open your PDF Document.
In this example I have opened an 8.5 x 11in document which I would like to Step and Repeat (2up) on the same sheet. The final output to be printed on an 11 x 17in sheet and then cut.
- 2) To access Quite Imposing Plus, simply select **Plug-Ins** and then **Quite Imposing Plus** from Acrobat's Menu bar. Then select the **Imposition Control Panel**.

- 3) Click the **Step and Repeat** button.
A dialog box will appear.

Note: in this dialog we will ask you a series of questions and give you options that will work best for the particular job you are running.

In this example I have selected

- Remove unused space at the edge of each sheet.
- No, place all pages full size (100%).

- 4) Click **Next** button to continue.
A dialog box will appear.
- 5) This dialog box allows you to select Margins and Crop Marks, if needed.

In this example I have selected

- No Margins or Marks

- 6) Click **Next** button to continue.
A dialog box will appear.
- 7) This dialog box allows you to select how pages are placed on each sheet, and the size and shape of the sheet.

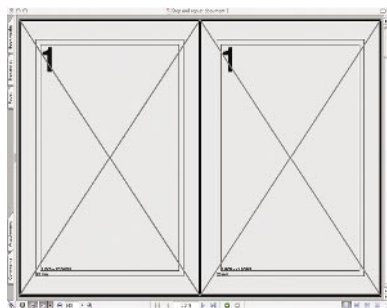
In this example I have selected

- eleven by seventeen (11 x 17in).
- Best fit (wide) this lets the software figure out the best placement.
- Layout of pages, enter
 - max. columns 2
 - max. rows 1

(In this case you could also have said "0" for both values, meaning "fit as many as possible".)

At the bottom of the dialog box we show you how many pages per sheet and total pages placed.

- 8) Click the **Finish** button.



Note: you can now see the finished piece.

- 9) You can now Print or Save your document.

Manual Imposition

- 1) Open your PDF document.

In this example of a manual layout (Dutch Cut), I have opened an 6 x 11in document which I would like to place (Gang) on the same sheet. Final output to be printed on an 12.5 x 18in sheet and then cut.

- 2) To access Quite Imposing Plus, simply select **Plug-Ins** and then **Quite Imposing Plus** from Acrobat's Menu bar. Then select the **Imposition Control Panel**.

- 3) Click the **Manual Imposition** button. A dialog box will appear.

In this example you need to pick a **target** sheet (this lets you set what size sheet you're outputting on).

- 4) Click the **Change target** button to continue. A dialog box will appear.

In this example I have selected

- Create a new document with 1 blank sheet 12.5 x 18in from the pop-up.

Note: if you don't have 12.5 x 18in created it's easy to do.

Select **More choices** from the pop-up.

- Define a new custom size for a blank sheet.
- Click the **Next** button.
- Now indicate your width 12.5in and height 18in.

You can now name it, in my example I called it 12.5 x 18in.

- Click the **OK** button.

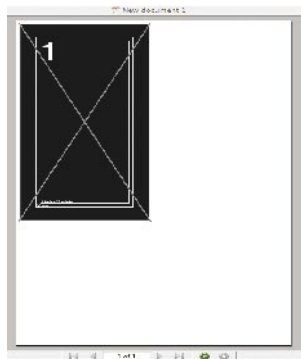
It is now added to the list and is easy to access.

- 5) Now click the **OK** button to create the target page.
- 6) Now click the **Pick source** button.
- 7) Do you see the 6 x 11in document you want to impose? If not, click the **Next Doc** button until you do. (You could also open a document.)

When you can see the source click the **Pick** button.

You can now choose where to place the source by setting an offset and perhaps a rotation and scale percentage.

In my example to place page 1
Offset • Top left
Horizontal 0.125 Vertical 0.125



- 8) Click the **Add page** button.

You now see the blank target sheet again, but now it highlights a 6 x 11in area where the source will appear.

9) You can now choose where to place the next page.

Note: the dialog updates automatically so that page 2 would be placed next. (If you wanted a different page, or even a different document, you could just click **Pick Source** again.)

Set an offset and perhaps a rotation and scale percentage.

Rotate: upright

Scale: 100%

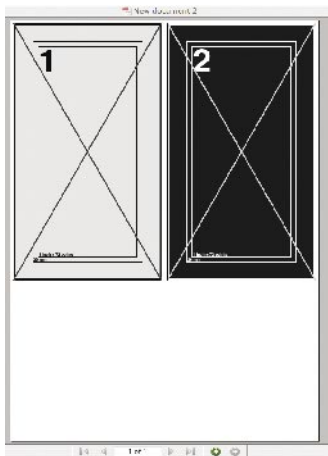
As you change these settings, the highlighted area also changes.

Pick the same source document.

Place it

- Offset: Top left

Horizontal: 6.375 Vertical 0.125.

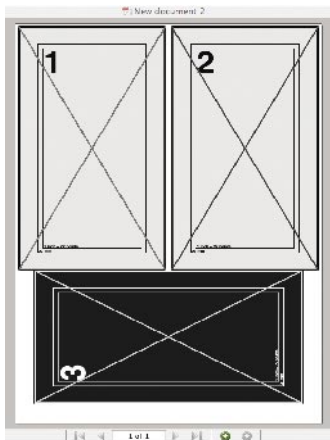


10) Set the last page the same way except the page placement is

- Top Left

Horizontal 0.75 Vertical 11.375.

- Rotate 90 CCW.



Click the **Add page** button.

11) Click the **Close** button.

Note: you can now see the finished piece.

12) You can now Print or Save your document.

Now place page 2 by clicking the **Add page** button.

Trim and Shift

This feature allows you to resize pages and move the contents of these pages. Check out our Online Guide for a detailed comparison between Adobe's Crop pages and Trim and Shift.

In this example we are going to show you how Trim and Shift can be used to centre a document on a larger sheet.

Let's say you have a document 11.25 x 8.75in with crop marks and you would like to have that centered on a 12.5 x 9.5in sheet.

- 1) Open document in Acrobat.
- 2) To access Quite Imposing Plus, simply select **Plug-Ins** and then **Quite Imposing Plus** from Acrobat's Menu bar. Then select the **Imposition Control Panel**.
- 3) Click **Trim and Shift** button. A dialog box will appear.

Check **Create a new document instead of modifying this one**.

Note: if you are trimming or shifting your pages around it's always a good idea to create a new document. Also we recommend backing up your files.

Click the **Advanced options** button to make sure the original is selected.

Select

- Entire document.
- All pages in a range.

Click **Next** button.

- 4) Select
 - Make all pages the same size (trim and shift on all edges).

Now, select 12.5 x 9.5in from the pop-up.

- Wide.

Note: if you haven't created a 12.5 x 9.5in sheet, please see our Online Guide on how to easily create and define a background sheet.

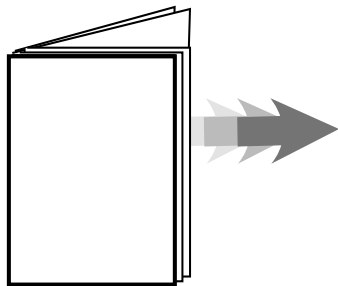
- 5) Select
 - Don't shift the contents of the pages.

Click the **Finish** button.

Note: along with trimming, shifting, centering and cropping your documents, the Trim and Shift feature is also where you will be able to easily add **Creep** to your documents.

Define Creep

When signatures are folded the live area or image area of the inside pages may extend slightly past the image area of the outside pages. With a saddle stitched book each folded signature is placed inside (or nested) another folded signature. The increased thickness of the folded pages cause the inside signature to extend past the pages inside where it was placed. This is called **Creep** (or Shingling). If you are using perfect bound for a job, the creep is limited to the pages built in each individual signature.



If you need to apply creep to your entire document or to individual pages this can easily be done using our creep function.

Example:

There is no one-size-fits-all recipe for creep, but if you don't have any bleed, this recipe should usually work.

For a 72 page signature you would have an 18 sheet binding. So the amount of the creep would be 18 x thickness of sheet.

In the **Trim & Shift** shifting options you would type creep for each group of 72. Shift outside pages by: (amount) Shift inside pages by: 0

The result of this would be that the centre is unchanged, but that as you get closer to the outside, there will be extra space in between pages, reaching the maximum on pages 72-1.

For more detailed information on adding creep to your documents please see our Online Guide.

Define Bleeds

Many documents have already assigned bleeds to them. To make sure you get the correct set up you might need to use our **Define Bleeds** feature.

- 1) First you need to create a document with your bleed included. This can be done from various applications such as Illustrator®, Quark®, InDesign® and others. Once completed, and saved as a PDF we can now open it in Acrobat.

Note: remember to allow enough space around your document. Otherwise, when you create your PDF it will not be the correct size with marks.

- 2) Open your PDF document.
In this example I have a 32 page, A4 (210mm x 297mm), with Bleed (bleed marks) and Crop Marks.

Note: some printers and service bureaus receive files with bleed already included in the documents. The plug-in understands this, and with these steps you can easily impose them and keep this valuable bleed information and marks if needed.

- 3) To access Quite Imposing Plus, simply select **Plug-Ins** and then **Quite Imposing Plus** from Acrobat's Menu bar. Then select the **Imposition Control Panel**.
- 4) Click the **Bleeds** button or **Define Bleeds** from the pulldown menu. A dialog box will appear.

Note: you can create a booklet with bleed, but it requires more steps then the **Create booklet** option

allows. Create Booklet is a simplified process and it does not read bleed information.

- 5) In this example you can see the bleed area defined by the black highlight. If it is correct, then simply click the **Close** button and continue. If it is not correct or needs adjusting or even taken out these functions can all be done here.
Note: if the pages are already exported from InDesign® or Quark®, the bleed is most likely already set within the document. In this case, choosing **Define Bleeds** will highlight the bleed area. Quite Imposing Plus uses the trim box (bleed interior) for the page size.
- 6) Select **Shuffle pages for imposing**
Click the **Advanced** button and select
2. saddle stitched
Group size: 4
Rules: 4 1 2 3
Note: this indicates the page order for a 4 page booklet. Quite Imposing Plus knows how to repeat this signature to any size booklet.
- 7) Select **n-up pages**
 - Remove unused space at the edges of each sheet.
 - No, place all pages full size (100%).Click the **Next** button.
- 8) You'll have to add margins.
A margin of 0.0625 should be suitable. (You can add crop marks if required.) On the next dialog choose **output size** (click **more choices** if your size is not already defined).
choose columns 2 rows 1
Click the **Finish** button.

This should give you a booklet with bleed included.

Stick on page numbers

With many jobs you don't know the final page count until it's time to output, or you have multiple documents brought together to make one document and you then have to number quickly.

With **Stick on page numbers** this is easy to do.

- 1) Open your PDF in Acrobat.
- 2) To access Quite Imposing Plus, simply select **Plug-Ins** and then **Quite Imposing Plus** from Acrobat's Menu bar. Then select the **Imposition Control Panel**.
- 3) Click the **Stick On Page Numbers** button.

Stick on page numbers

You can 'stick on' page numbers so that a document is numbered consistently. Numbers are added to the current document, starting with the current page. You can also add text before, after, and/or instead of the numbers.

Number of pages to process: 500 starting with current

First number to add: 1 ☐ No numbering

Use leading zeroes e.g. type 0099 to get 0099, 0100

Text before:

Text after:

Appearance

Font: Times-Roman Size: 12 points

☐ Use registration colour rather than black

Where to add numbers

☐ Top left ☐ Top centre ☐ Top right
☐ Bottom left ☒ Bottom centre ☐ Bottom right

Horizontal: 0.25 Vertical: 0.25 inches

☒ All pages in range ☐ Odd only ☐ Even only

Cancel OK

- 4) Select the set up that you need and click the **OK** button.

You will now see the page numbers throughout your document.

Note: if you have a document that has already been numbered you can use **Stick on masking tape** to mask the old numbers and then re-number your document using **Stick on page numbers**.

Bates Stamping

For law firms, government agencies and others we have added **Bates Stamping**. This allows the user to stick on page numbers with a leading zero.

The resulting numbers will have at least the same number of digits. For instance, if a user typed 0098, the pages will be numbered 0098, 0099, 0100, 0101, etc.

Note: you'll see you have a lot of selections, number of pages, text before or after numbering, font, size and placement.