

Put It On Paper Part 2

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“The negative is the score, and
the print the performance.”

- *Ansel Adams*

Topics – Part 2

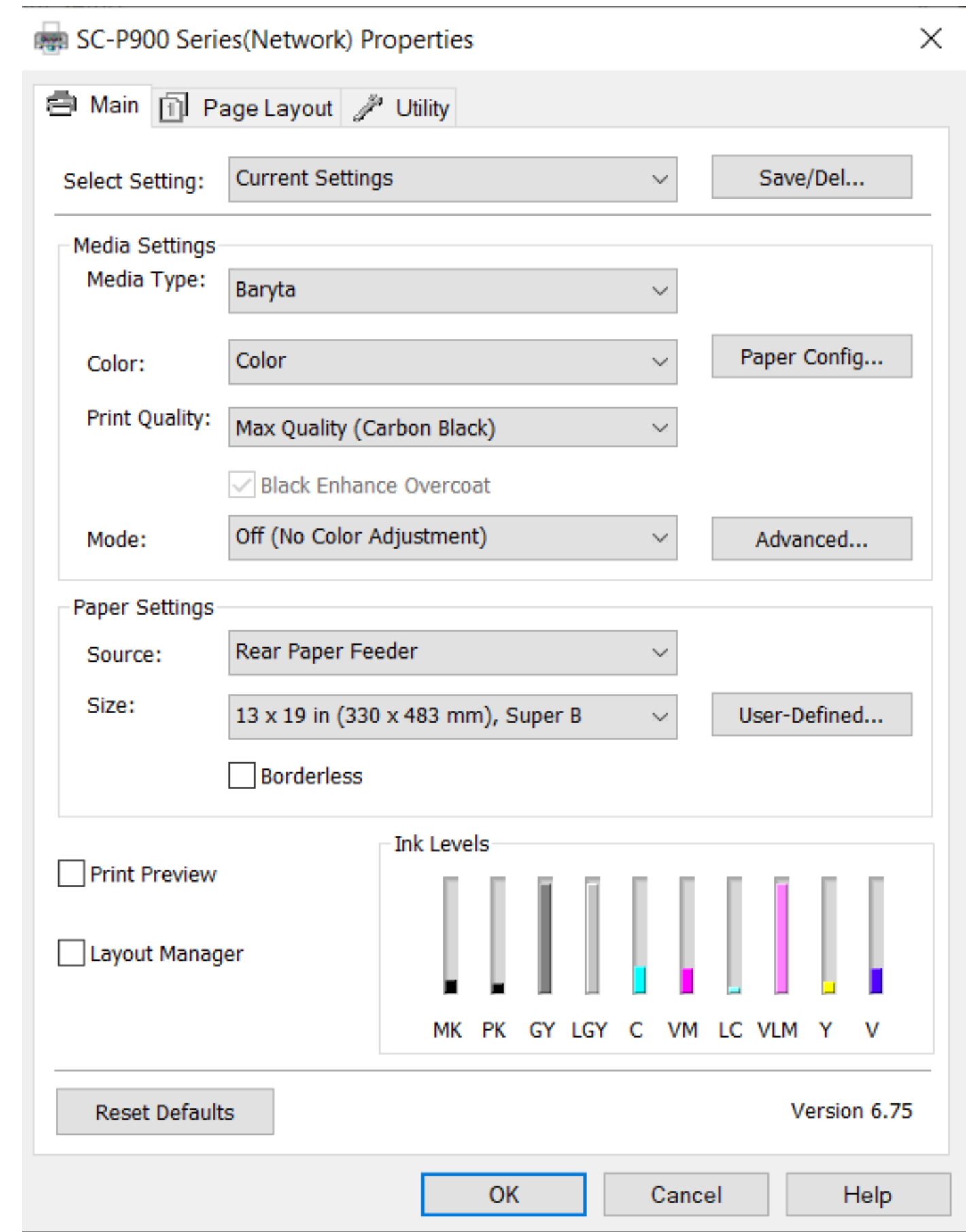
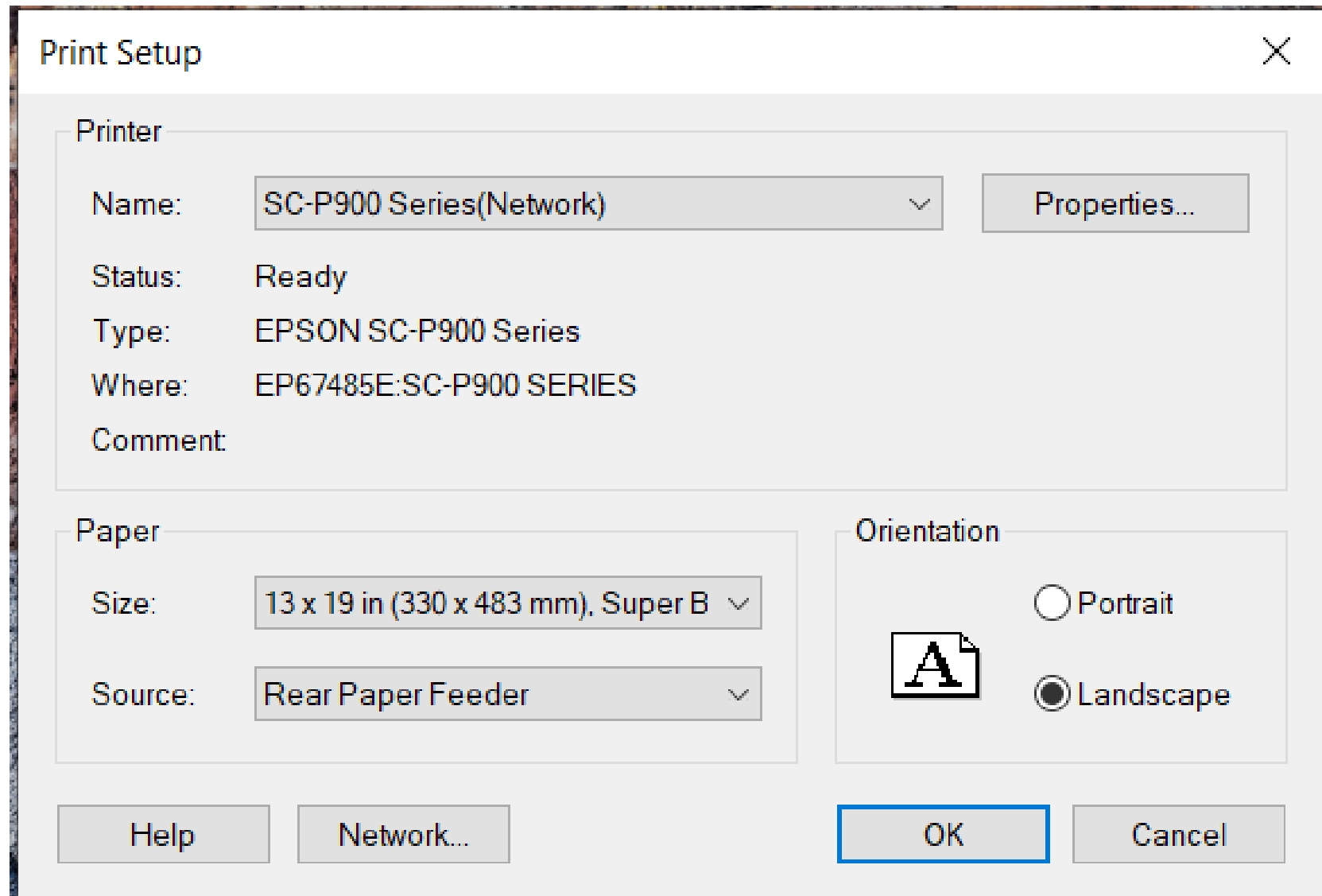
- Questions from Part 1
- Printing from Lightroom to Your Printer
- Printing from Lightroom to a File and Ordering a Print
- Mounting Your Photograph for the Contest

Demonstration

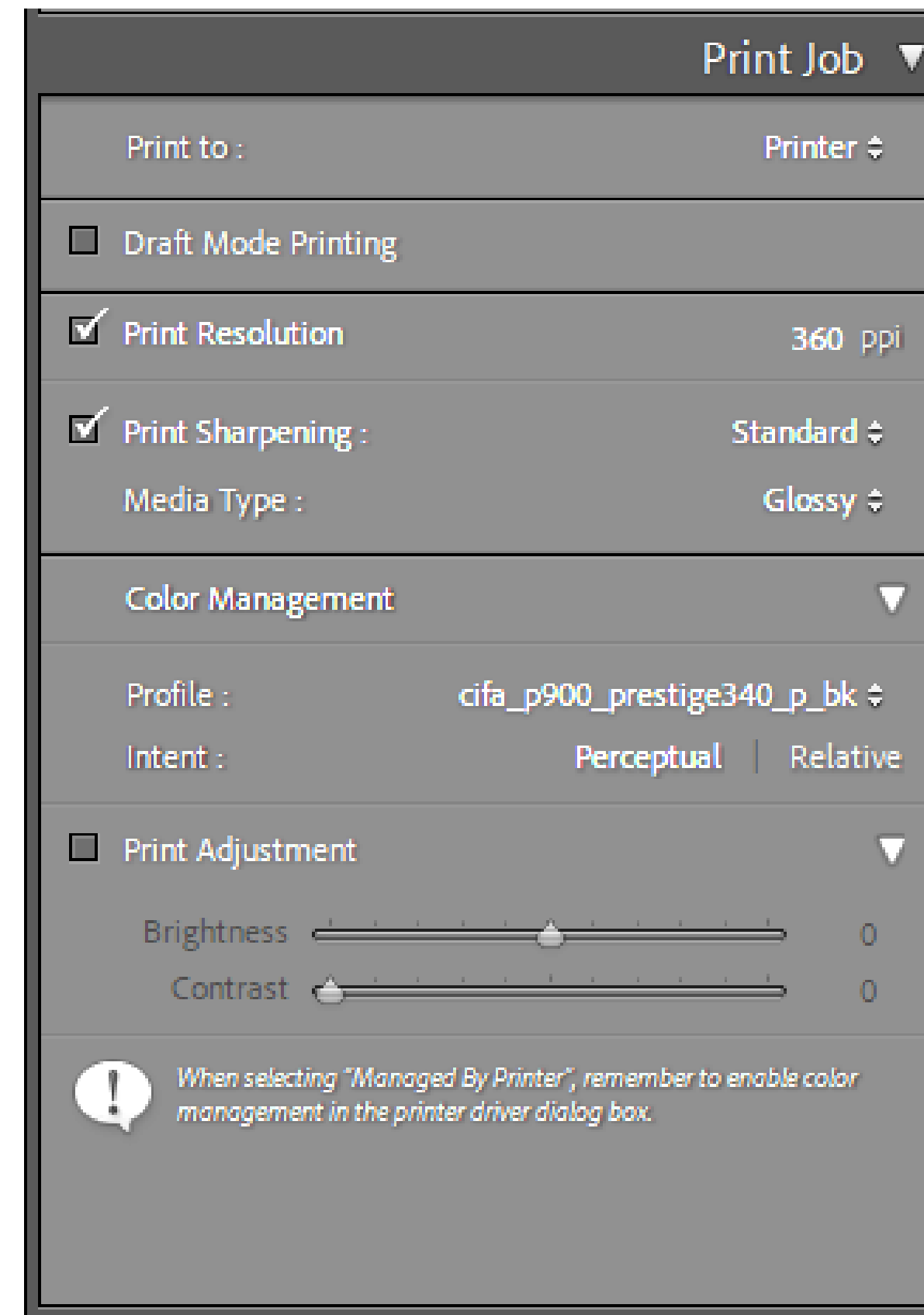
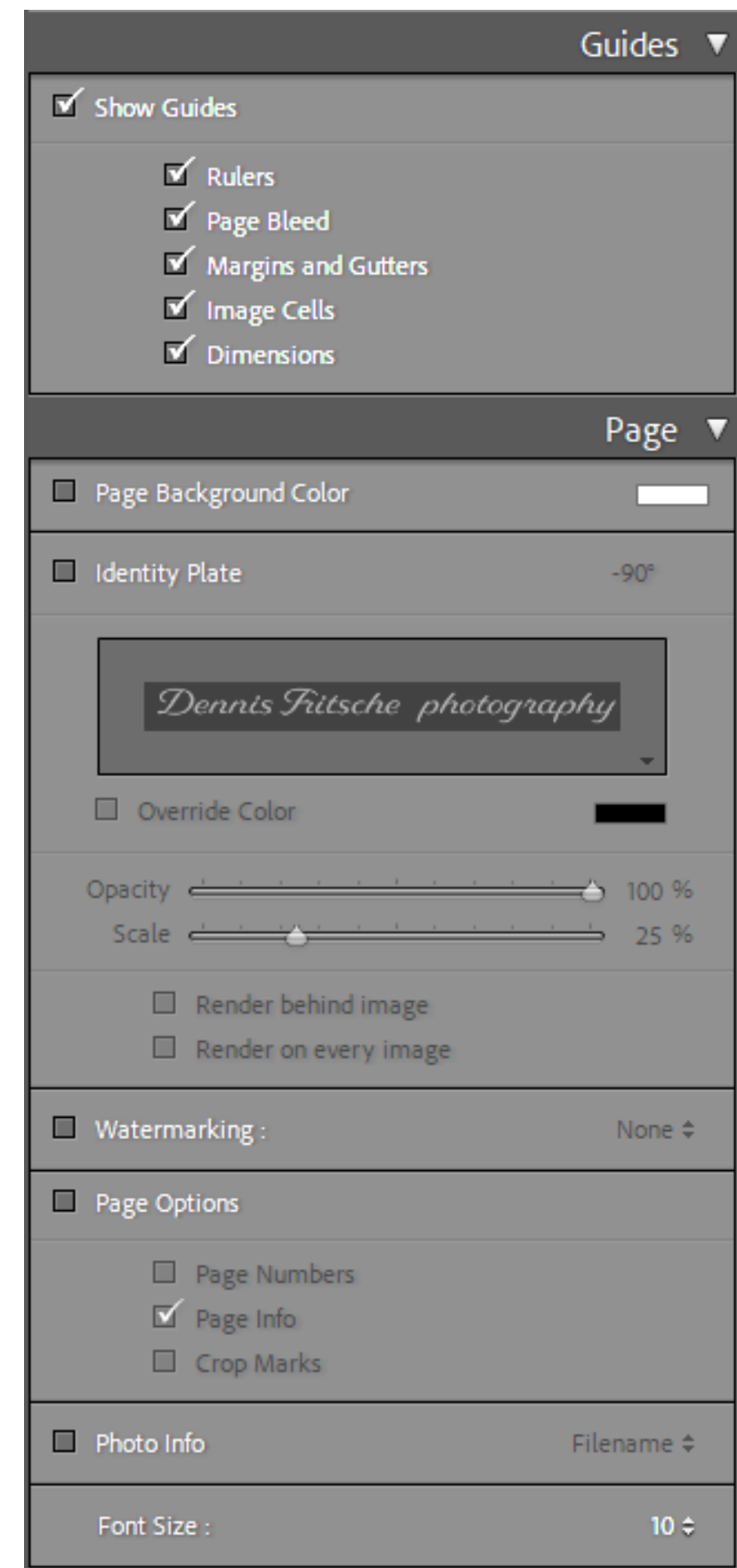
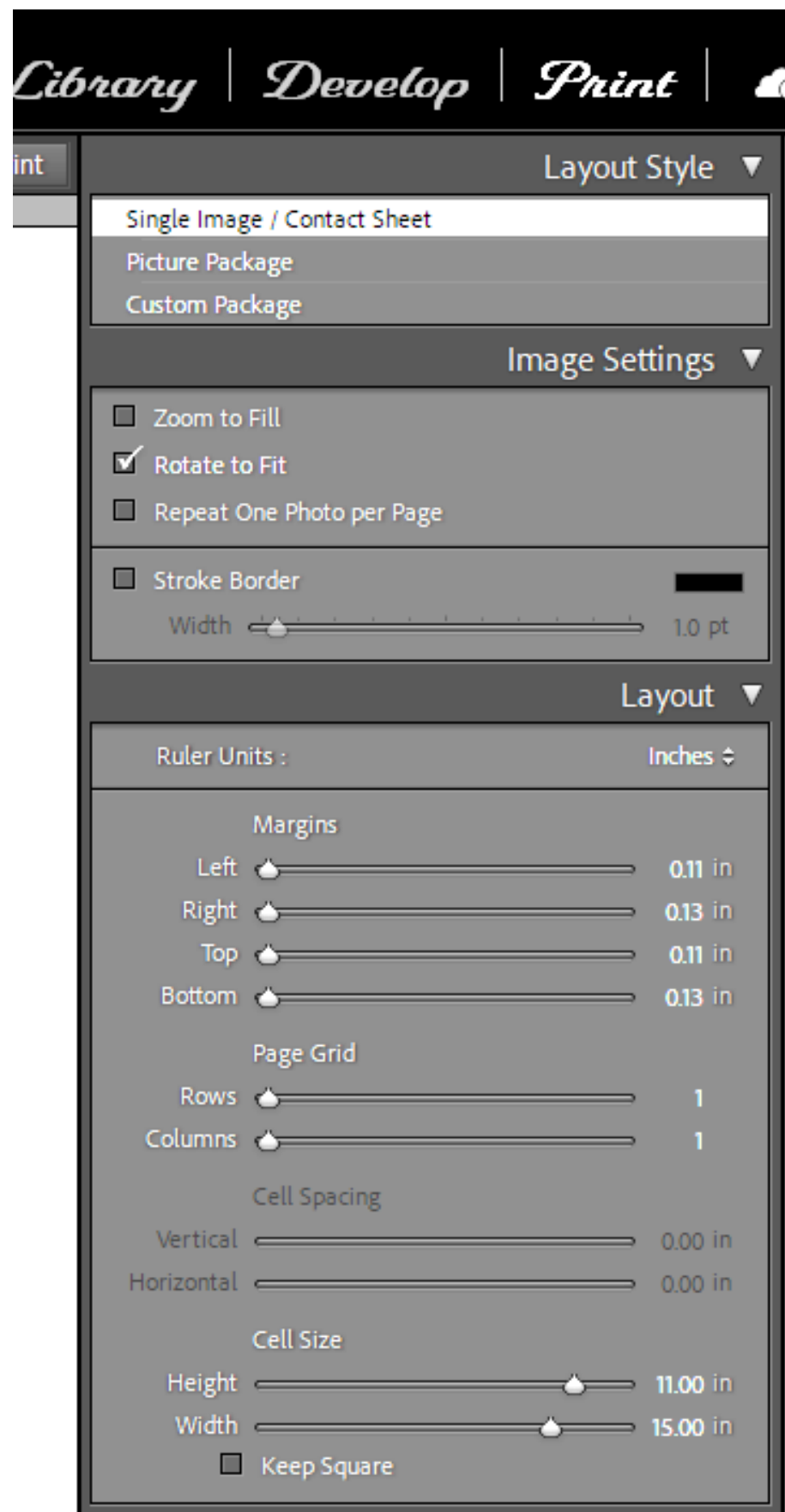
Printing from LR to your local printer.

Color

Printer Set Up and Properties for Epson - Color



Lightroom Setup for Color



Demonstration

Printing from LR to your local printer.

Black and White

Two Ways to Print B&W

Print Using Special B&W Modes

- Special printer B&W mode should create neutral prints
 - Usually available in printers with 3 black inks
 - Forces black inks to be used. Smooths tonal variations and increases permanency.
 - May use color inks to create neutral black depending on paper
 - Monochrome images may be toned with a single color using color inks.
- If your printer has a B&W mode, try using it
 - Choose paper type, quality setting and appropriate ink.
 - For third party papers, try using settings the manufacturer provides with the color profile.
 - Choose B&W printing mode
 - Go to color controls to adjust tonality, tint, contrast and brightness
 - Choose either image processing software or printer to control color.

Ways to Print B&W

Print as a Color Image

- Convert image to B&W in post
- If your printer does not have B&W mode, print as you would any color image.
- Use ICC color profile based management
 - Printer tries to print neutral image
 - Most color profiles are not optimized for neutral gray
 - May have color cast that may need to be removed
 - Color cast may be paper dependant

B&W Print Color Casts



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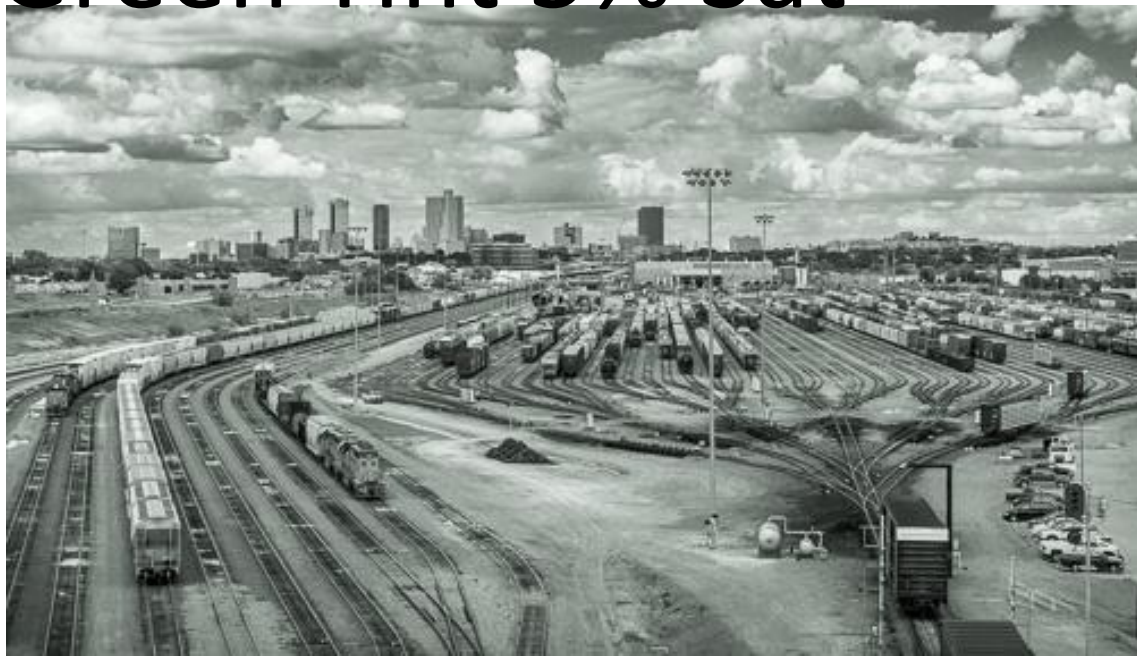


Yellow Tint 7% Sat

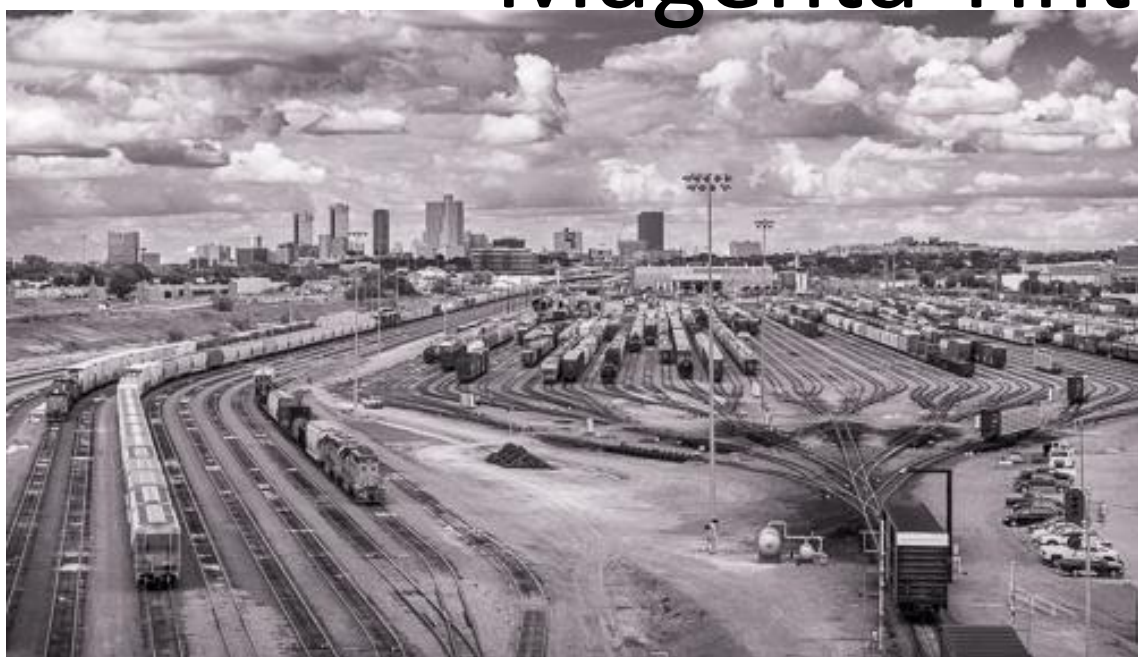


Neutral

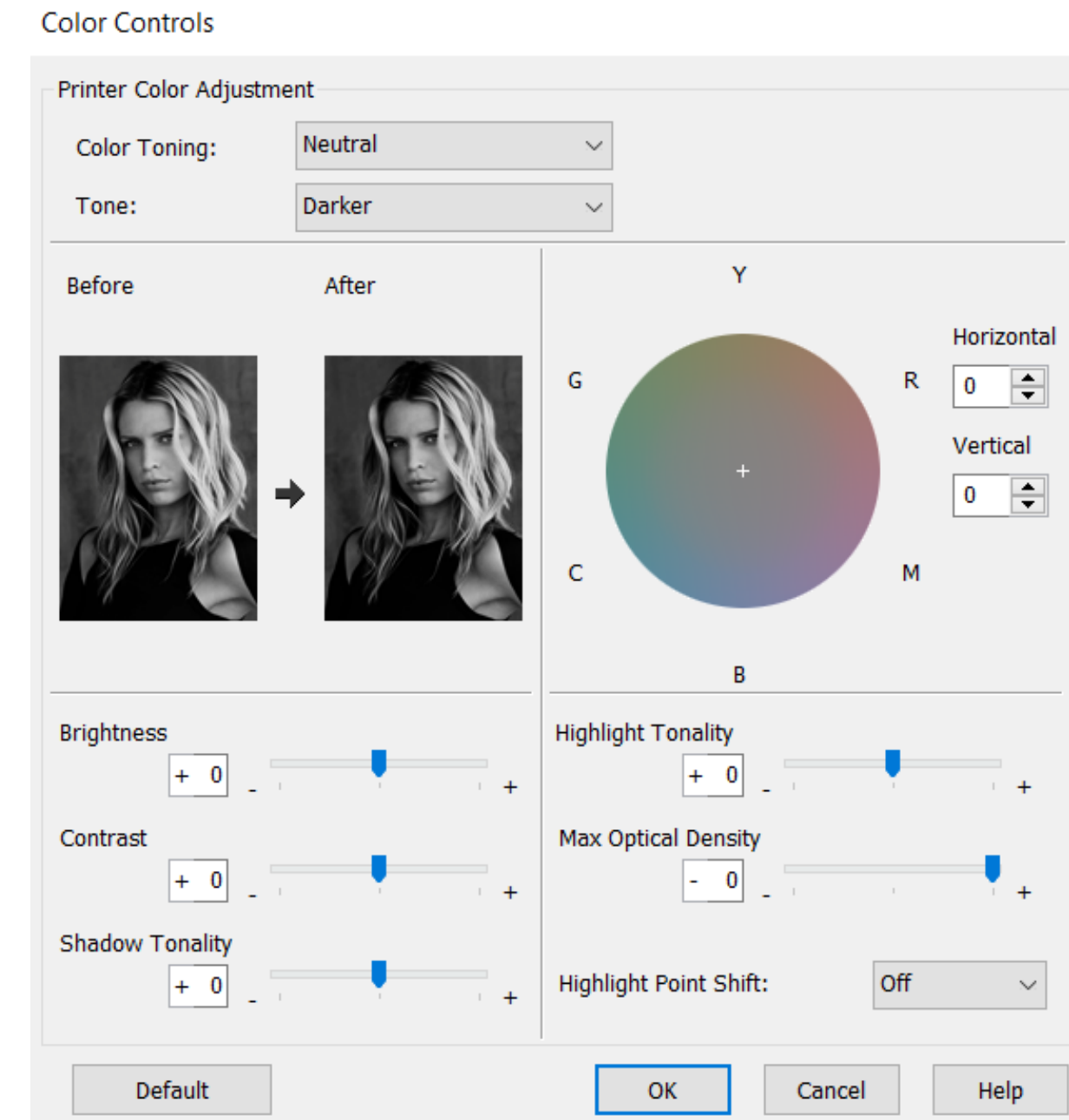
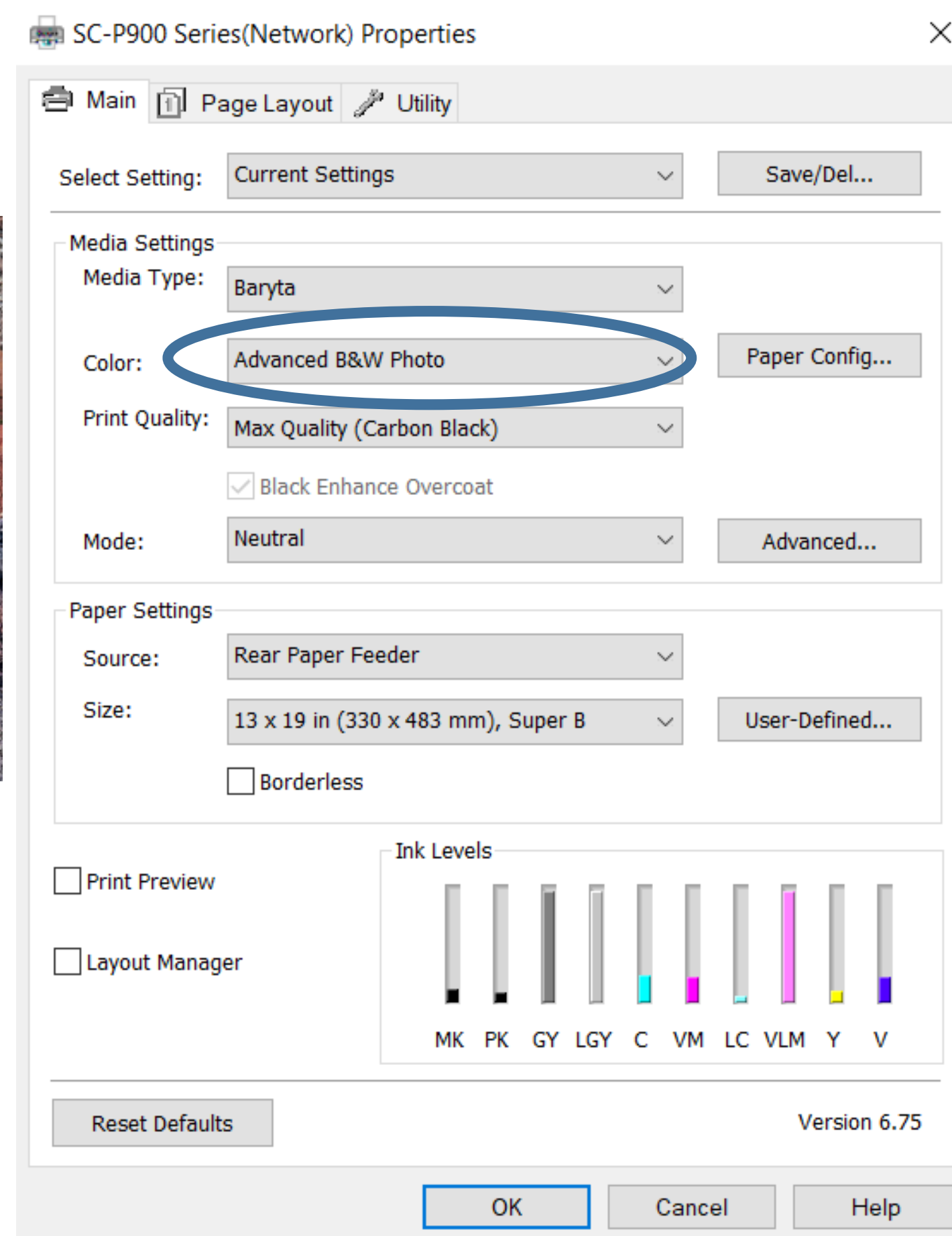
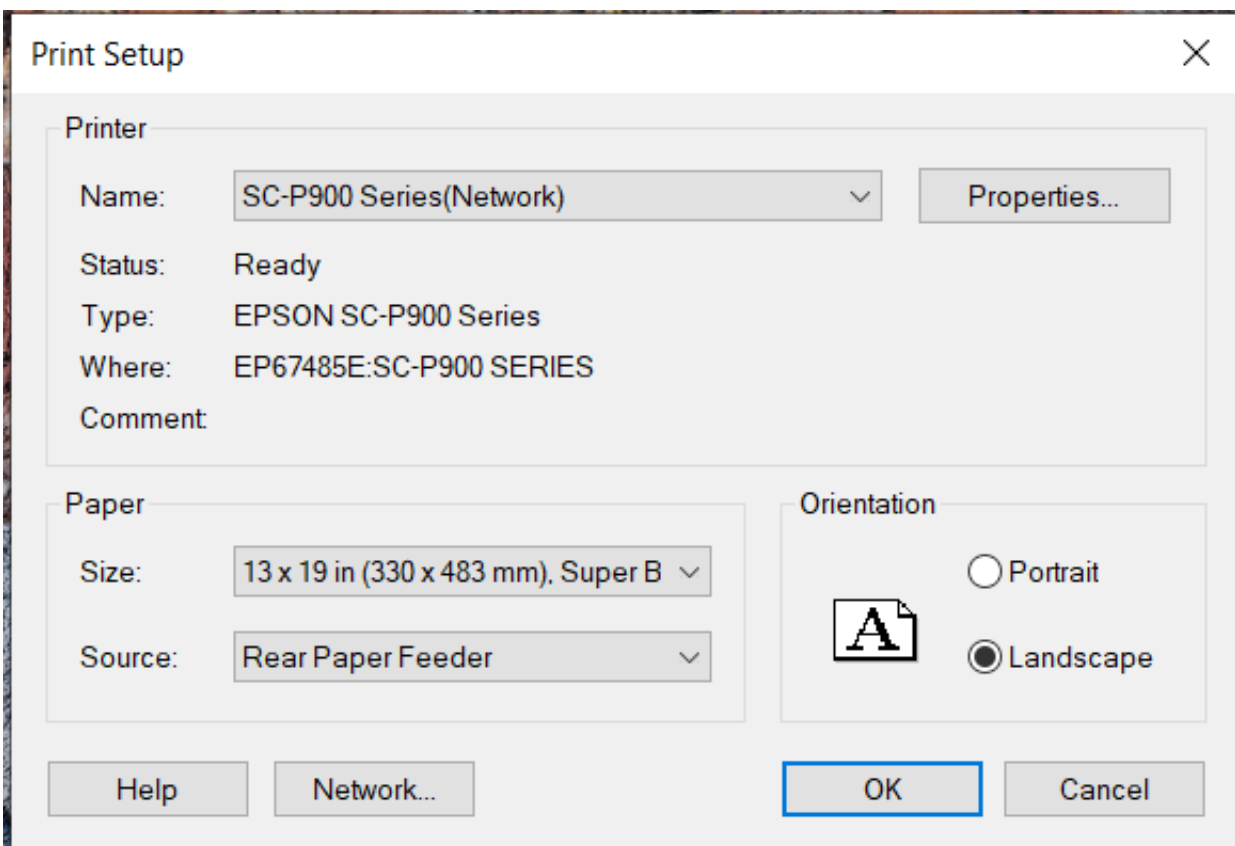
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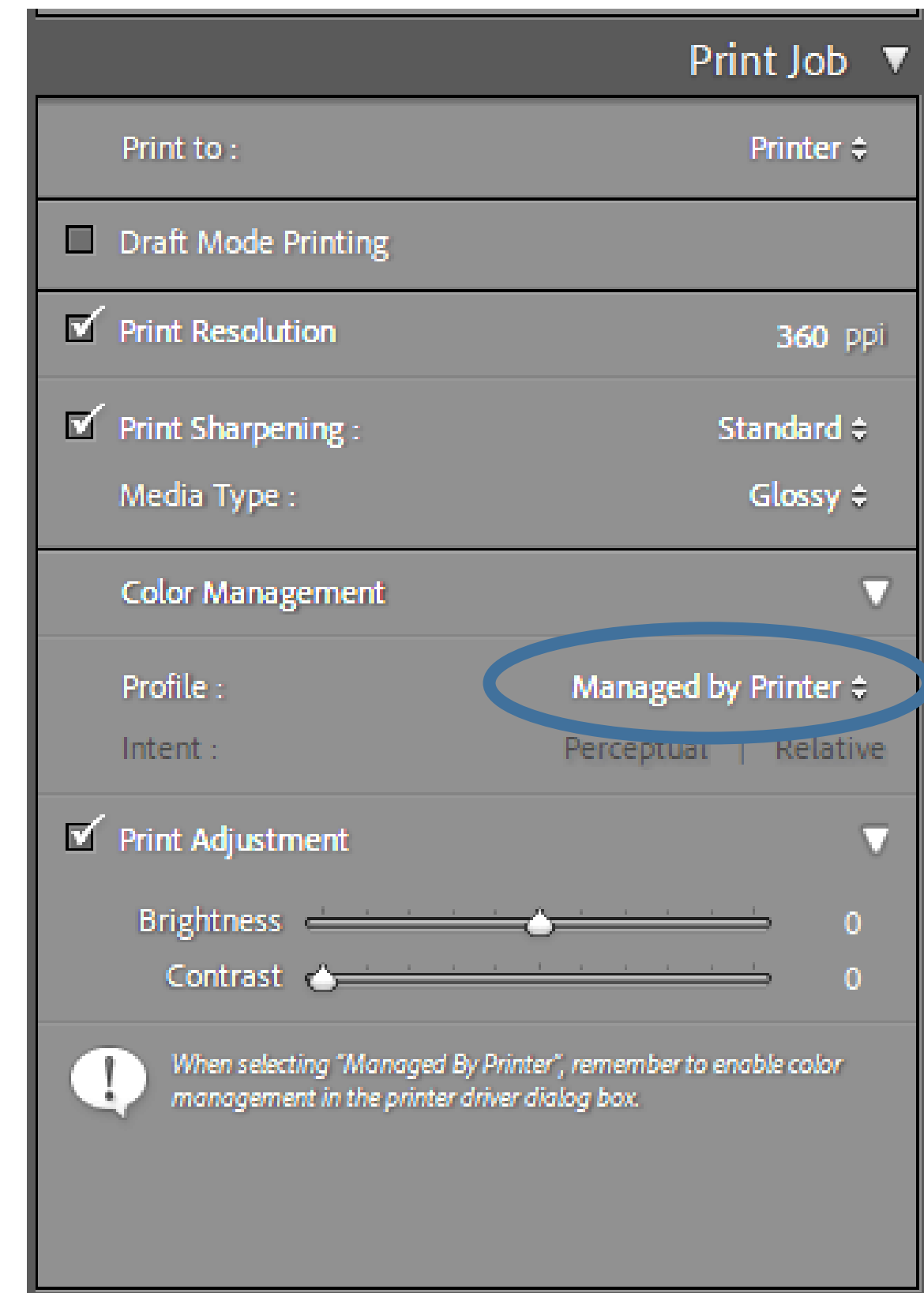
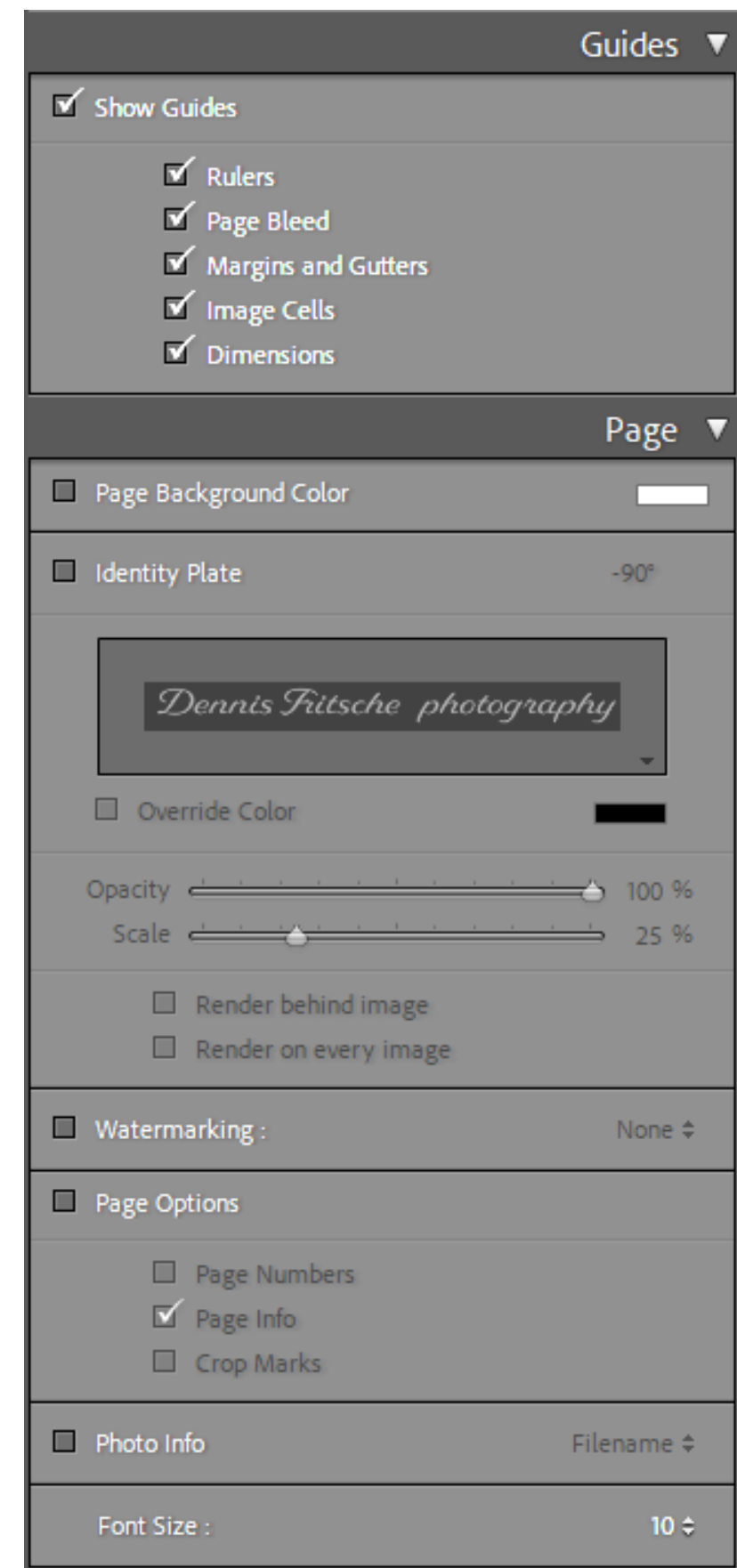
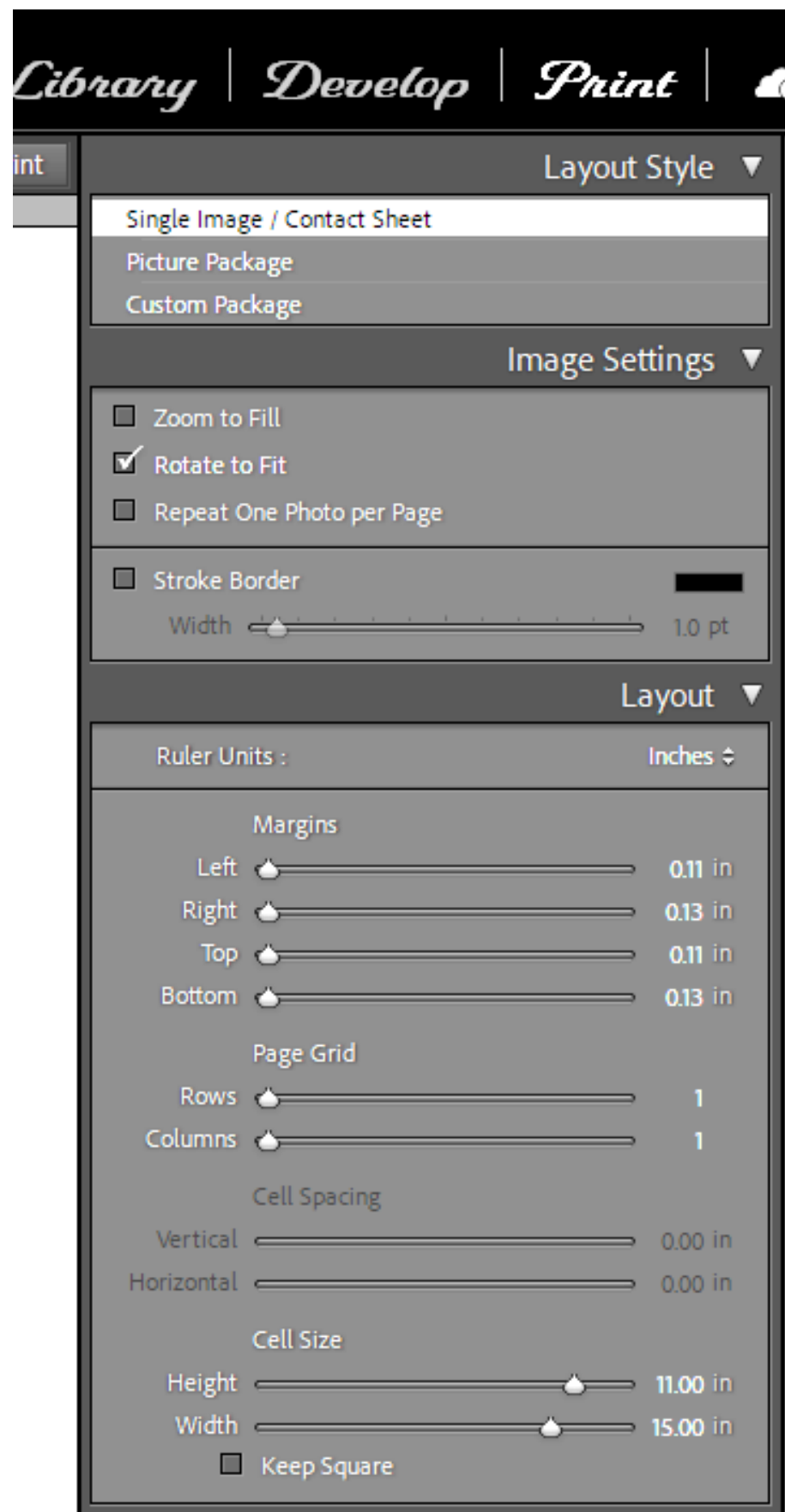
Magenta Tint 5% Sat



Printer Set Up and Properties for Epson – B&W



Lightroom Setup for B&W



Make a Custom Template

- For each setup make a custom template
- On Template Browset, click “+”
- Give it a name such as “13X19 Canson Presteige ABW”
- When printing again click the template and the printer and LR are setup and ready to go.

Demonstration

Ordering your print.

Full Color

Demonstration

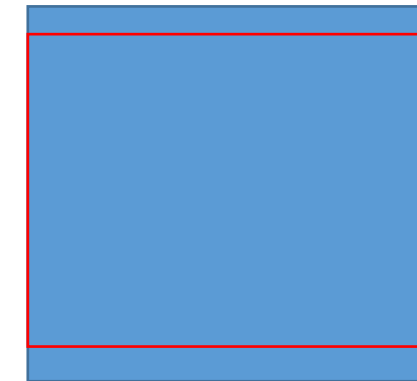
Printing to a file to upload to a print service.

Ordering your print.

Photographique

Sizing Image for Lab

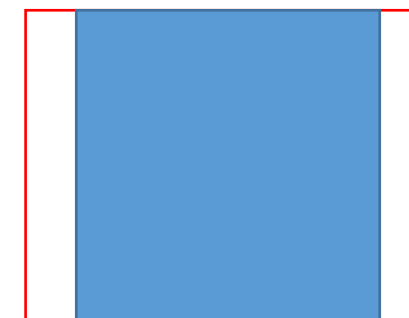
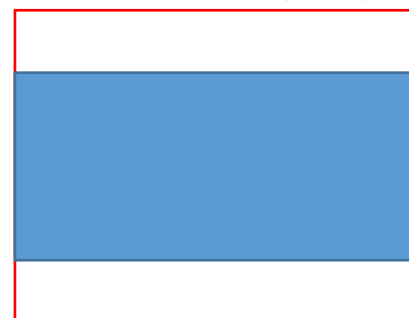
- Use lab recommendations when setting image resolution
- Many commercial labs will size images to fill the frame



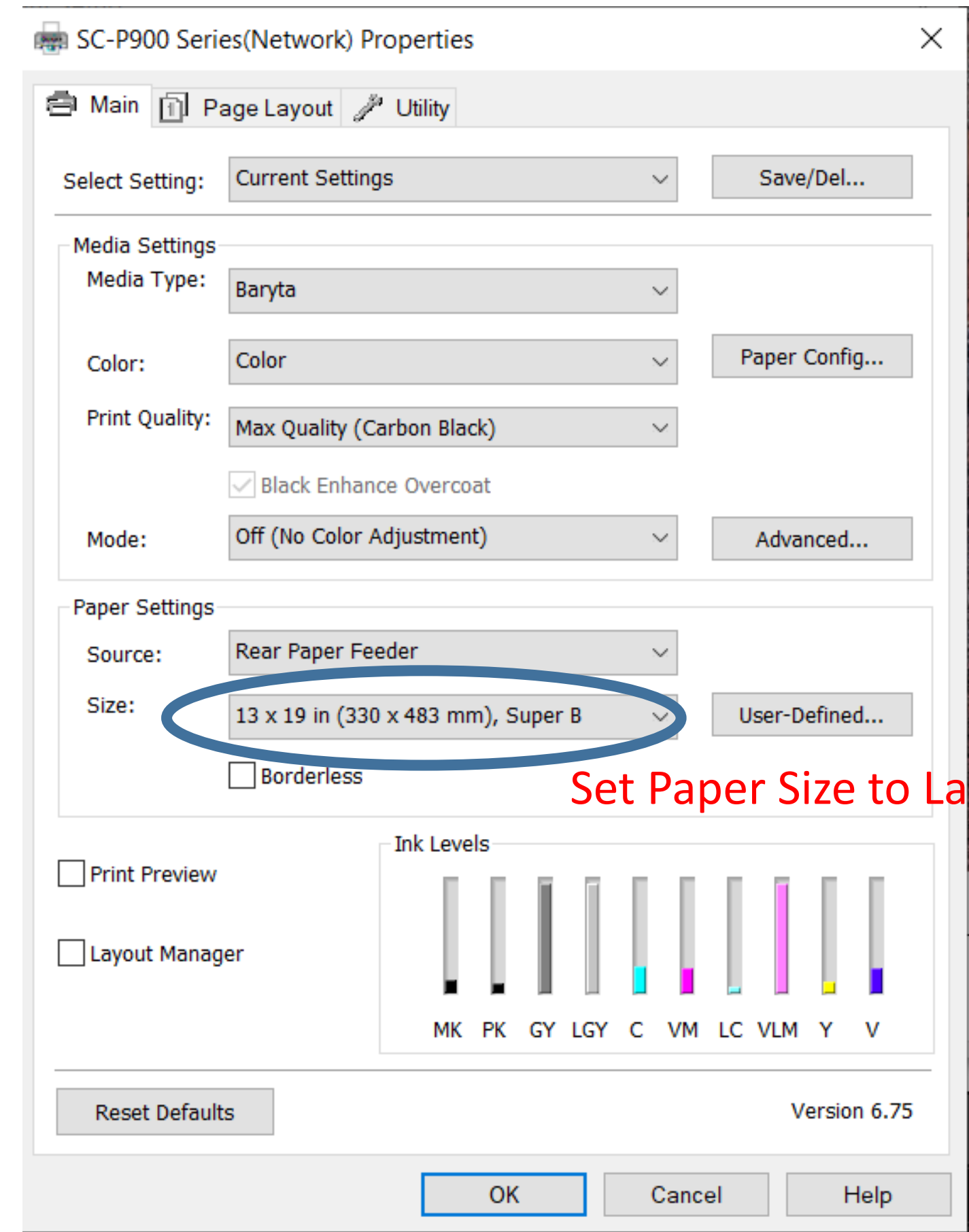
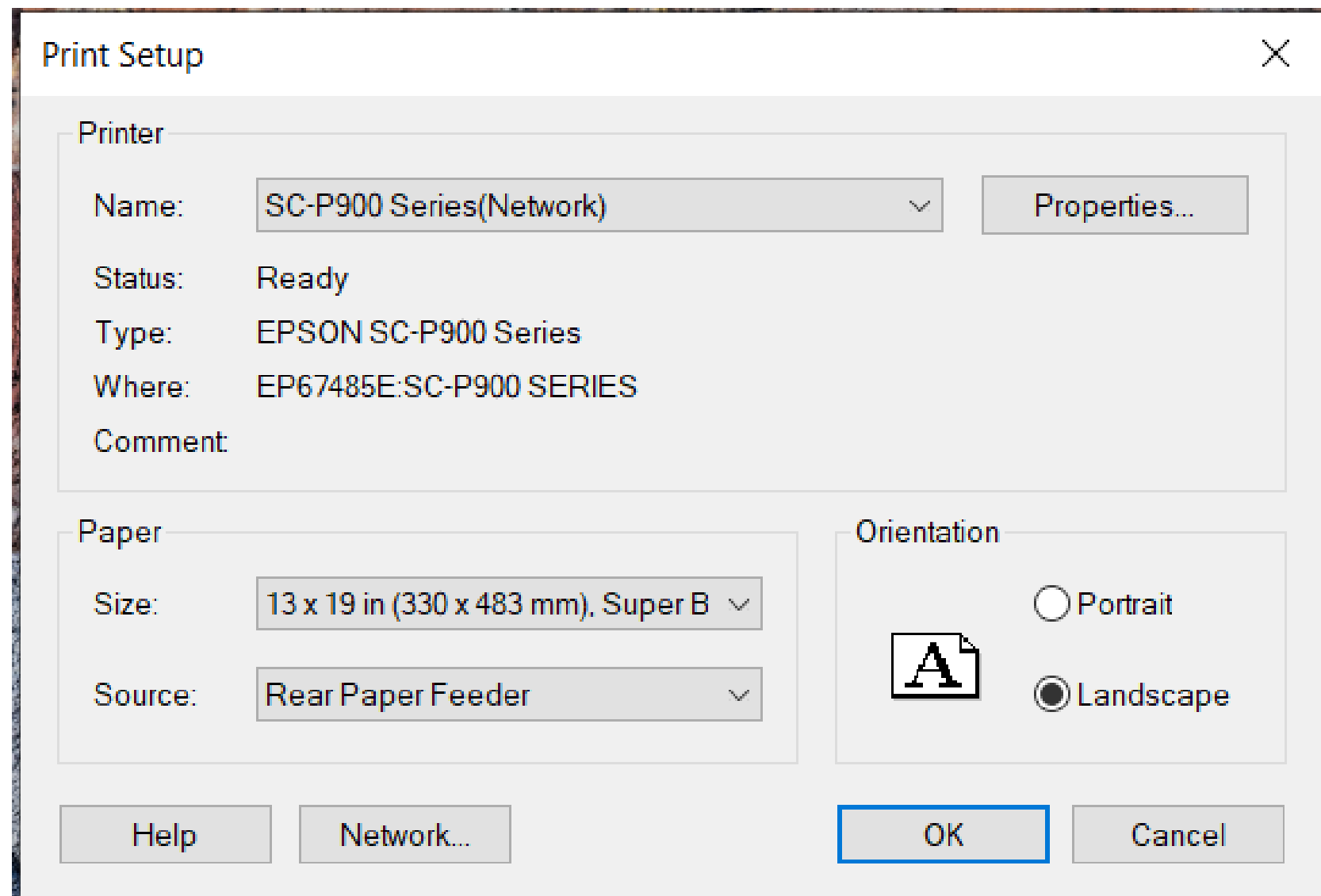
- Use LR or PS to crop your image to the aspect ratio of the final Lab print so you can control crop and fill frame.



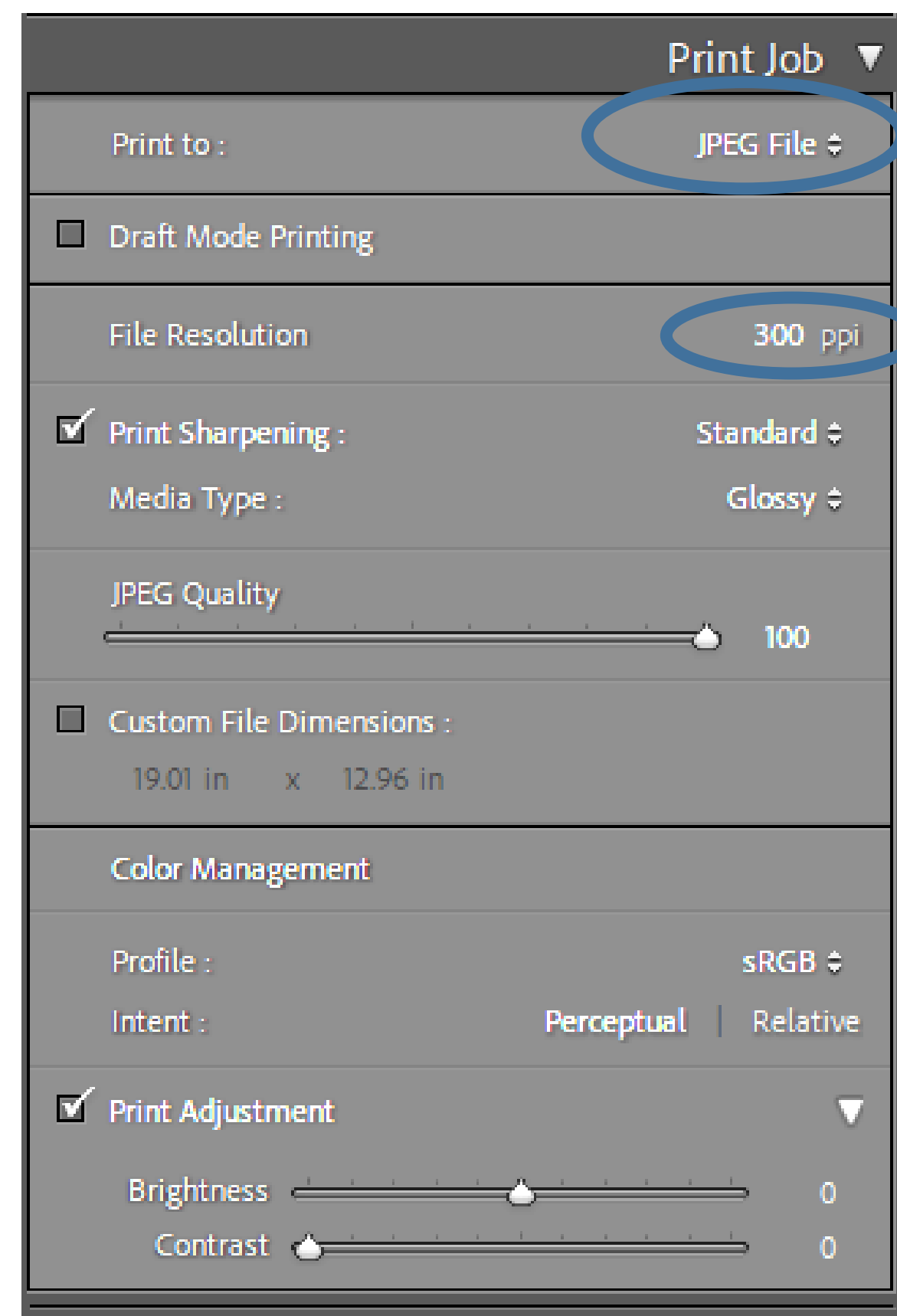
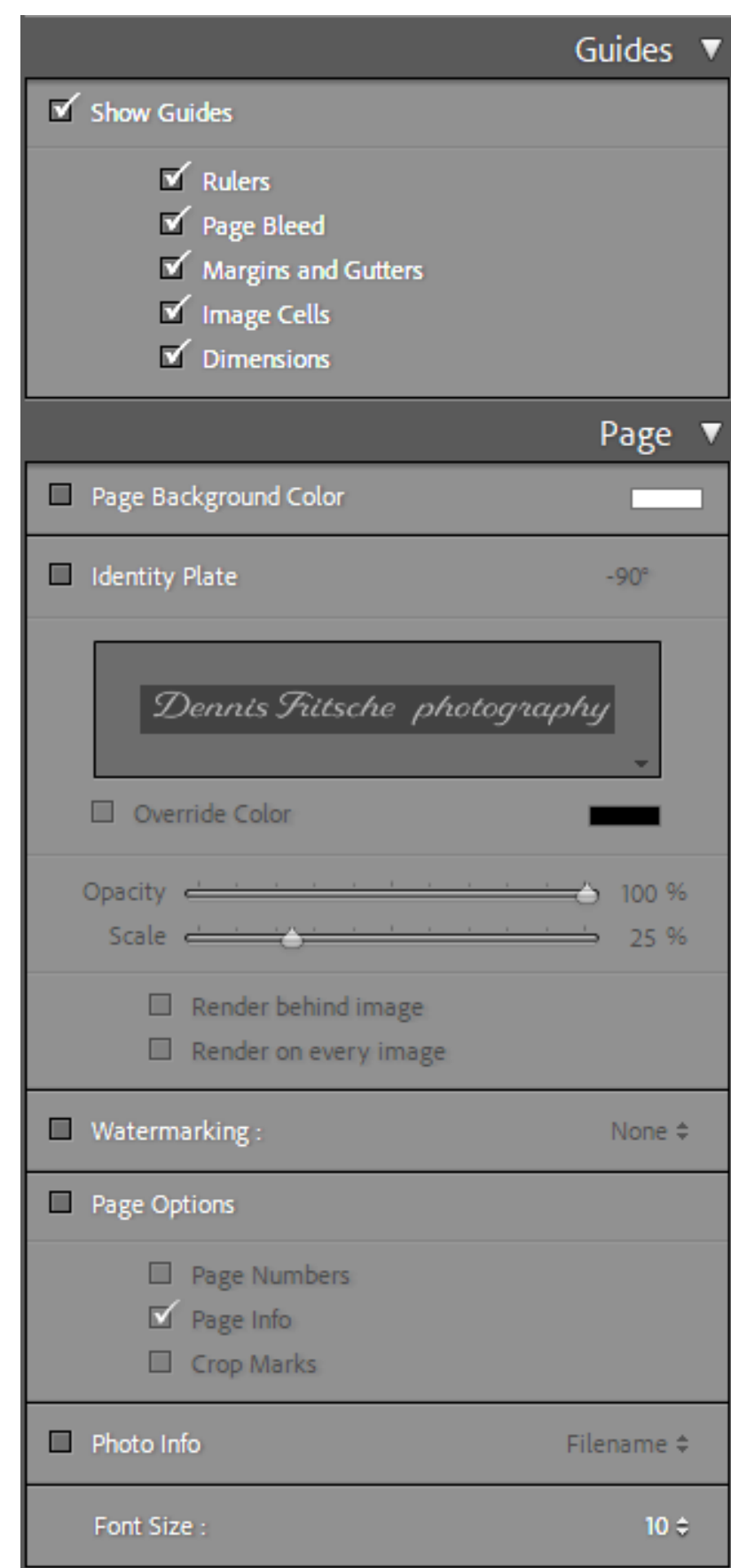
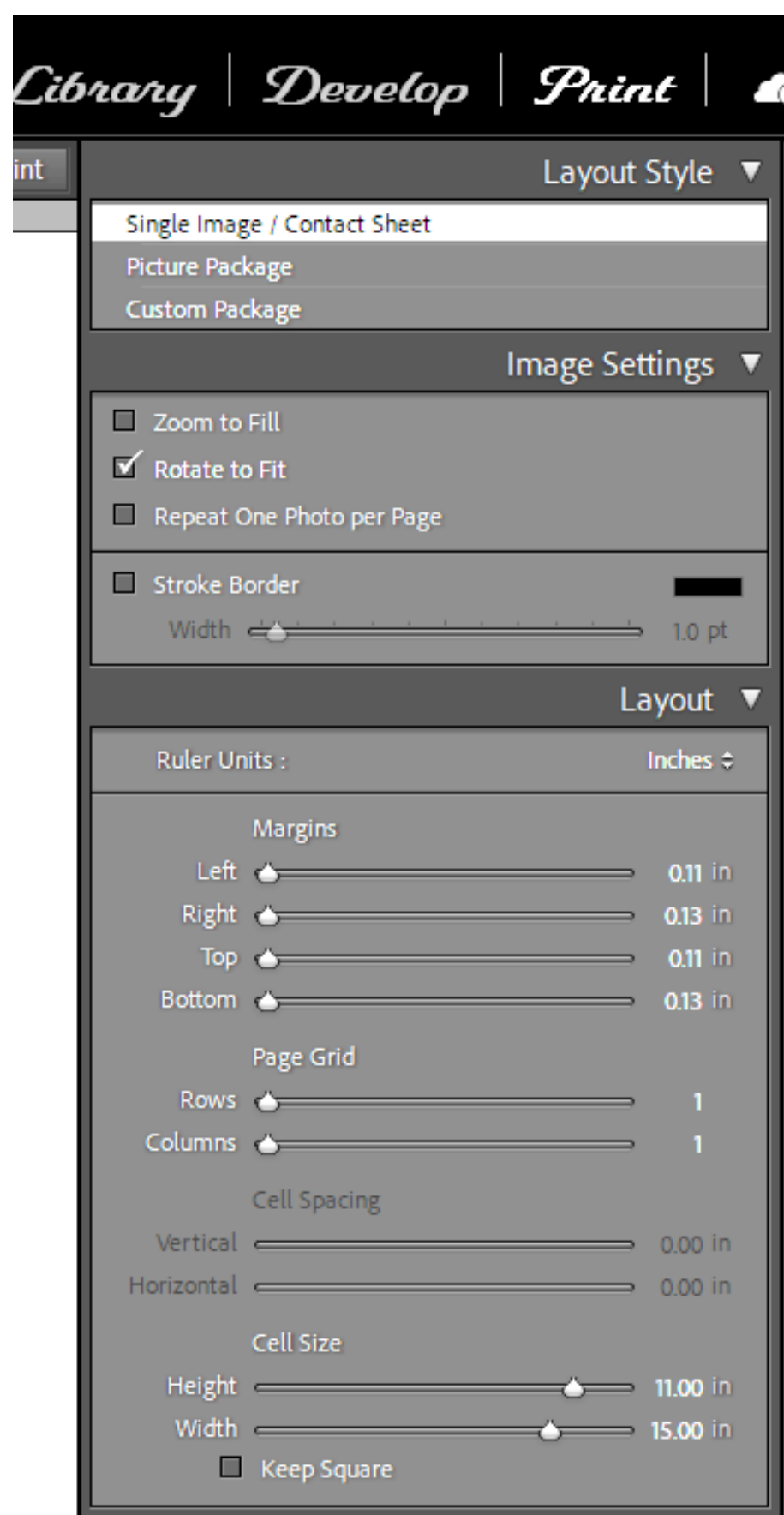
- You can size canvas to print aspect ratio and retain desired print crop in PS
- In LR Print module, size paper to lab aspect ratio and size. Size image with desired crop on the paper and use Print to File



Printer Set Up and Properties – to File for Outside Lab- Color & BW



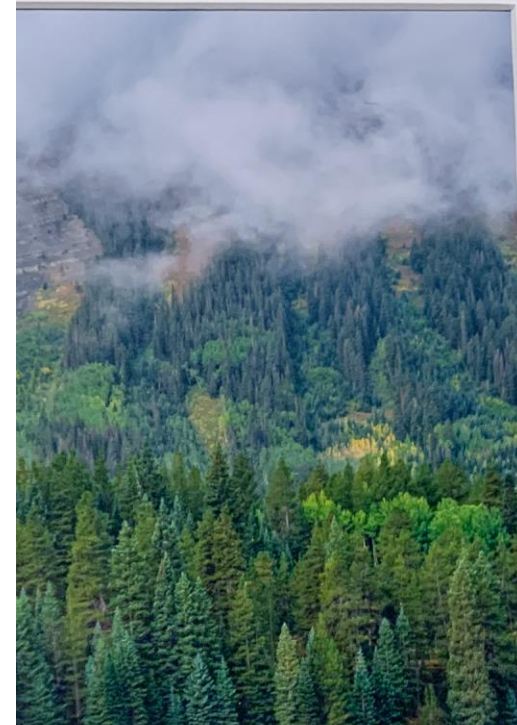
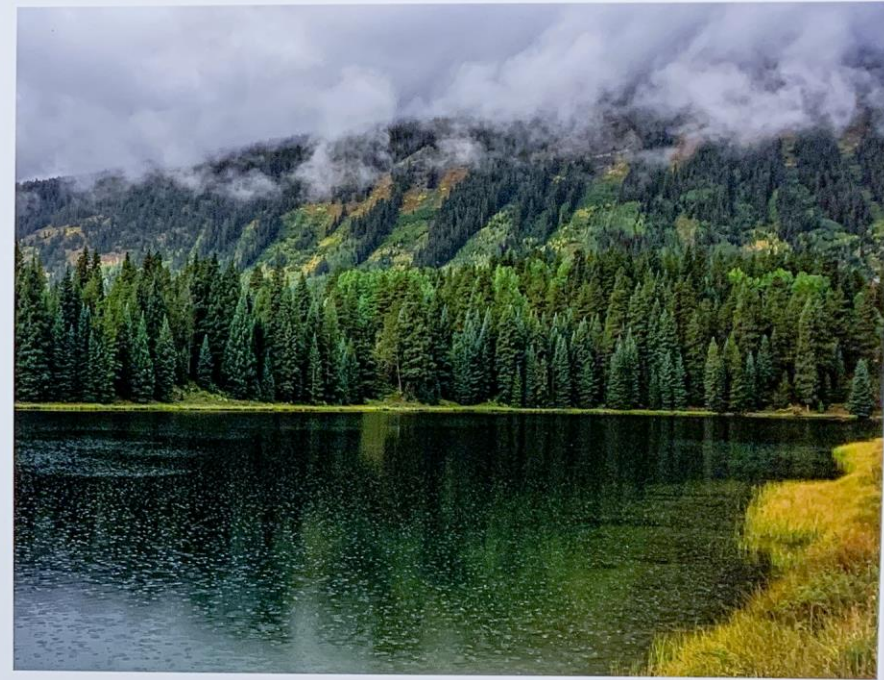
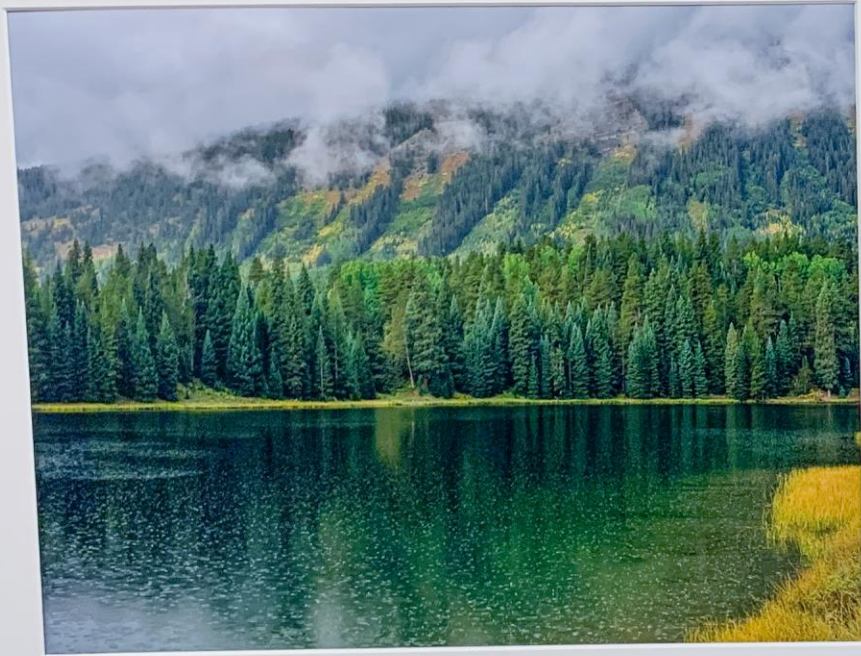
Lightroom Setup for Print to file for Outside Lab



Mounting Your Photograph For Competition

- Everything matters when your print is judged.
- Prepare your photograph with care – if the judge senses you don't care, then the judge won't care either.
- Face mounting is acceptable.
- Mounting with a mat is preferred.
- Use a white mat or rarely black.
- Never a color. "That orange mat really enhances this photograph" said no judge ever.
- Canvas is not good for contests and metallic should be used sparingly.

Two Styles of Mounting with Mats Over Mount and Outside Mount



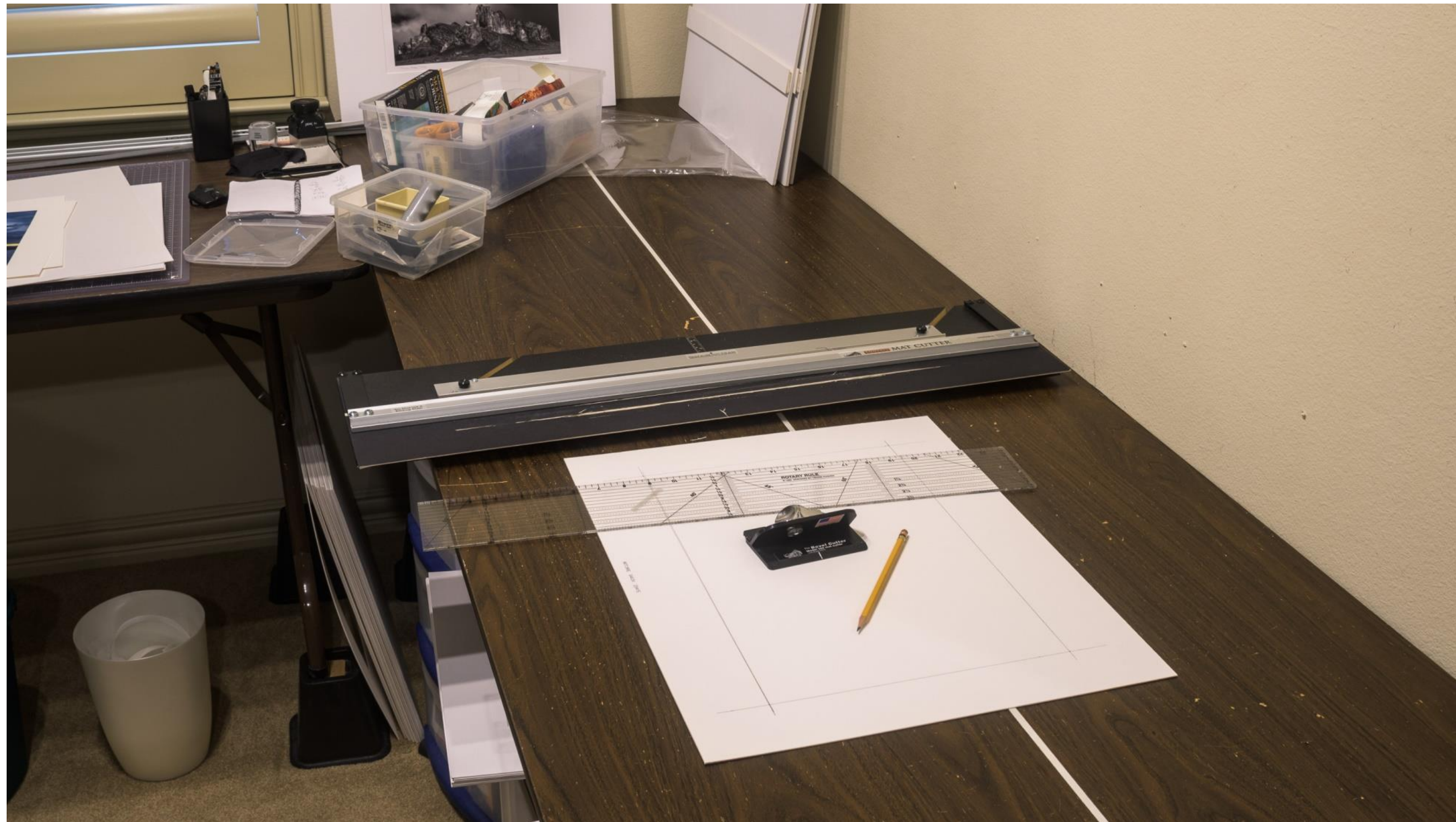
My Standard Print and Mount Sizes

- The majority of my prints are on 13 X 19 paper.
- The standard aspect ratio for most DSLR's is 2:3
- Maximum print on 13 X 19 at 2:3 is 12 X 18 (leaving some border around the print)
- Many photo clubs have a maximum mat size of 16 X 20.
- For photo club contests, I have settled on
 - 10 X 15 print in 16 X 20 mat for 2:3 images or
 - 11 X 14 print in 16 X 20 mat (11 X 14 is a traditional size close to 4:5 film)
 - For panoramas I use 1:2 or 1:3
- This simplifies my life and allows me to buy a stock of mats that I know will work. (I can cut mats to custom sizes but I don't like it.)

Mounting Demonstration



Cutting a Mat



Recommended Sources

- Paper, Ink, and Printers
 - **B&H Photo/Video/Audio** <https://www.bhphotovideo.com/>
 - **ITSupplies** <https://www.itsupplies.com/>
 - Competitive Camera
 - Amazon, Adarama, etc
 - Red River Paper <https://www.redrivercatalog.com/>
- Mounting and Framing Supplies
 - **Frame Destination** <https://www.framedestination.com/> (signup for discounts)
 - Michael's etc.
 - Red River Paper <https://www.redrivercatalog.com/> (uncut mats of various sizes)
- Printing Services
 - Local - **Full Color**, Photographique, BWC Printmakers
 - Online Mpix, Bay Photo
- Reference and Instruction
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