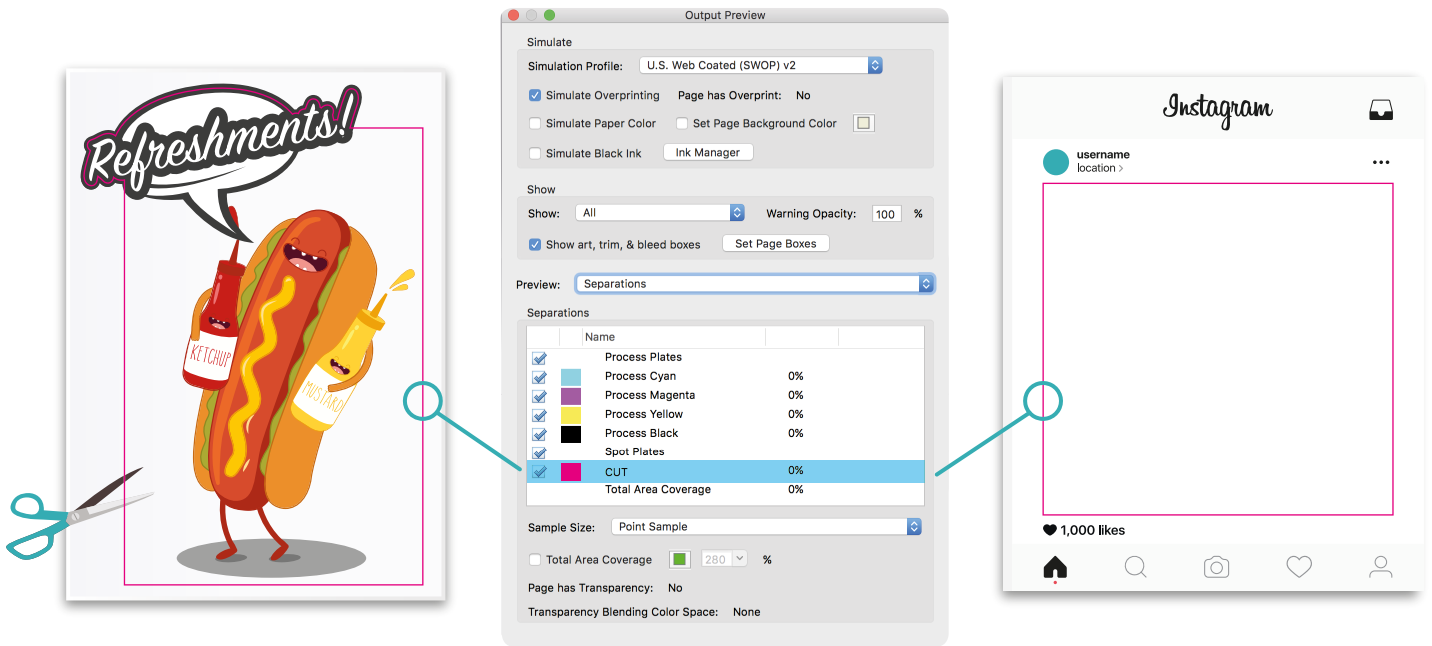# CUT TO SHAPE GUIDE
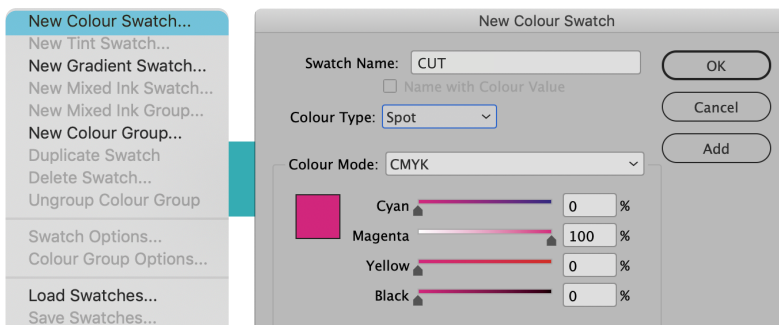## PREPARING FILES WITH CUT PATHS FOR LARGE FORMAT

Cut paths

When ordering cut to shape products please ensure you include a cut path within your artwork. A cut path is what the laser will use as a guide to follow the shape of the area being cut out. This path should consist of a spot colour being applied to the vector stroke (0.1pt*) in the exact shape and size you would like the product to be cut. With the spot colour renamed to CUT. This applies to cut paths that are required bothon the inside or on the outside of designs, shown below:

We highly recommend using CMYK images within artwork, any RGB images will be converted to CMYK in our workflow which may result in small colour shift. Sourcing Images - always try and use professional images as low quality images will only downgrade your final product.

> **!** PLEASE NOTE ANY CUT PATH PROVIDED AS CMYK AND NOT AS SPOT COLOUR WILL RESULT IN THE LINE BEING PRINTED ONTO ARTWORK DUE TO OUR AUTOMATION. THIS ERROR WILL ONLY BE FIXED IF AN ARTWORK CHECK IS PURCHASED.

Creating spot colours

Right click to create a new colour swatch. Change the colour type to **Spot** and label the swatch name **CUT**. Choose a colour that enables you to easily identify your cut path within your document, such as **100% Magenta**.

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*0.1pt - stroke point size, the higher the number the thicker the weight of the line.