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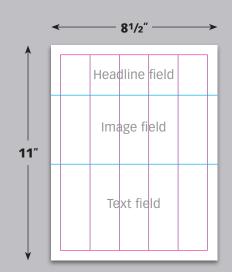
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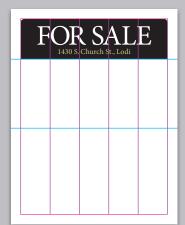


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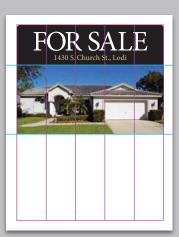
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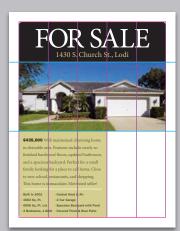
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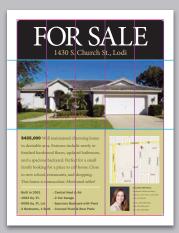
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Place the image edge to edge in the middle field.



Add text Gather all related text (narrative and bullet points) into a three-column area and set it in contrasting styles—a large, light serif and a small, bold san-serif that the eye can tell apart at a glance. As with the headline, the rectangular field defines the space.



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Adjust—a little—for variety

Adjust size and division of the fields to accommodate longer headlines or more images, but stay within the fields. Note the colored rectangles hold the look together.



Add photos to the image field by dividing the space; the five columns yield a variety of possibilities. This handsome grid can accommodate three photos (above), four (right) or more. It works best when one is larger than the others as it is here.



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Contrasting typestyles differentiate narrative from bullet points beneath. Note, however, that price and bullet styles are the same, tying the two sections together.

Add copy

Deepen the headline field to accommodate more lines of type. Note that to compensate, the photos have moved down, and the text beneath has been shortened.



Variation one

Instead of separate fields, one light color defines the background. Five images span the grid, narrative tells the story, and small text gives at-a-glance particulars.



Six complementary photos share the image field comfortably. The large photo is the focal point; the smaller five add "color."



Narrative fills the section without bullet points. Write concisely on a flier. Use a smaller type size only as a last resort.

Single-color background unites top and bottom.

San-serif type contrasts with the larger, serif narrative, conveying at a glance that it's a different kind of information. The sled in silhouette serves as a visual punctuation point ("the page ends here") and a link to the images above it.



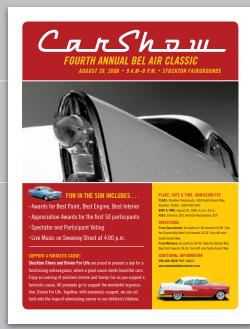


Variation two

High color contrasts are an easy way to catch attention and define the spaces.



Opposite the normal style, note that the large photo is a mere (albeit artistic) detail, while the small photo is the entire car.



Tiny photo says "start here."



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Reverse the sequence

The bullet list on top draws the attention, and the narrative below it fills in the detail.



Stark color contrast clearly separates the spaces. Note the red-onyellow, yellow-on-red theme that ties all the elements together.



One model, three looks

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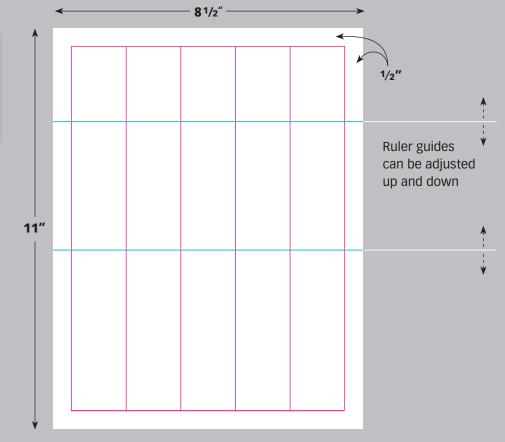




Template

Letter-size page (81/2" x 11") **Half-inch margins Five columns**





Article resources





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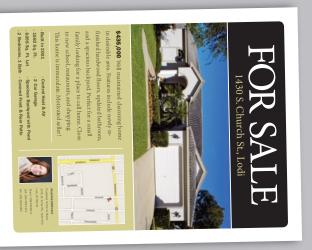




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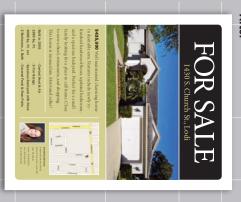
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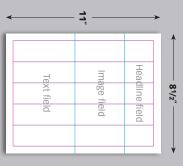
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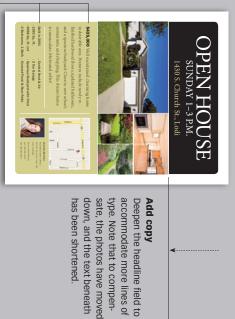
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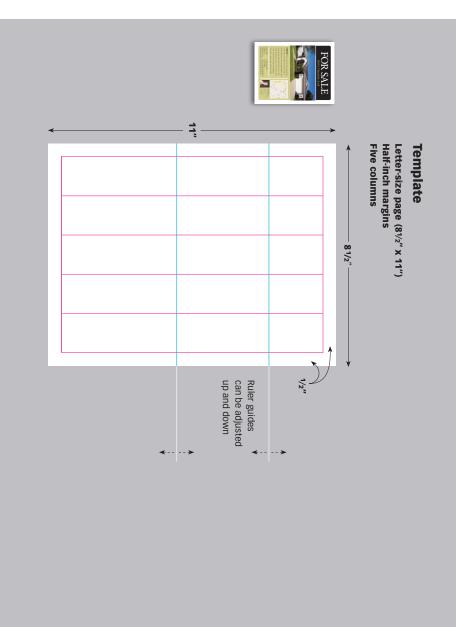
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