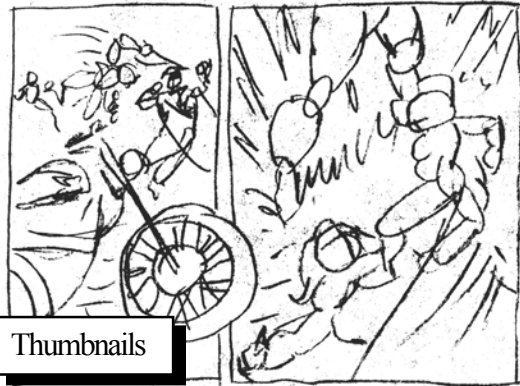# BLUE LINE ART COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS

The comic book (or graphic novel, as larger works are often called) is a form of sequential art. Sequential art is a type of storytelling that combines words and pictures in a series to tell a story; any kind of story. From super-heroes to real life, there is no limit other than your imagination. Manga is the Japanese term for comics and has its own style and feel, but all of the basics of creating comics are the same in any language!

Plot

A plot is a written description in paragraph form of the action that will take place on the page. Some creators draw directly from the plot and add dialogue later.

Script

A script is a complete description of the action on the page, including character dialogue. Working from a full script can help an artist plan to leave enough room for word balloons.
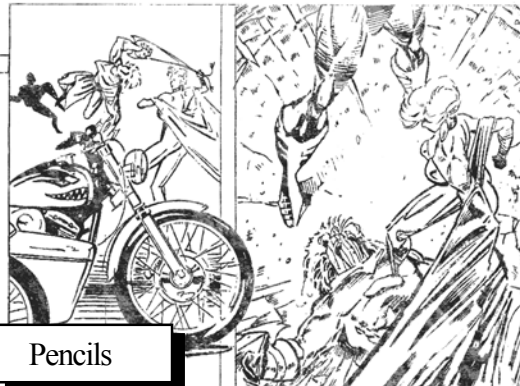
Thumbnails

Thumbnails are very small, very rough sketches that an artist uses to figure out the number of panels on a page and the placement of the characters.

Layouts

Layouts are done on the final art board. They are more detailed than thumbnails but are not finished drawings. They include all of the important storytelling elements.
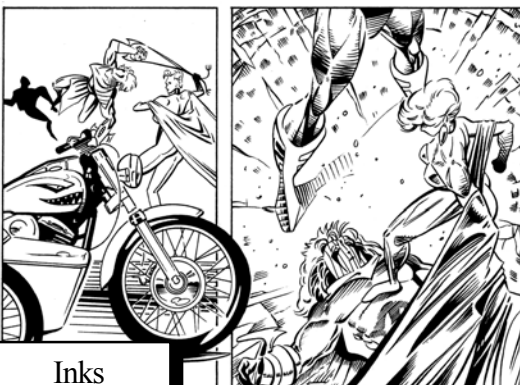
Pencils

The finished penciled page completes the drawing started in the layouts and adds all important details. Large areas that are to be filled with black are left for the inking stage.

Inks

Inking is the art of finishing the comic book page. Inkers go over the initial pencil lines and add shading and depth. Unneeded pencil lines are carefully erased after the ink dries.
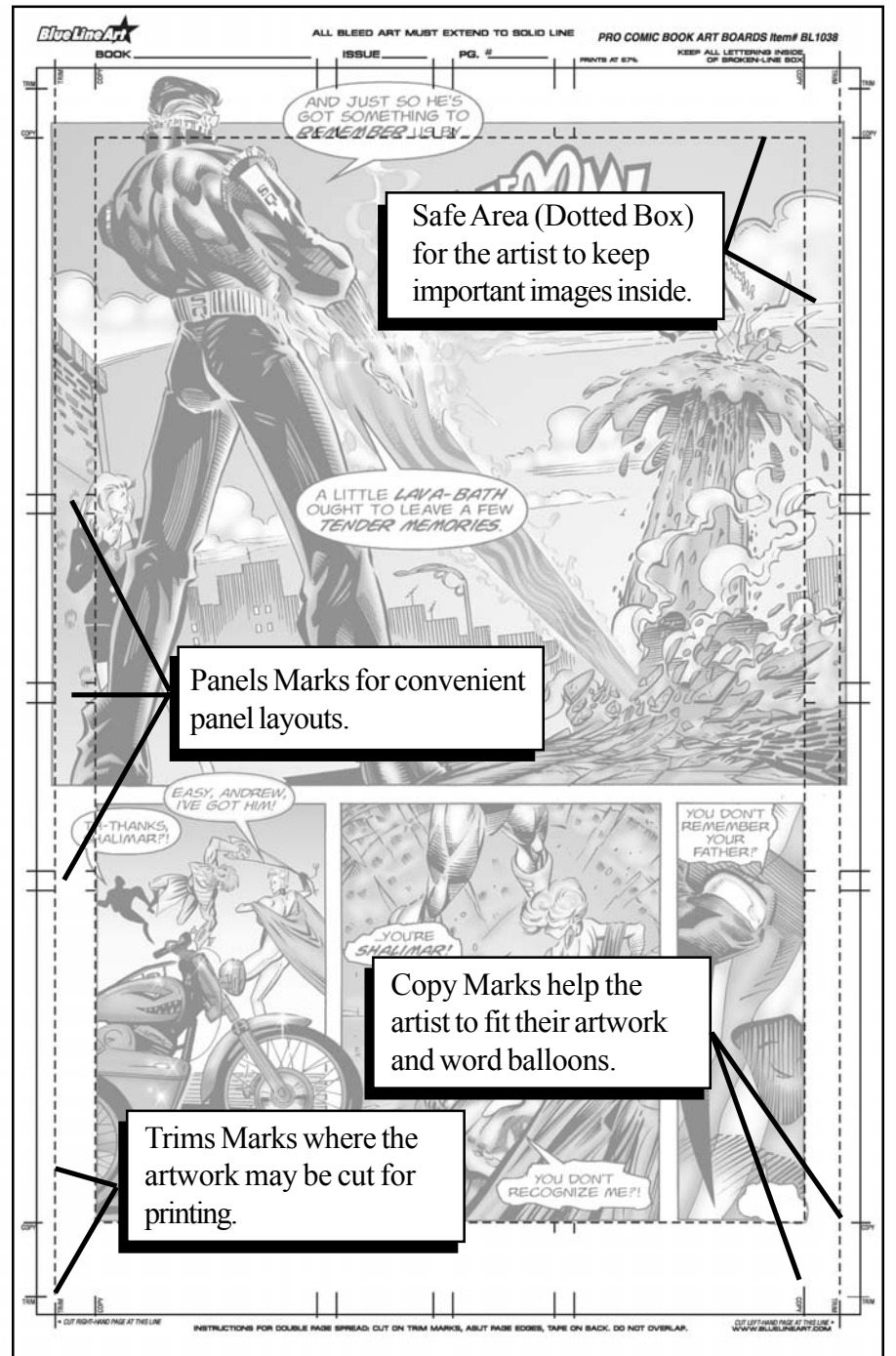
Color

Some art is complete at the inked stage. If the page is to be colored you can use colored pencil, markers or scan pages into a computer coloring program.
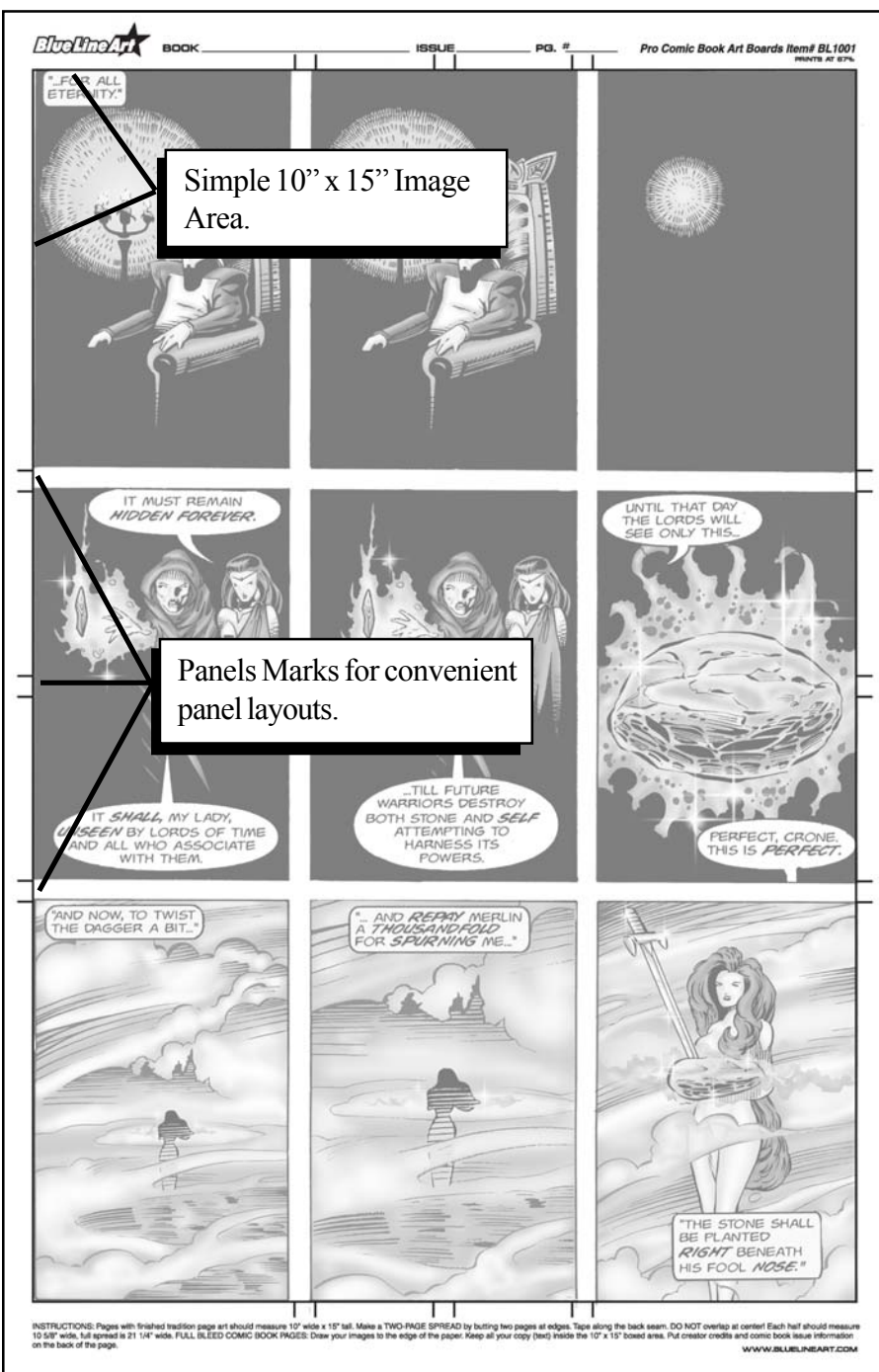
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FULL TRIM COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS

Safe Area (Dotted Box) for the artist to keep important images inside.

Panels Marks for convenient panel layouts.

Copy Marks help the artist to fit their artwork and word balloons.

Trims Marks where the artwork may be cut for printing.

TRADITIONAL COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS

Simple 10" x 15" Image Area.

Panels Marks for convenient panel layouts.

FULL TRIM COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 11x17

Blue Line Art's Full Trim Format (11 x17) with a 15 ¾ x 10 3/8 image border with a extra 9 x 13 ¾ safe area dotted border area. This extra proportioned border allows for more freedom and choices when using the board. The border allows the artwork to bleed across so that the final image can be cut down and look fuller. Borders are printed in non-photo blue.

The following products are printed with the Full Trim Border.
• BL1038-10/PRO FULL TRIM COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS
• BL1038-24/PRO FULL TRIM COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS
• BL1041-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 300 SMOOTH (STRATHMORE 300)
• BL1042-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 300 SMOOTH (STRATHMORE 300)
• BL1043-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 400 SMOOTH 2 PLY (STRATHMORE)
• BL1044-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 400 REGULAR 2 PLY (STRATHMORE)
• BL1045-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 400 SMOOTH 3 PLY (STRATHMORE)
• BL1046-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 400 REGULAR 3 PLY (STRATHMORE)
• BL1047-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 500 SMOOTH 2 PLY (STRATHMORE)
• BL1048-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 500 REGULAR 2 PLY (STRATHMORE)
• BL1049-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 500 SMOOTH 3 PLY (STRATHMORE)
• BL1050-12/PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 500 REGULAR 3 PLY (STRATHMORE)

TRADITIONAL COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 11x17

Traditional Format (11 x 17) has the original 10 x 15 image border with panel markers for a traditional page layout for standard comic book design. These boards, like other BLP boards, offer areas for notations like issue number, page number and date. The single border makes the traditional great for using two to create a two-page spread.
• BL1003-10/REGULAR COMIC BOOK ART BOARD
• BL1003-24/REGULAR COMIC BOOK ART BOARD
• BL1001-10/PRO TRADITIONAL COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS
• BL1001-24/PRO TRADITIONAL COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS

ILLUSTRATION COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS

Illustration art boards are specially designed for the artist who want to paint their original artwork. It also works great for a artist who only pencils his artwork using shades of grey.

Illustration art boards are laid out with a minimum amount of line. No solid borders. The lines offer the artist a place for panels and shows the over all image area. Lines are printed with Blue Line Art's non-photo blue ink. Offering the artist a 10 x 15 image area.
• BL1012-24/ILLUSTRATION PRO COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS
• BL1012-10/ILLUSTRATION PRO COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS
• BL1014-12/ILLUSTRATION PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 400 REGULAR 3 PLY (STRATHMORE)
• BL1013-12/ILLUSTRATION PREMIERE COMIC BOOK ART BOARDS 400 SMOOTH 3 PLY (STRATHMORE)

Minimum borders.