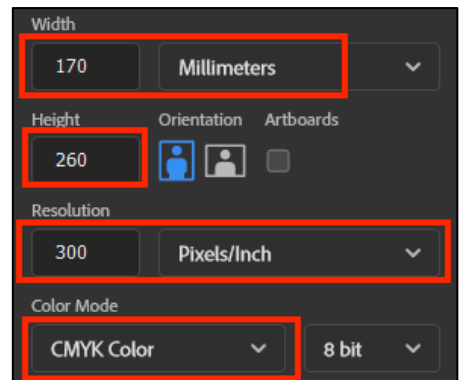# Creating Comics Panels

This shows you how to create a layer of panels to use in Photoshop
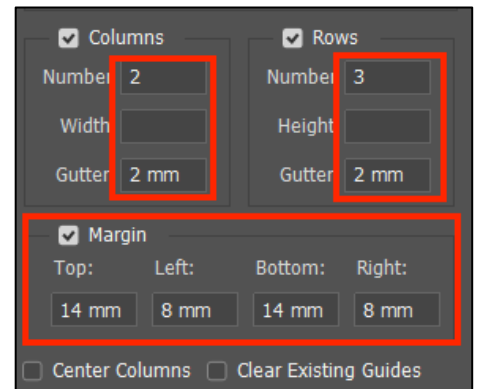
1. Open **Photoshop**
2. **File** > **New** to create a new document
3. Set the document up as shown in the screenshot
4. Click **Create**
   This will create a standard comic book sized page suitable for print use
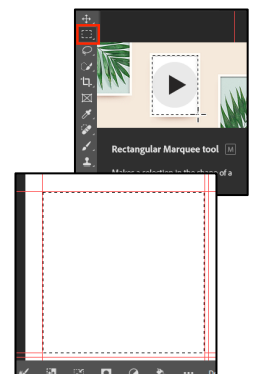
Add Guides

To create panels it's easiest to add guides to the document

5. Click **View** > **Guides** > choose **New Guide Layout**
   This is a way of creating all the guides you need at once
6. Use the settings in the screenshot again
   IMPORTANT: you MUST type mm each time when needed – otherwise Photoshop will use pixels
7. Click **OK** to create the guides

Create the Panels

8. On the **left toolbar**, find the **Rectangular Marquee Tool**
9. Use the tool to select the area of **one** of the panels – you should find that it "locks" magnetically to the guides you created
10. **IMPORTANT:** Unlock the layer
11. Press the **delete key** to remove the background
12. **Repeat** for the other six panels

Adding Borders

13. Click **Layer** > **Layer Style**
14. Choose **Stroke**
15. Set up the stroke as shown
16. **IMPORTANT:** change the **Position drop down** to **Outside**
17. Remove the guides: **View** > **Guides** > **Clear Guides**
18. **Rename** the layer and lock it
19. **Save the file** – it will save as a Photoshop file. That's fine