Blank Staff Paper

If you're someone who likes to have blank staff paper to write on, here's how to create it in Dorico.

If starting from an existing project:

- Remove all music
- Remove all information from the Project Information dialog.
- Use Setup Mode to remove extra flows.
- Delete all but 4 measures
- Use the Properties Panel to hide the time signature (You need a time signature to create measures, but it's easy to hide)
- (Pro only) In Engrave Mode, edit the Default First Page. Delete unwanted text frames and resize the music frame.
- Use the Bars/Barlines menu (or Shift-B popover) to change the final barline to a regular barline.
- Make these changes in the Layout Options dialog.
    - Bar Numbers -- Show Bar Numbers -- Set to None
    - Note Spacing -- Only justify final system in flow when more than -- UNCHECK
    - Page Setup --Page Size. Set to whatever paper size you want.
    - Page Setup -- Space Size -- Make the Staff Spacing slightly larger, so that the staves are easier to write on.
    - Players -- Bar Rests and Multi-bar rests -- Show bar rests in empty bars -- UNCHECK
    - Staves and Systems -- Staff Labels on first system -- Set to "NONE"
    - Staves and Systems – Staff Labels on subsequent systems: set to "NONE"
    - Staves and Systems -- Casting Off -- Fixed number of bars per system -- Set to 1 (this will turn each of your four measures into systems consisting of a single long bar with no barlines)

Result is four blank systems on a page.

If starting from a brand new project:

- Set up the players in Setup Mode.
- In Write Mode, create 4 measures. You must have a time signature to create measures. Once the measures are in place, use the Properties Panel to hide the time signature. Then make changes to Layout Options outlined above.

To create different staff papers in one project:

Once you have the first one set up, go to Setup Mode and duplicate the flow. Then make any needed changes (clefs, page size, etc) in each individual flow. In Layout Options -- Page Setup -- Use First Page template, select: Any flow starting at top of page.

When printing -- to print only a selected flow, go to Print Mode. Under Print range, select Flows, then select the flow you want.