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## Blank Staff Paper

The Dorico Templates folder linked from my website contains PDF files of blank music paper, created in Dorico, and the Dorico files used to create them. Here's how they were done.

### **If starting from an existing project (can be done in all versions)**

- Remove all information from the Project Information dialog.
- Delete all but 4 measures, using the Shift-B popover. Select bar 5, then Shift-B. In the popover type minus sign followed by the number of measures you want to delete: Example: Shift-B then -45.
- Remove any music in the remaining 4 measures.
- Use the Shift-B popover to turn the final barline into a regular barline. Shift-B then type the word SINGLE (not case sensitive; lower case is fine)
- Use Setup Mode to remove extra flows.
- Use the Properties Panel to hide the time signature. You need a time signature to create measures, but it's easy to hide using the Properties Panel.
- 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.
  - Page Setup / Flows / Use First Page Template -- Select: NEVER
  - Page Setup / Flows / Show flow headings -- Select NEVER
  - Page Setup / Page Numbers: Visibility -- Set to ALWAYS HIDDEN
  - 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)
  - Click APPLY then CLOSE.

Result is four blank systems on a page. The bracketing and clefs from your original project will be preserved.

### **If starting from a brand-new project (all versions)**

- Start a brand-new project, using either your template or one of Dorico's templates.
- In Write Mode, create 4 measures (or use the Shift-B popover to remove all but 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 (all versions)

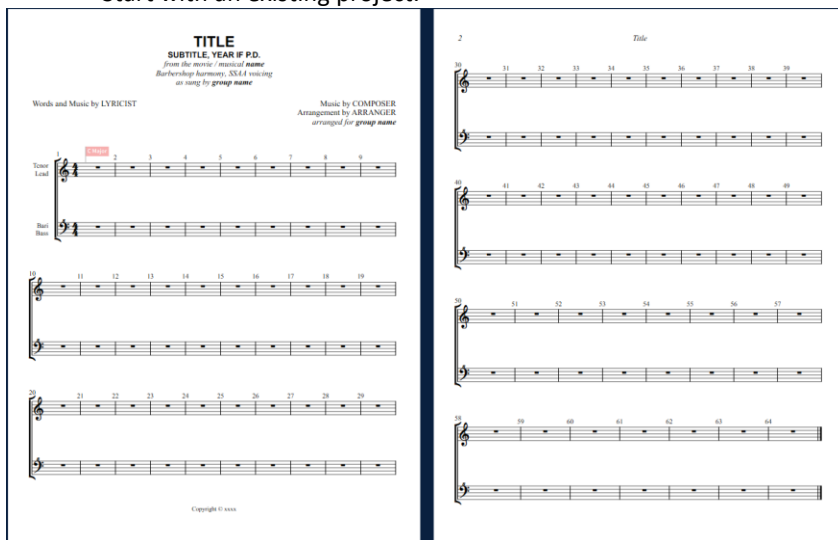
Once you have the first one set up, go to Setup Mode and duplicate the flow. Then make any needed changes (clefs, page size, etc) in each individual flow. In Layout Options -- Page Setup -- Use First Page template, select: Any flow starting at top of page.

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

## To create blank paper consisting of staves with no bracketing or clefs (Pro only)

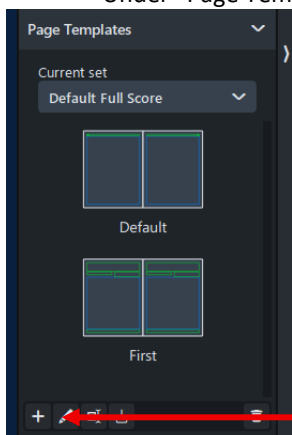
The method above will give you blank staves with bracketing and clefs that you might have already put in. If you want a page with nothing but blank staves, here's how to do it.

- Start with an existing project.



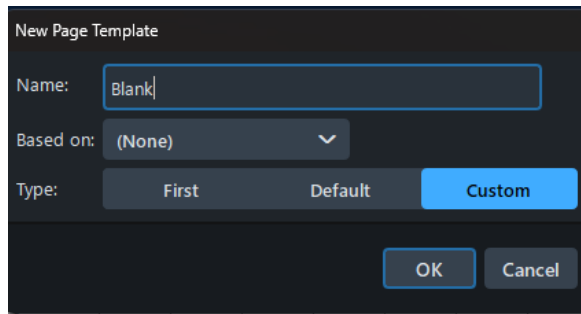
The image shows a two-page spread of a music score. Page 1 (left) contains a title block with fields for TITLE, SUBTITLE, YEAR IF P.D., and credits for LYRICIST, COMPOSER, and ARRANGER. Below the credits are musical staves for Tenor Lead, Bari Bass, and Piano. Page 2 (right) shows the continuation of the musical staves, numbered 31 through 64. The staves are empty, indicating they are blank paper.

- Select Engrave Mode and open the right-hand zone
- Under "Page Templates" look for the + sign

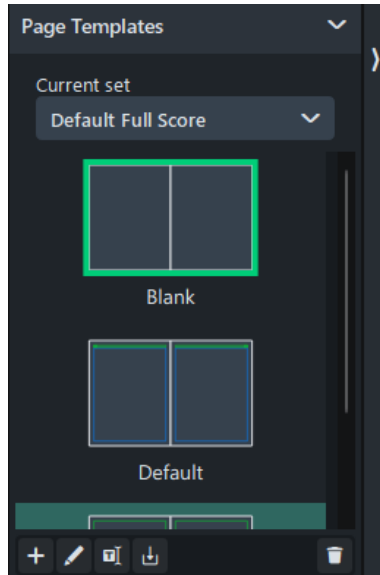


The image shows a screenshot of the 'Page Templates' dialog box in a music software interface. The dialog has a dark background and contains two template options: 'Default' and 'First'. Each option has a small preview of a page layout. At the bottom left of the dialog, there is a '+' sign, which is highlighted by a red arrow. A red line also points from the '+' sign to the right-hand zone of the score shown in the previous image.

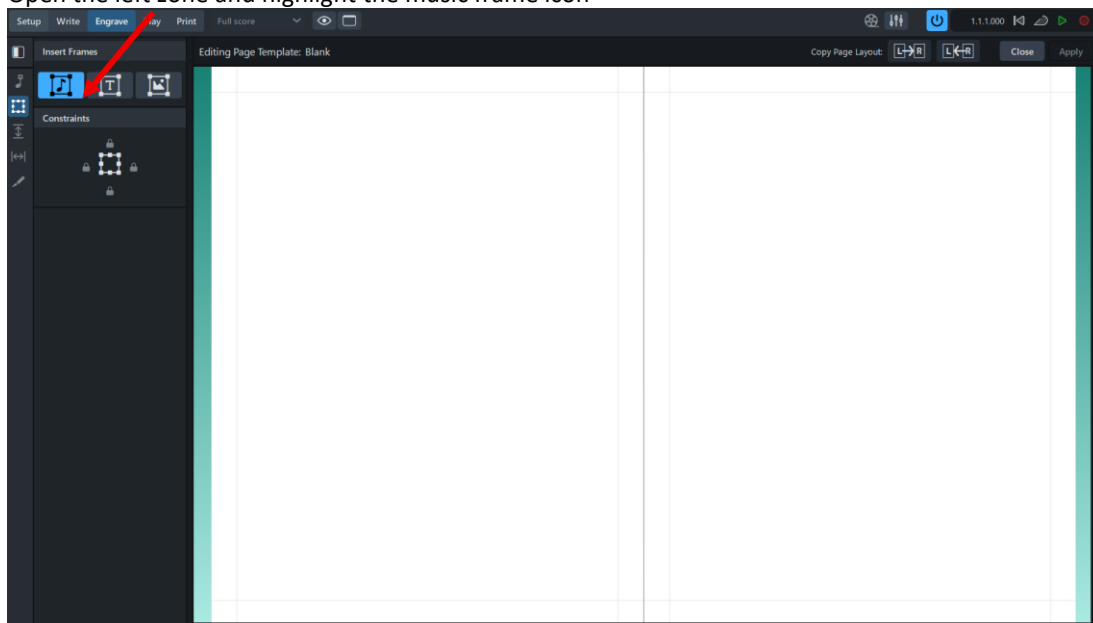
- Click the + sign, then fill out the New Page Template dialog as shown. For Name, enter the name you wish to give to your template. I've used the name Blank; the name can be whatever you want. Click OK.



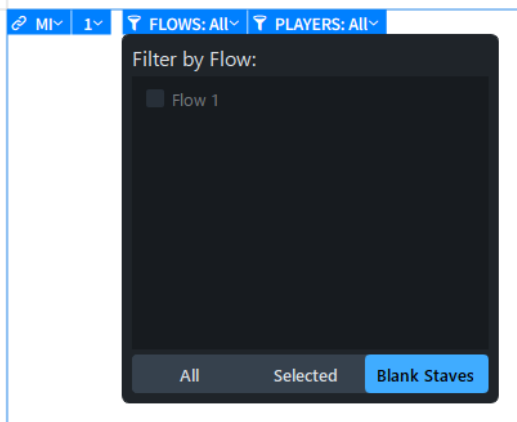
Your new template will now show in the right-hand zone under “Page Templates”.



- Now you’re going to edit the template you’ve just created, by putting a music frame in it. Double click on the template you’ve created (called Blank in this case)
- Open the left zone and highlight the music frame icon



- On the left-facing page, click and drag to draw a blue music frame around the page border. Click L->R next to “Copy Page Layout” to apply the change to the right facing page. Then click “Apply”
- On the left-facing page, click the blue box labeled FLOWS: All and click the down arrow. Select “Blank Staves”. Again, click on L-> next to “Copy Page Layout” to apply the change to the right-facing page the click Apply then Close.

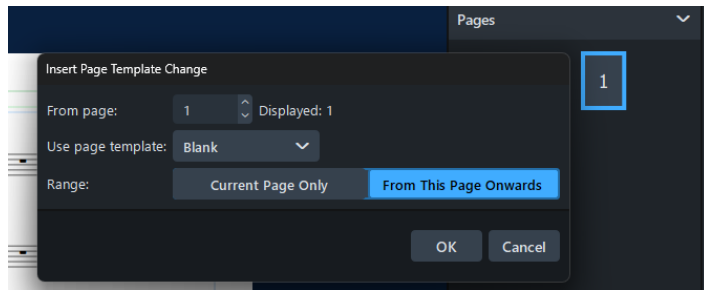


- If you wish, you can customize the page margins using the Properties Panel. Click on the handle in the center of the top row to select the frame, then Ctrl-8 (Cmd-8 Mac) to open the Properties Panel. In the Properties Panel, under “Frames, you can customize the page margins. Make any changes to the margins, select L-R then Apply then Close. Don’t make changes to the section called “Music” – Dorico will automatically fill the page with as many blank staves as will fit on the page.

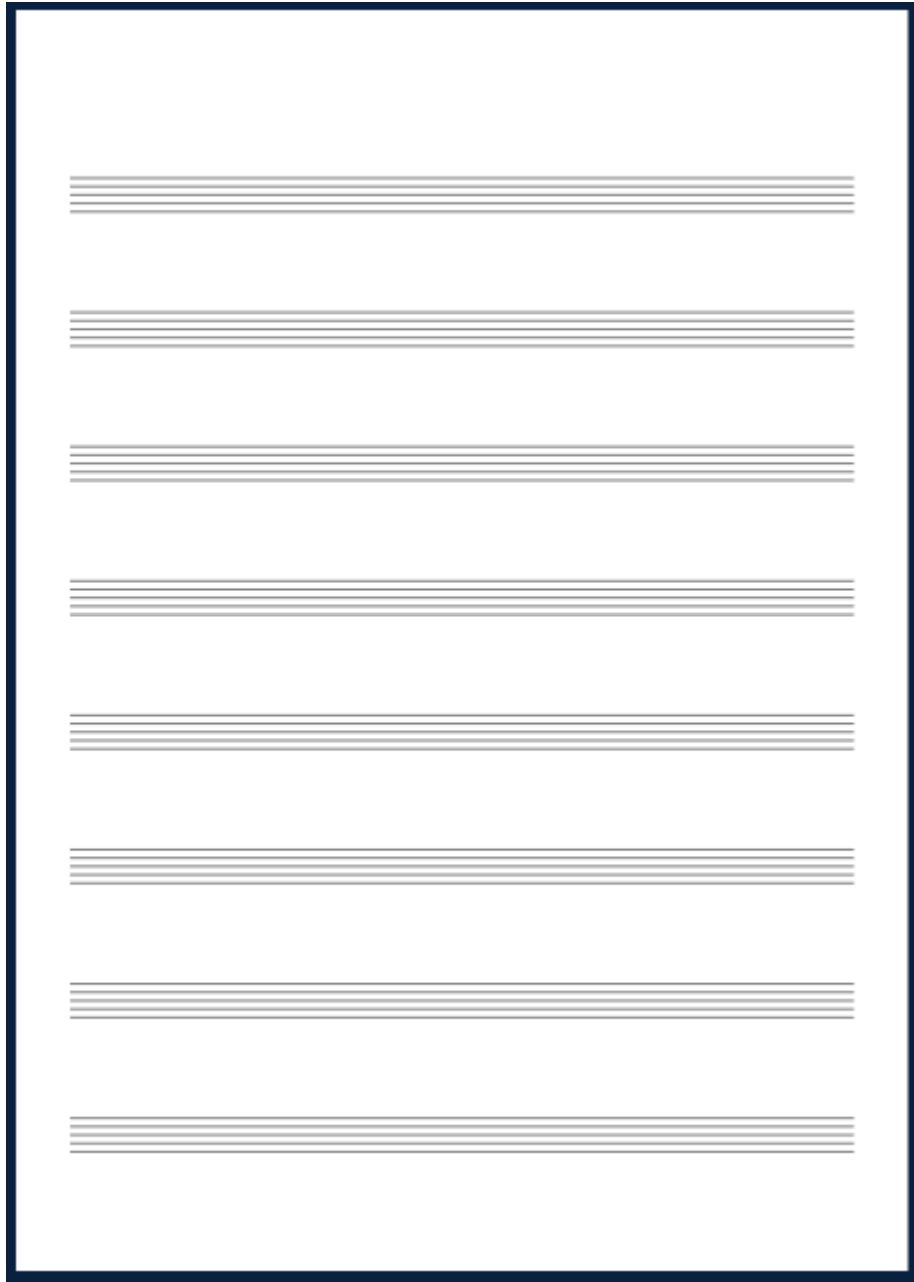


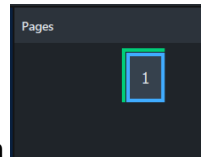
When you’re finished making changes to your new template, click Close. After you click Close you should see your original project. Now, we’ll make the blank template you’ve created the default template for this project.

- In the right-hand zone, under “Pages” click on Page 1 to select it. Then right-click and select “Insert Page Template Change”. Fill the dialog box out as shown. Use page template: blank (or whatever you’ve called your template). Range is: From This Page Onwards. Click OK.



When you click OK, you should see a single page with blank staves. Save the file!





In Engrave Mode, in the right-hand zone under “Pages” you’ll see this icon

The green border indicates a page template change. The green is on two sides, indicating Page Template change from this page onward. If you were to right click on that icon and select “Remove All Page Template Changes” you would see the original project that you started with.

### Customizing the blank score page using Layout Options

Use Layout Options / Space Size to make the spaces slightly larger, to make them easier to write on.

