

## Work of Art Challenge

**Submission Deadline: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 10am PT - *extended!***

Over the past year, Minted's art business has grown by leaps and bounds. We've added hundreds of works to our collection in a broad range of styles and formats from artists around the globe. We're asking you, the Minted community, to submit innovative works of art continue to grow our assortment – taking risks is encouraged! We also extend a big welcome to any new artists in the community who might be submitting to this challenge for the first time.

### PRIZES:

The top-rated designs, as voted by the community, will receive the following prizes:

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### EDITORS' PICKS AWARDS:

Minted will select additional pieces for sale as Editors' Picks, with those artists receiving **\$200** prizes. All top placeholders, Editors' Picks, and award recipients will earn a commission of 10% of net sales of the products sold on Minted, in addition to the upfront cash prizes.

### Creative Notes:

- We are accepting non-customizable art prints in this challenge.
- Your print will be available in a variety of sizes at Minted.com, ranging from 5" x 7" to 44" x 60".
- For best results we recommend creating vector images. This will allow the artwork to scale up to any size without losing any of the image quality.
- If your final artwork will be non-vector based, please be sure to scan it in or create it at a high, for-print resolution. Your DPI should be set to 300. Make sure to set up your file for the largest print size as a full-bleed image that meets either the height or width requirements within the content area (38" x 54"). Note that margins will be added in the template.
- Winners will be asked to submit 2 alternate colorways for their art print when applicable and a detailed description of the print.
- **DIMENSIONS: Please be sure to use the templates provided in the submission kit.**

### Other things to consider:

- As a result of artist feedback, we are happy to say that we have revamped our challenge art launch process. Winning art prints from this challenge will launch for sale on Minted within 2 weekdays after we receive your print-ready files.
- In submitting multiple pieces, do not submit the same design in multiple colorways (or slight variations of the same design).
- Choose unique names for your pieces. Be creative! Also, do not include the phrase 'Art Print' in your title. This will be added automatically.
- Please use only alphanumeric characters in the submission titles (e.g., no commas, semi-colons, dollar signs, etc.). Be aware that adding spaces or other characters amidst the letters may, in the future, make a search for your piece difficult.

### What Happens Next?

- After you submit, you can **edit your design** as many times as you want before the launch of voting. Simply login to your Design Studio, click on "Manage Your Collection" and click "edit" underneath the design you want to edit.

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All submissions must be received by 10am PT, 1/7/15.

### 1 Create your hi-res artwork

You will be creating art prints. Your artwork should extend to the edge of the max width and/or height requirements (38" x 54", not including the required matting border). Please be sure to drop your work into the templates provided in the submission kit, maintaining the border around your art.

### 2 Create low-resolution submission files

After you create your hi-res artwork, you will upload a low-res version for viewing in the challenge gallery. You will upload a low-res JPEG or GIF of your design. Your files must be 200kb, with the larger side at 550px. See the bar at right for instructions on how to save your work as a low-res file.

### 3 Read and accept the Terms and Conditions

As part of the Entry Form, you will be asked to thoroughly read and agree to the Minted Terms and Conditions for Design Submissions.

NOTE: Terms and Conditions are updated each challenge, and there is important information that you should know about. The Minted Terms and Conditions are included at the end of this document.

### 4 Fill out Online Entry Form and submit

Submit your design at [www.minted.com/contest](http://www.minted.com/contest). You will be asked to log in or create an account. Please fill in the form and upload your submission. Please choose a unique title for your artwork, using only alpha-numeric characters.

## How to prepare your submissions for the Web:

- Your submission must be in JPEG or GIF format. It must be under 200kb and the largest side must be 550 pixels max. Submission JPEGs must be saved in RGB color mode for online viewing on Minted.com.
- You will create hi-res CMYK artwork, then save down a new, low-res RGB version to be considered online in the challenge.

### Artwork Created in Illustrator

- From the File Menu, select 'Save for Web & Devices...'
- We recommend selecting the Preset 'JPEG High.' Quality 60 is usually fine, but it can be optimized as you see fit to get the best file size/quality ratio.
- Just below the presets menu, click on the 'Image Size' tab. Make sure the 'Constrain Proportions' box is checked.
- Set the largest side of your artwork to 550 pixels and click on the 'Apply' button, then save.

### Please Note:

- If you win, final artwork created digitally will need to be in CMYK and bitmap elements at a minimum 300 dpi. Please no spot or RGB colors. You may use the Pantone Color Bridge CMYK/Uncoated guide, but be sure to always create your files using the CMYK build. You will need to include all linked files. Bitmap elements should be in TIFF format (not JPEG).

## A Few Frequently Asked Questions.

See the the full FAQ at: <http://www.minted.com/designer-faq>

### Who should I contact if I am having technical difficulties submitting?

Please read through the above FAQ first as your question may be answered there. If not, email us at [designers@minted.com](mailto:designers@minted.com) and someone will get back to you. We check this email regularly during the week, as well as the weekend before a submission deadline.

### How can I submit artwork created in a physical medium?

You will need to scan in your artwork and create it at a high,

for-print resolution. For large-scale artwork, we suggest taking a high-quality photograph of the work or finding a local print shop or architectural firm that has the ability to scan larger items.

### Can I use clip art in my designs?

Royalty-free clip art is permitted, but only as long as the source licenses the art for reproduction in items for sale. Many clip art books only allow for reproduction for 'personal use only'. Anything that you have to purchase online is not permitted. The reason for this is that Minted would then have to re-purchase that design if your entry was selected, likely at a much higher premium because of the scale of our reproduction.

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## Fonts

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## CONTEST PRIZE OVERVIEW:

## SALES COMMISSIONS:

Product	Sales Commission
Printed stationery products incorporating the Work	6%
Digital cards incorporating the Work	8%
Art prints incorporating the Work (note that this is different than the commission for self-launched art prints sold in your Store, which have a lower commission)	10%
All other products incorporating the Work	As determined by Minted upon Minted's launch of each such product; Minted will notify you of the applicable Sales Commission for each such product.

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