Resizing a Layout Title Block and Border in Home Designer Pro

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QUESTION

I have a layout that meets my needs, but would like to make a copy using a different page size. I don't want to have to redraw the entire title block and border from scratch - is there an easier way?

ANSWER

You can quickly and easily resize a layout title block and border by selecting and resizing it.

To resize a title block and border

1. **Open** 📁 the layout file that you would like to assign a different page size.

2. Select **File> Save As** ![save icon] from the menu and choose a location and a short, descriptive name for the new layout file.

3. Select **File> Print> Drawing Sheet Setup** ![icon] from the menu to open the **Drawing Sheet Setup** dialog for the current layout file.

Drawing Sheet Setup

Drawing Sheet
Orientation: ○ Portrait ● Landscape
Size: ANSI A (8½" x 11") [dropdown] [Customize...]
☑ Show Drawing Sheet in View

Drawing Scale
1 | in ∨ | = | 1 | in ∨

Printer for View
☑ Remember Print Settings after Printing
Printer: Last Printer Used: None [Choose...]

Drawing Margins
[Populate From Printer]
Top: 3/16"
Bottom: 3/16"
Left: 3/16"
Right: 3/16"

Advanced Line Weight Options
☐ Use 1 for all line weights (Home Designer compatibility)
A line weight of 1 = 1 / 100.0 | mm ∨

Preview of Line Weight at Drawing Scale of 1 in = 1 in

Line Weight | Approximate Printed Size
26 | ―――――――――
53 | ―――――――――
132 | ―――――――――
265 | ―――――――――

[Number Style...] [OK] [Cancel] [Help]

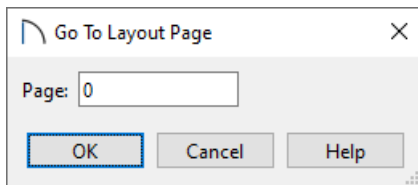- Specify the desired Drawing Sheet **Orientation** and **Size**.

  In this example, the Size is changed to ANSI A (8.5" x 11") or letter size.

- Make sure the **Drawing Scale** is set to 1 = 1.

- Click **OK**.

- If you do not see a white rectangle surrounded by a grey background when you zoom out, select**View> Drawing Sheet** ☐ from the menu.

  > **Note:** For best results, make sure that the Printer Paper and Drawing Sheet have the same Size and Orientation. This will result in one printed page per sheet, as noted under the preview diagram on the right side of the dialog. The Printer paper size and orientation is specified on the Print View/Layout dialog. Select File> Print> Print to view this dialog.
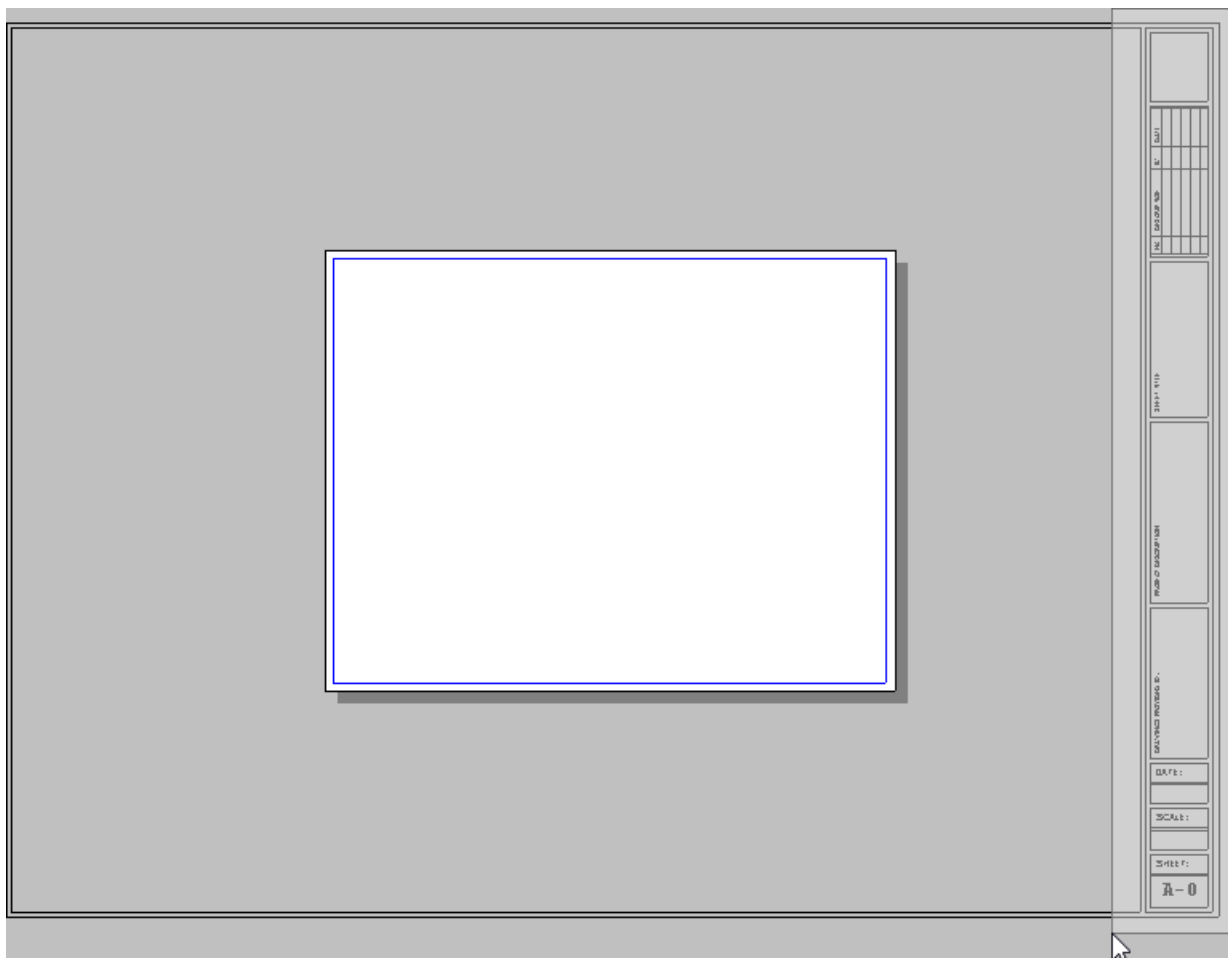
4. Starting with Home Designer Pro 2023, layout files consisting of up to 5 pages can be created. With multi-page layouts, it's ideal to modify the title block and border on Page 0 of the layout, as this is considered a layout template page. Everything that is generated on a layout template page will be replicated on each additional page of the layout. Navigate to Page 0 by clicking on the **Page Down** ≪ tool on the toolbar until the current

page is 0, or navigate to **Tools> Layout> Change Layout Page**, enter 0, then click **OK**.
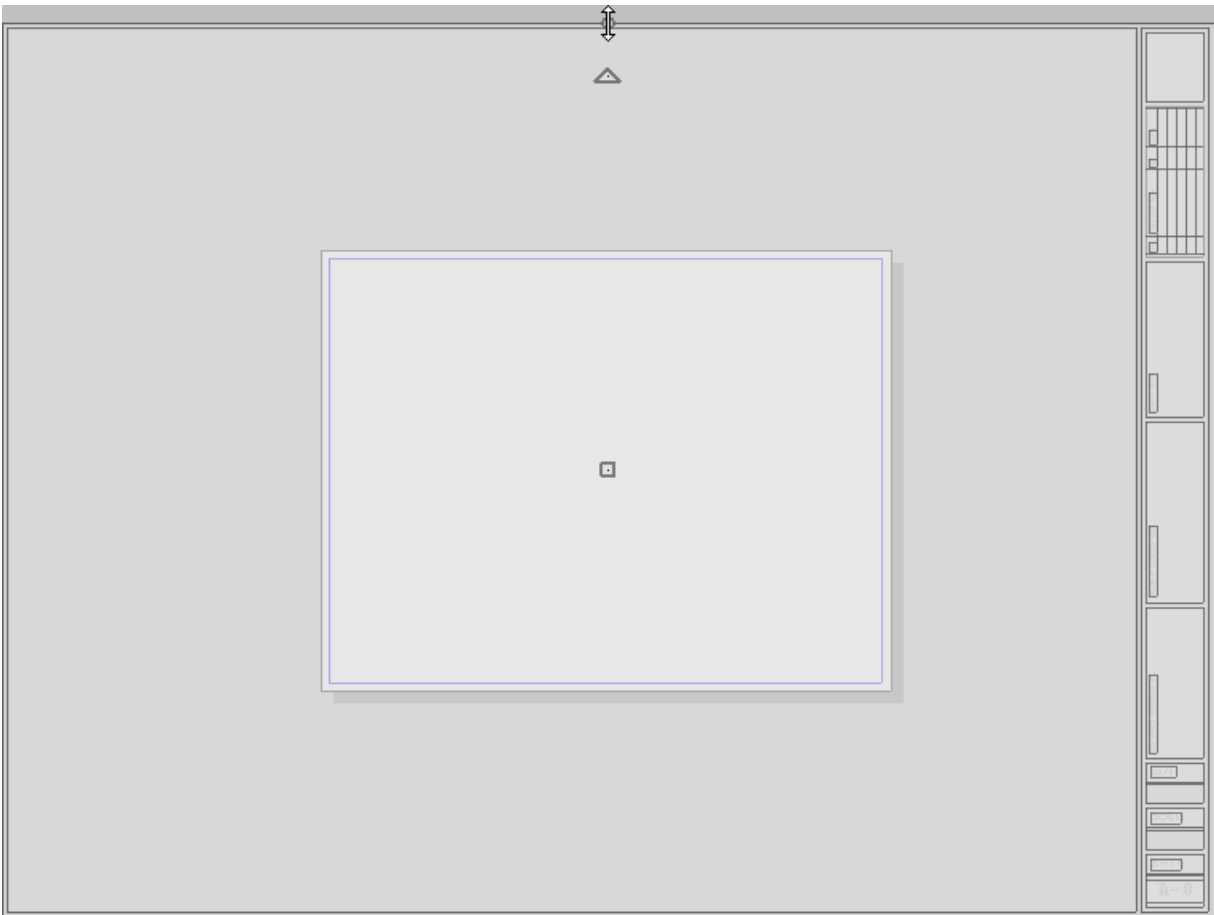

In Home Designer 2022 and prior versions, layouts only consisted of a single page.
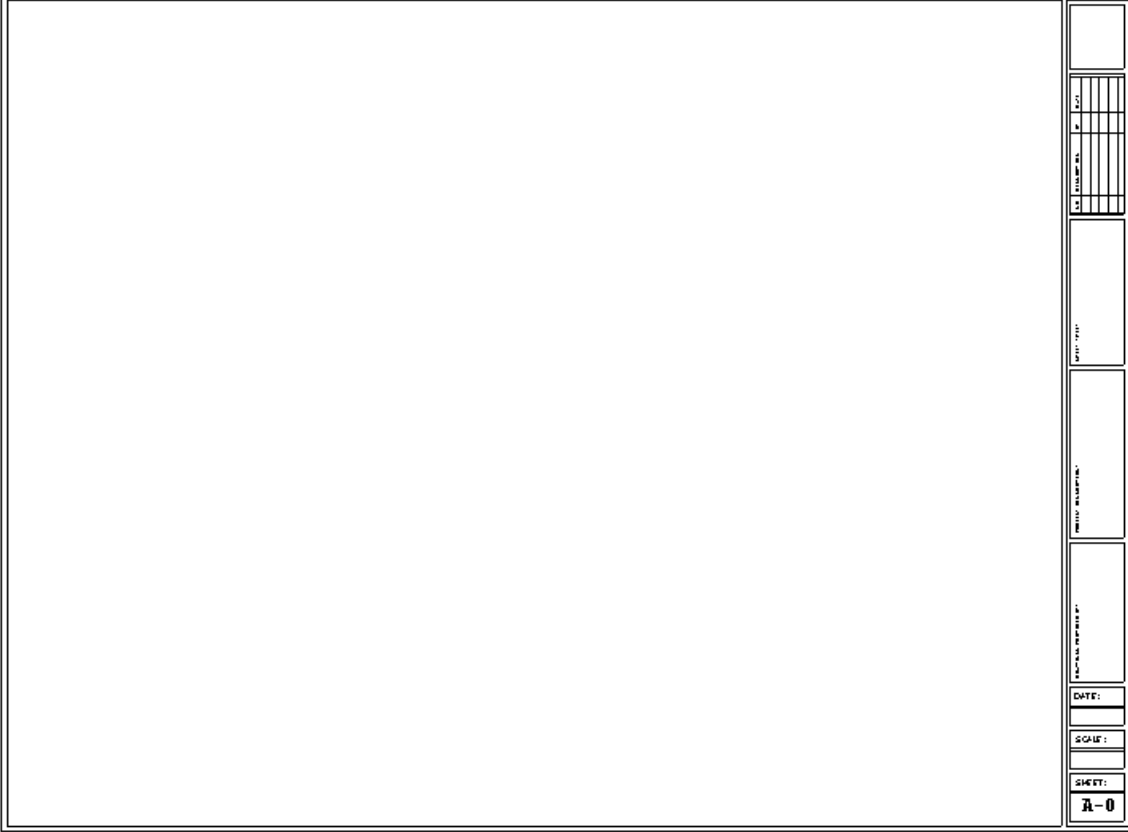
5. Using the **Select Objects** ⟡ tool, click and drag a selection box around the title block area. This will group select the title block and border, which is made up of CAD and text.

6. At the top of the selected area is a small, round resize handle. Grab and drag this handle to scale the entire selection up or down in order to fit within the designated Drawing Sheet area.

- If the rotate handle obscures the resize handle, zoom in or out until it becomes visible.

- If you experience difficulty with the layout border snapping to the edge of the Drawing Sheet, hold the **Ctrl** or **Command** key on your keyboard to temporarily disable snapping while positioning.

7. If necessary, use the move handle in the center to re-position the selection on the Drawing Sheet, or use **File> Print> Center Sheet** to ensure it centers properly on the Drawing Sheet.

The blue border represents the printer margins that are specified in the Drawing Sheet Setup dialog. Anything located outside of the blue border will not be printed.

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