Column Paper: Two- and Three-Column Ruled Writing Pages

Worked example / complete source key

A hypothetical sheet is 200 mm wide. You want 12 mm outer margins on each side and two equal columns separated by a 1 mm center rule. What is each column width?

Answer: Usable width = 200 − 12 − 12 = 176 mm. Subtract the center rule: 176 − 1 = 175 mm. Divide by two columns: 175 ÷ 2 = 87.5 mm per column. Check: 12 + 87.5 + 1 + 87.5 + 12 = 200 mm. These are hypothetical inputs, not universal requirements.