

Your Recipe for Success

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Ingredients:

- 1 Word Processor LibreOffice Writer
 Download here: <http://www.libreoffice.org/download/libreoffice-fresh/>
- 1 Layout Program Scribus
 Download here: <http://wiki.scribus.net/canvas/Download>
- 1 Graphics Program GIMP
 Download here: <http://www.gimp.org/downloads/>

Substitutions:

- for Word Processor: Microsoft (MS) Word, WordPerfect, AbiWord (free), Pages (Apple)
- for Layout: Adobe InDesign, MS Publisher
- for Graphics: Paint.NET (free), Adobe Photoshop (or it's free Express edition), and several online offerings

The Fine Print:

In these sections I'll offer expanded explanations and details about the steps; some side information. You can accomplish everything without reading these at all. But if you ask why, you might find the answer here.

First off, you can do everything with just Word. CreateSpace will give you everything else you need. Why wouldn't you do that?

The word processor is good for writing. It is not designed for layout. The first book I published I used MS Word exclusively, as at first I did not get the hang of using a layout program and being under pressure of a deadline, I fell back on what was familiar. After struggling with section breaks, multiple page headers, etc. I knew that I needed to learn Scribus if I was going to publish another book. Now, over 10 books later, I will only design a book with Scribus. I'll use LibreOffice (since I'm now on Linux) for writing because it works better with Scribus.