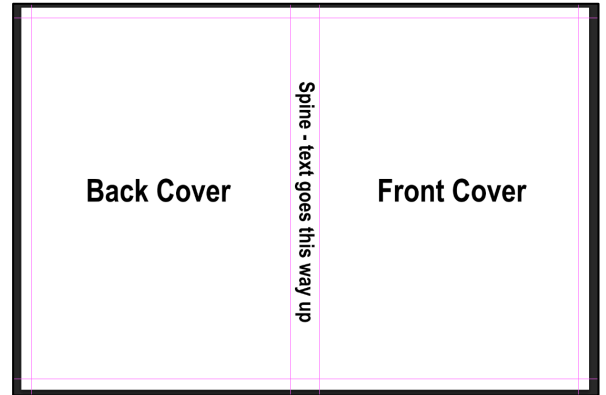# Setting up a DVD/game cover

A DVD or game box front cover is usually 130mm wide and 184mm high. The back is the same size and the spine is 14mm wide. That gives a total width of 274mm (130 + 14 + 130).

1. **Open** Photoshop

2. **File** > **New**

3. Set the file to be **274mm wide** and **184 mm high**

4. Set the **Resolution** to **300 pixels per inch** – we're looking for a high quality image suitable for commercial printing

5. Click **Create**
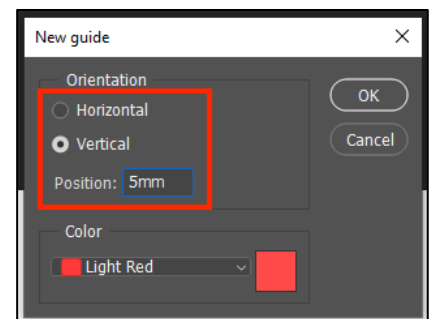

This creates the base Photoshop document.

Adding Guides

6. Click **View** > **New Guide**

7. Make sure <u>**Vertical**</u> is selected and enter **130mm**. <u>**Don't forget the units**</u>.

8. Click **OK**

9. **View** > **New Guide** > **Vertical 144mm**

    That marks the right edge of the spine (130 +14 = 144)

10. **View** > **New Guide** > **vertical 5mm**

11. **View** > **New Guide** > **vertical 269mm**

12. **View** > **New Guide** > <u>horizontal</u> **5mm**

13. **View** > **New Guide** > <u>horizontal</u> **179mm**

These add a set of "safety" guides around the edge of the template.

14. **View** > **Guides** > **Lock Guides** – this stops you accidentally moving the guides when you're creating the product