

## Mourning Bars/Take off Bars/ Scavenging Bars

The addition of – Mourning Bars/Take-Off Bars/Scavenging Bars, printing in the trim areas of at the web width edge, is crucial in maintaining productive print runs.

Benefits: 1) prevent heatset inks drying on ends of roller trains. 2) Prevent excessive build up of dampening fluid at plate cylinder plate gaps.

Design of Bars; (1) do not use solid bars of KCMY (2) use minimum of 50/50% image/non-image area. (3) whatever design pattern you use do not over print KCMY image areas in register. (Wet on Wet Ink Trapping problems)

(4) Use a 4 colour 40/50% tint at 85/100LPI, with correct KCMY screen angles.

My personal favourite was a Geometric Pattern, printed out-of register, *only the Mourning Bars!!!*

### **Memento Mori**

Mourning Bars term comes from the – Black Edged Mourning Cards beloved by Victorians.

Regards, Alois