

# Start a document with a two-page spread

Instead of beginning the document with a right-facing (recto) page, you can delete the first page and begin your document with a left-facing (verso) page that's part of a spread.

**Important:** *Because of the settings necessary to keep a left-facing page as the starting page, it can be difficult to insert spreads into a document when following this method. To avoid this difficulty, it is best to work in the document with a right-facing page starting page (which should be left blank). When you have inserted all of the pages needed in the document, delete the first page by following the steps below.*

Make sure page 1 of the document is blank.

Choose File > Document Setup. Be sure the document contains at least three pages and that the Facing Pages option is selected. Click OK.

In the Pages panel, select all the pages except page 1. (The easiest way to do this is to select page 2 and then Shift-select the last page of the document.)

In the Pages panel menu, deselect Allow Selected Spread To Shuffle.

Select page 1. In the Pages panel menu, choose Delete Spread.

*To add a spread to a document that starts on a left-facing page, first make sure Allow Selected Spread To Shuffle is deselected and Allow Document Pages To Shuffle is selected. Then, insert three pages, and delete the extra page.*