

The background is a vibrant yellow with a textured, brushstroke-like appearance. Scattered throughout are various icons of writing instruments, including pencils, pens, and markers, drawn in a simple, sketchy style. The text is centered and presented in three stacked, bold, black, sans-serif font blocks.

Zines?

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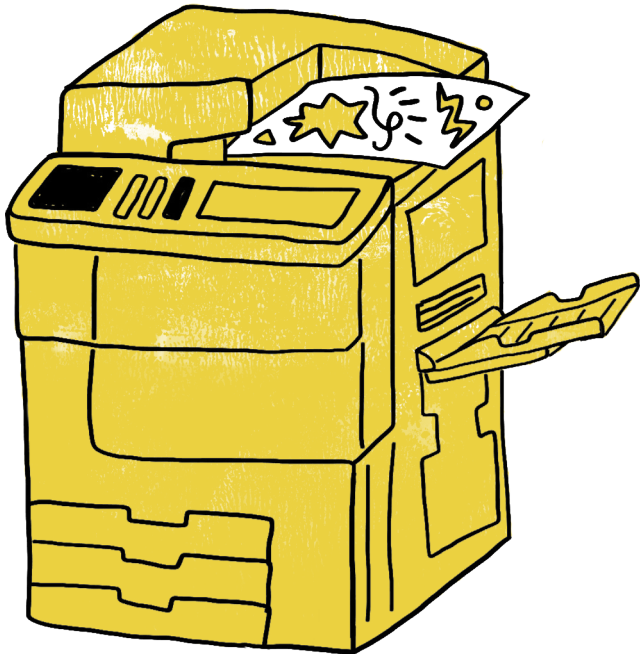
Zines!

A CRASH COURSE

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What is a ZINE?

- + self-published
- + easily reproduced
- + printed
- + form of self-expression



Interested in the history of zines, zine culture, zine-making techniques, and more? Check out these books:

+ *Make A Zine: Start Your Own Underground Publishing Revolution* by *Joe Biel*

+ *Whatcha Mean, What's A Zine?* by *Mark Todd & Esther Pearl Watson*

Should I make a zine?

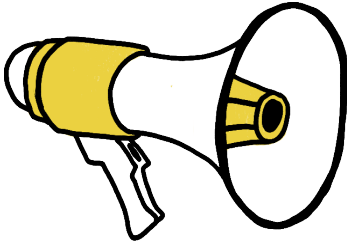


YES! Of course you should!
Here's why →

Your voice matters.

zines can praise something you love or critique something that should be better. zines can be autobiographical or non-fiction. zines can be full of pictures, only contain words, or use a little bit of both. the only way to makes zines the wrong way is to not make them at all.

*Zines are one way to
join the conversation,
no permission needed.*

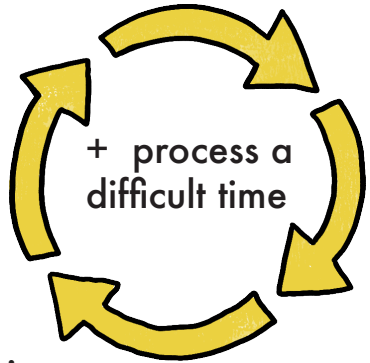


- + inform others
- + share your story

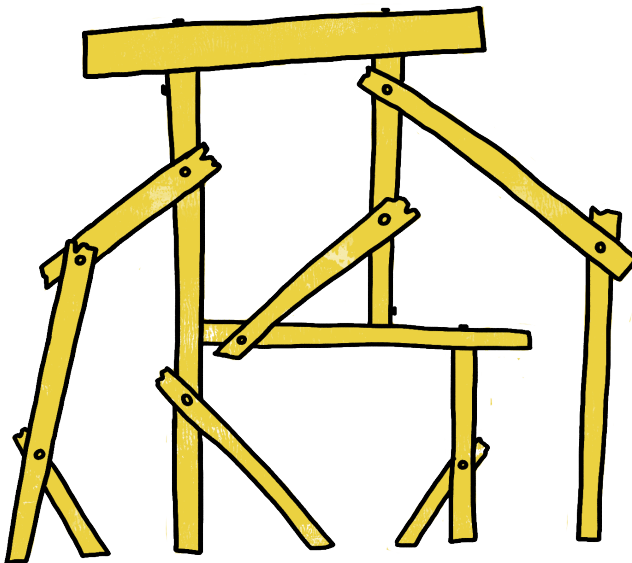
+ connect with others



+ record an experience

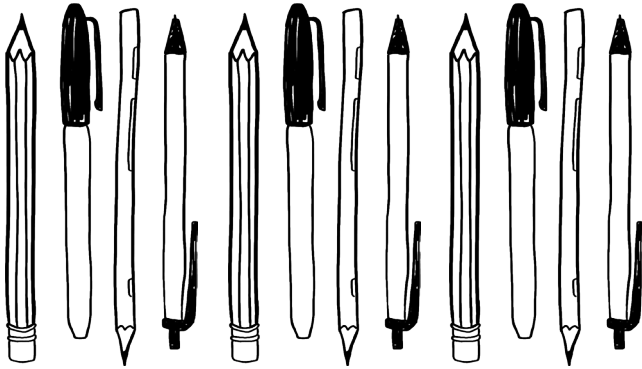


+ support your art practice



“The most important zine you will ever make is your first zine. It is likely to be awful and that is okay, even encouraged. Zines are always works in progress, just like people.”

-Davida Breier,
editor of the review
zine *Xerography Debt*

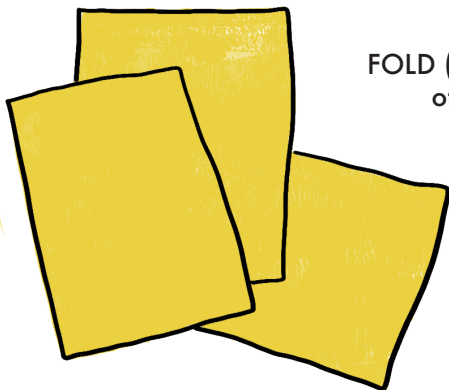


the best thing about making zines is
that you can always make another one

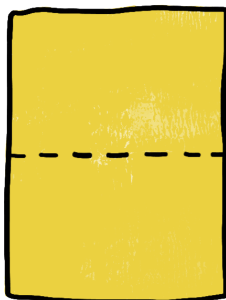
*(Make something today.
You can make something
else tomorrow.)*

1/2 and 1/4 page Zine

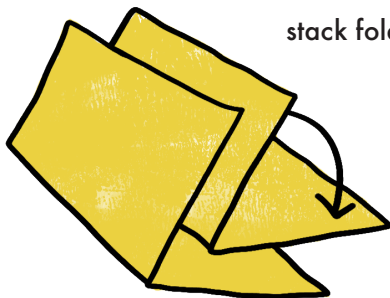
Step 1



FOLD (at least) two sheets of paper in half

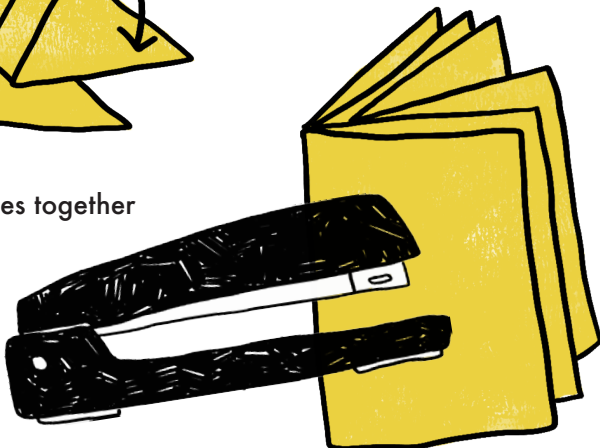


Step 2



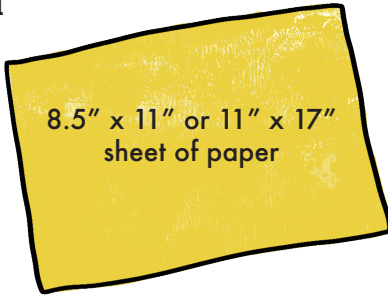
stack folded pages in order

STAPLE pages together

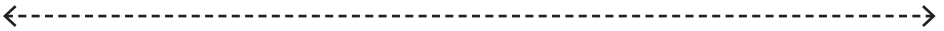
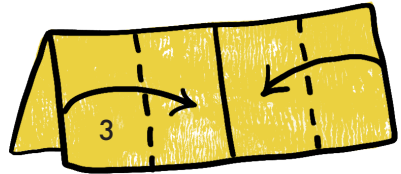
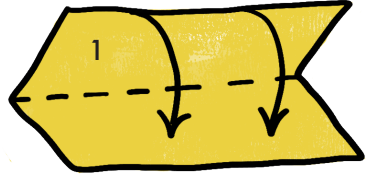


No-Staples Zine

Step 1

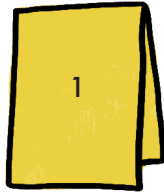


FOLD: divide into 8 sections

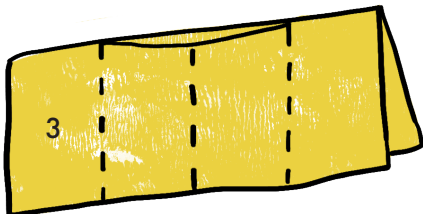
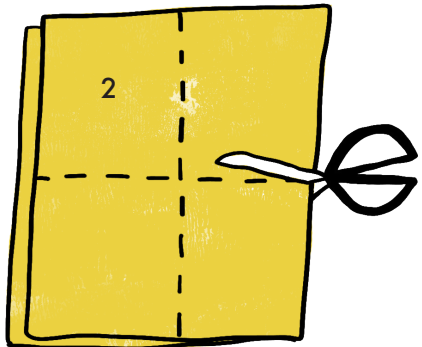


Step 2

unfold

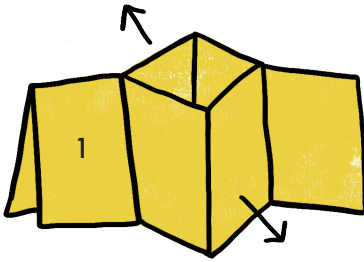


CUT to center



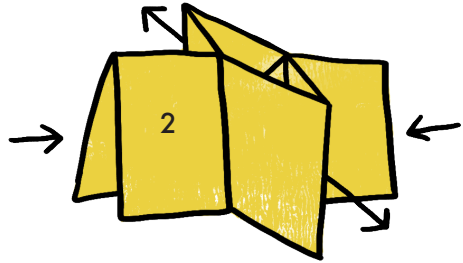
refold lengthwise

Step 3



POP center folds out and away

make an intersection



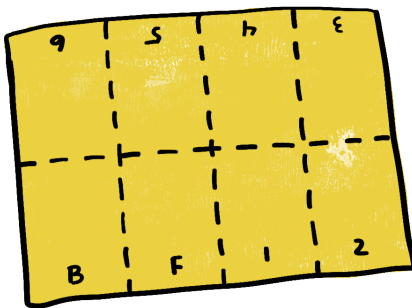
fold to finish like a book



Step 4

open flat

label the pages

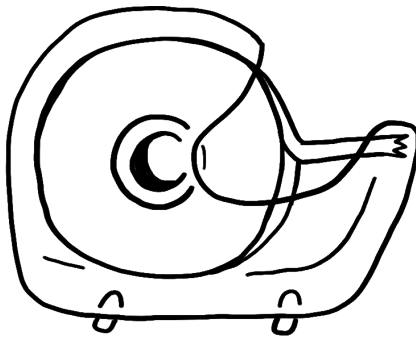


DRAW and WRITE!

make copies and distribute your zine

Ideas & Prompts

artist statement / favorite snacks / shopping list / advocate for a cause / plants / mythical beasts / travel story / break-up messages / best tweets / easy recipes / overdue apology / worst karaoke songs / donuts / diary / portraits / forgotten post-it notes / fears / how-to / favorite things / inspiration /



Prompts to help generate zine topics:

- + I am an expert on _____
- + I care a lot about _____
- + I can explain how to _____
- + I see myself as _____
- + My all-time favorite is _____
- + I am struggling with _____

Zine Events:

Check out these zine events to meet other regional zine-makers, purchase zines, and share your own!

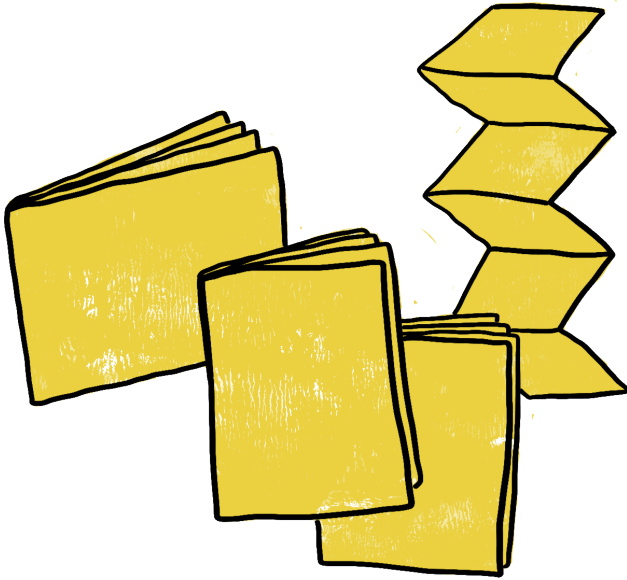
- + Print and Resist Zine Fest / April 18, 2020 / *Madison, WI*
- + Milwaukee Zine Fest / April 4, 2020 / *Milwaukee, WI*
- + Autoptic Festival / August 15, 2020 / *Minneapolis, MN*
- + Twin Cities Zine Fest (TCZF) / September 2020 / *Minneapolis, MN*
- + Chicago Alternative Comics Expo (CAKE) / June 2020 / *Chicago, IL*
- + Chicago Zine Fest (CZF) / May 15-16, 2020 / *Chicago, IL*

Zines Around Town:

Check out these zine libraries and even add your own to the collections!

- + Communication Madison / *@communicationmadison*
- + The Bubbler at Madison Public Library / *@madisonbubbler*
- + Kohler Art Library / *@kohlerartlibrary*

make / print / share



Stay in touch!

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