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About Zines!

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What is a zine?

A "zine" is often defined as a self-published, small-circulation magazine that documents the happenings of a subculture or niche topic.

In practice, the art of the zine is governed by "non-rules." A zine can consist of 40 pages or just one.

It can be entirely made up of pictures or feature to pictures at all.

It can make sense, but it doesn't have to!
Historically, zines have been associated with underground communities and culture, with people whose voices aren't being heard!

One of the first zines from the 1980s, sci-fi zines like the Comet, connected a sub-culture and helped it grow!

Zines helped build the punk rock movement!

Riot girl is an underground feminist movement that began in the early 90s.
Zines provide a vehicle for ideas and creative expression! And community building as well. Zines are so powerful because ANYONE can make a zine about ANYTHING!

The number of zine topics is limitless! Here are just a few ideas...

- Personal - write a zine about yourself! What do you want the world to know about you?
- Political - zines that deal with politics, social justice, historical movements, and present day issues.
- Food / recipe zine
- ART ZINE! Make a zine filled with drawings or collage!
- DIY zine - these kinds of zines will teach (and inspire!) you to do it (whatever "it" is) yourself!
- Nature Zine
- Literary zine - collections of fiction, essays, poetry that are self published and distributed like zines.
- Travel Zine
- Animal Zine
- Music - favorite musicians, songs, genres, etc.
HOW TO DESIGN YOUR ZINE

LAYOUT: how will you incorporate printed images, drawings, and text into your zine?

IMAGES: how will you make your zine look interesting? Will you layer images and text? Use collage? Personal drawing? Both?

MARKMAKING: will you use handwriting, computer, stamps (or maybe something else) when getting your message out?
Zine Making Materials:
- Scissors
- Textured paper
- Paper
- Color pencils
- Pens
- Markers
- Tape
- Stencils
- Ruler
- Magazines clippings
- Glue stick
- Books

And things you can find around your house, including:
- old newspapers
- old photographs
- old magazines
- receipts
- concert tickets

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