



Creative storytelling for change:



Learn how to make a zine with
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Ideating: What should your zine be about?

Whatever you want!

Some ideas include:

- A poetry zine
- A photography zine
- A comic
- A short story
- A collection of essays
- A little cookbook full of your own recipes
- An informational zine about your favourite subject
- An illustrated glossary of terms
- A zine about your home country or heritage
- A collection of your favourite quotes
- An instruction manual on how to make something

A zine is a self-published small circulation booklet. It's similar to a magazine but it has a DIY ethos and rebellious nature.

Creating: My tried and tested steps

1 Brainstorm ideas, visuals and concepts

Get inspiration for what you want by reading other zines and magazines, going through online platforms like Instagram, going to zine fairs or zine libraries.

2 Decide if you want to collaborate with someone

- Getting people involved can bring different voices, perspectives, talents and resources to your zinemaking project
- You can get people to submit their creative work like poems, illustrations, photography, essays etc
 - Getting submissions can be as easy as asking your friends, announcing it on social media, sharing it with networks and communities you already know

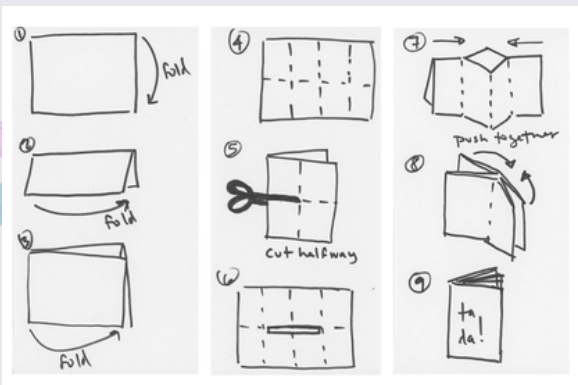


This is a zine I made called Spilt Milk Mag

3 Decide the format of the zine

- Stitch bound zine?
- Staple bound zine?
- Folding zine?
- A5 booklet?
- Professionally printed?
- DIY?

8-page mini zine



A5 Booklet




Tips for printing

- Use resources you have access to already!
- Apply for funding!
 - Professional printing can be very pricey, see if there are any creative grants available to help you print your zines.
- Make sure you format your pages correctly!
- You can make a zine either digitally (Canva, Photoshop, InDesign) or physically (handwritten, collages, drawing) or a mixture of both!
- Zines with a large page number count might need to be professionally printed. Look around for and support your local printing press if you take this route!
 - You can also use online printers like Mixam which is a good one or Blurb if your US based
- Zine printing decision-making guide:

Is my zine personal, short, and physically made (i.e. collages, written etc)? → I would recommend DIY printing, hand binding as opposed to professional printing

Is my zine collaborative, longer than 60 pages, and digitally made? → I would recommend professionally printed or digitally accessible zines. It's hard to stitch or staple larger zines and they'll need to be "perfect bound" which is a process of connecting the spine with a special glue.

Sharing: How to get your zine out there

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- Give copies to your contributors and collaborators!
 - Share it at zine fairs.
 - Find independent book stores willing to stock your zine.
 - Share it on social media.
 - Join your local creative communities and share your work!
 - Throw a party to launch and promote it!
 - Publish a digital version online
 - Swap your zines with other zine-makers around the world!
 - Look up zine hashtags on social media and get talking to other zine-makers!

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