

Whacha Mean What's A. Zine?

The Art of Making Zines and Mini-Comics

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~~TYPES OF~~

ZINE

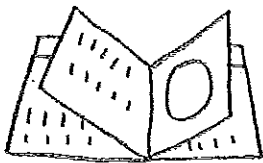
FORMATS:

On the following pages are some patterns and recipes for different zine formats. Each has its own advantages. There are simple ways to make a zine besides the ol' fold-a-piece-of-paper-in-half and staple. If you're looking for more of a challenge try combinations.

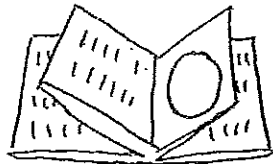
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THE STANDARD 1/2 PAGE

no tricks!
center bound.



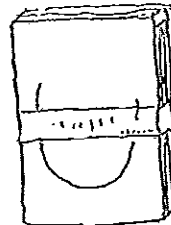
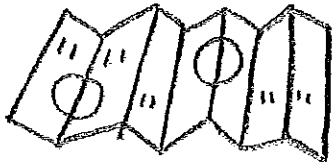
NO STAPLES



1/4 PAGE MINI

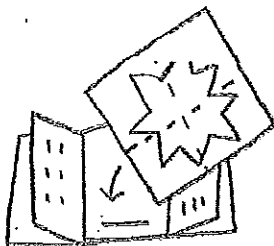


THE ACCORDIAN



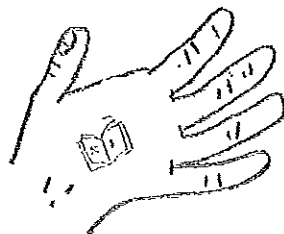
STACK-N-WRAP

For that futuristic collection.



THE FREEBIE

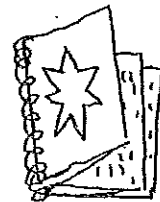
Why not give something extra? Stickers, patterns, pull-out pages of interest, etc.



THE MICRO-MINI

It fits in the palm of your hand.
The size of a postage stamp.

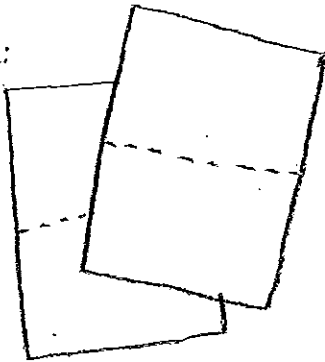
(a.k.a. El'Chupo)



FOLD-N-BIND

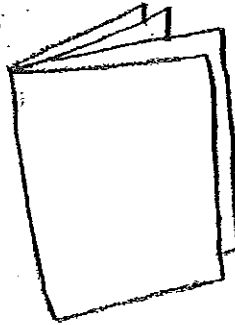
} Standard 1/2 Page zine. {

Step 1:



Standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper.

step 2:

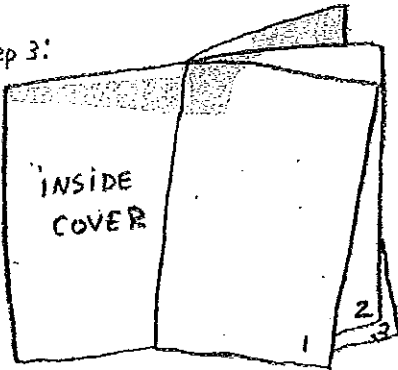


Fold



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step 3:

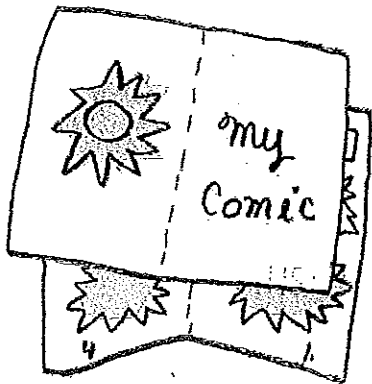


Number the pages.

step 4:



Write and draw.



✦ Master copies ready to photocopy.

This is one of the easiest and probably the most common way to make a zine.



2 1/2
10 1/2

step 1



step 3



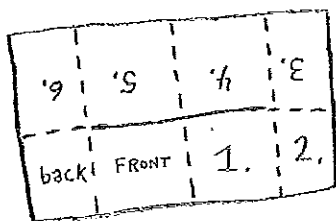
step 4



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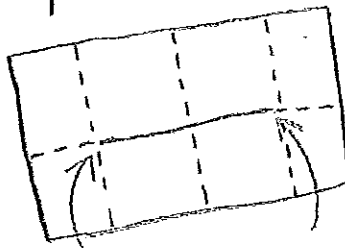
No Staples

Step 1: Take 1 11"x17" sheet of paper.



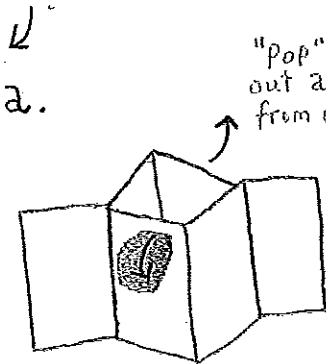
With a pencil, divide into 8 equal parts, number pages in this order.

step 2:

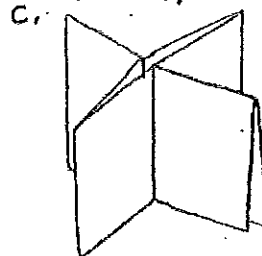


cut here to here.

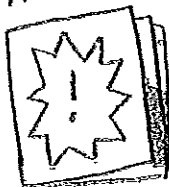
Step 3: Fold paper lengthways, then the ends like this...



The result,

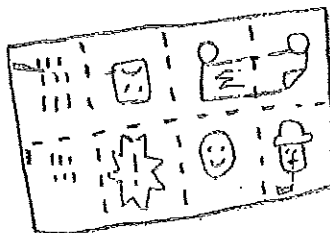


step 4:



Do the art and writing.

step 5:



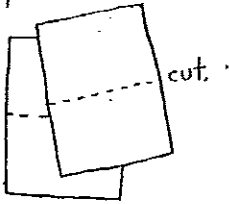
unfold, and use as your master copy.

The no-staple formula is a great one. It looks cool, and the way it's constructed makes it super easy -

it only needs to be copied on 1 side!

1/4 PAGE Mini Zine

Step 1:



* cut 2 sheets of paper in half.

Step 2:



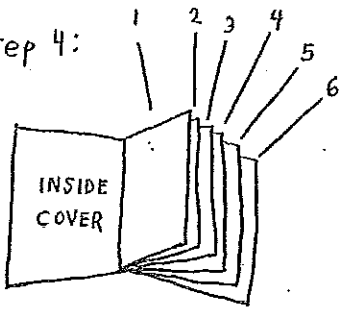
stack together.

Step 3:



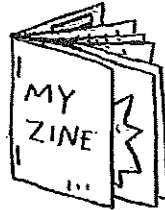
Fold and staple.

Step 4:



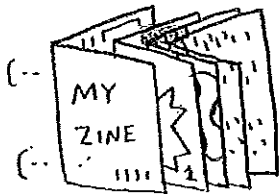
Number the pages.

Step 5:



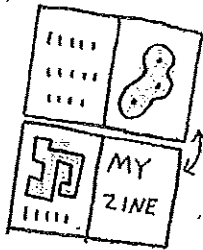
Do all the art and writing.

Step 6:



remove staples.

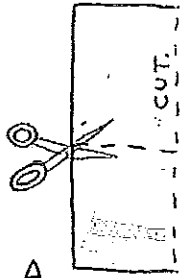
Step 7:



Tape sheets back together. Now it's ready for the copy machine.

This method works great when you want to produce a zine quick and easy, giving you the advantage of working in sequential order.

Step 1:



A

C. paper

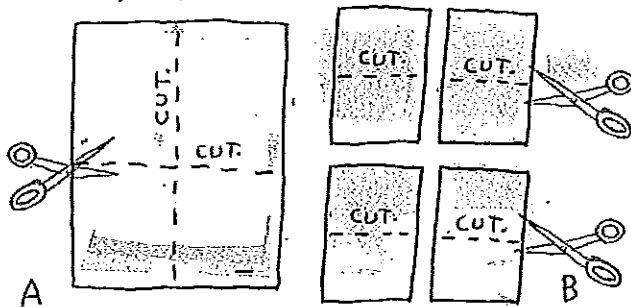
Step 2:

Step 3:

Tape

Micro Mini

Step 1:



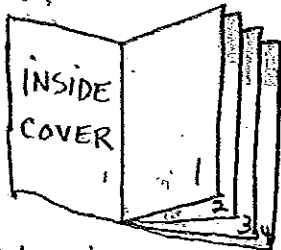
Cut 1 sheet of $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$ " paper following A & B.

Step 2:



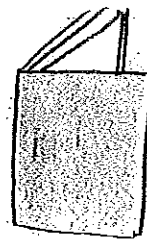
(YOU SHOULD HAVE 8 SHEETS.)
Stack and fold,

Step 3:



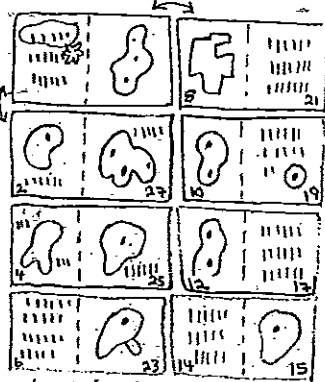
Number pages.

Step 4:



Do all the art and writing.

Step 5:



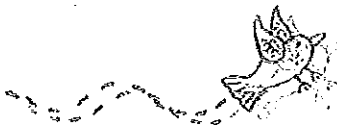
Tape back to make your master copy.

You can get a 28 page zine out of 1 sheet of paper using this method. Wow. And by following all the steps you can work in sequential order.

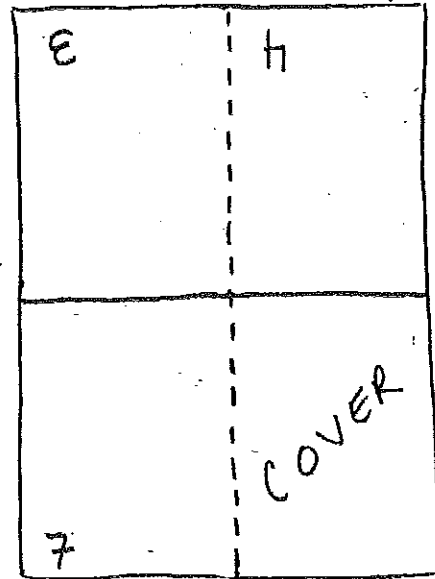
One- Step Mihi

You can make
a copy-ready
zine directly
on 1 sheet
of paper. That
way you don't
have to mess
with all the
other steps.

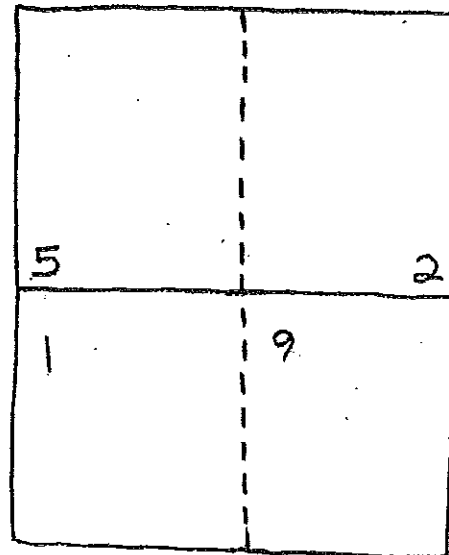
★ Just make
sure you work
in this
scrambled
sequence.



FRONT ★



★ BACK



Decorative flourish

One- Step Micro Mini

This works
the same as
the one-step
standard but
you get more
pages.

You can work directly
on the master copy.

Then cut, fold,
and bind after
you have made your copies.

Decorative flourish

Front

COVER	BACK COVER	8	21
2	27	10	19
4	25	12	17
6	23	14	15

step 1: With a pencil, divide the page.

step 2: Do all the art and writing in
this scrambled order.

Back

22	7	INSIDE BACK	COVER
20	9	28	1
18	11	26	3
16	13	24	5

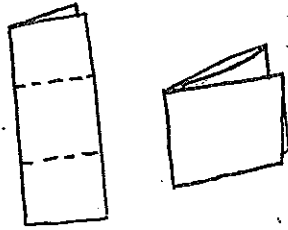
write

Draw and

The Accordion

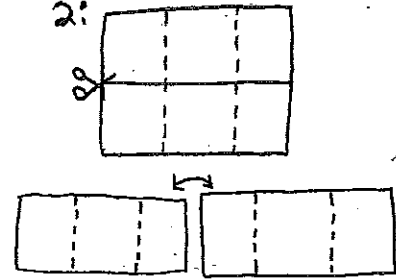
(according to us.)

Step 1:



Fold 1 sheet of paper lengthways. Then into thirds.

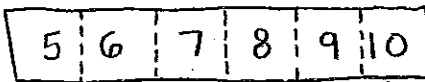
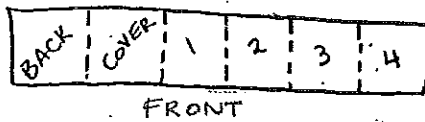
Step 2:



cut and tape.

Step 3:

With a pencil, number your pages like this...



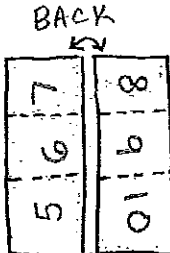
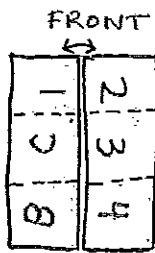
BACK (5 ON BACK OF 4.)

Step 4:



Do all the art and writing.

Step 5:

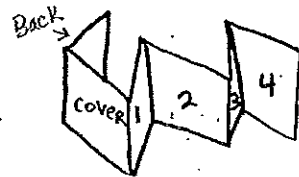


cut and tape back together to make your master copy.



This format is good for paneled comics and free standing display. It doesn't need binding or even an envelope if you want to mail it. Simply fold it up, address it, seal it with a sticker or piece of tape and send it on its way.

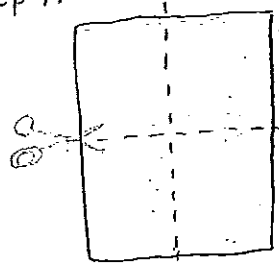
You can make all kinds of variations of this format and even use it as an insert for another zine.



The Stack 'n Wrap

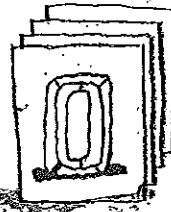
It's Whack!

Step 1:



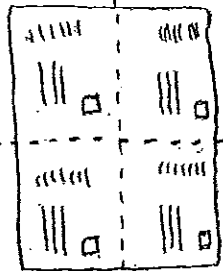
TAKE
STANDARD SIZE
PAPER AND CUT INTO 4.

Step 2:



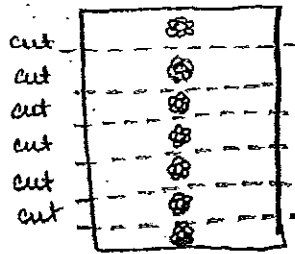
TAKE THE CUT
OUT SIDE OF THE P.

Step 3:



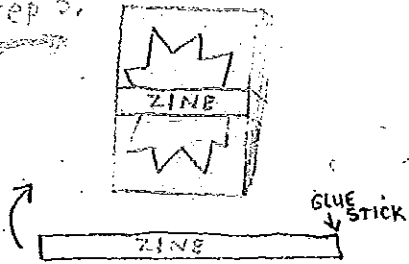
TYPE BACK TOGETHER AND
GLUE INTO HEAVY
CARD STOCK.

Step 4:



IF YOU WANT TO
WRAP THE ZINE WITH
CUT PAPER,
(OR JUST USE A RECYCLED)

Step 5:



people can recycle
your zine as post cards
or stickers, so your
words and art gets
mailed or stuck in
all kinds of places!

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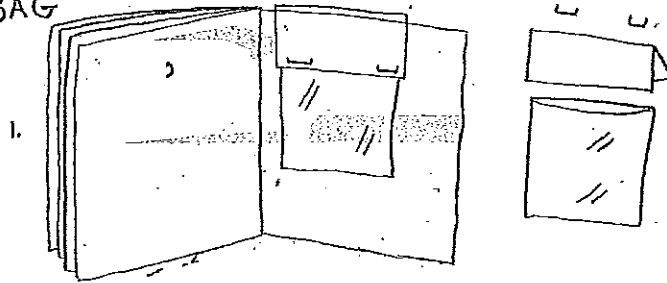
< The FREEBEE >

Whether it's a fold-out mini-poster, bag of stickers or even an original piece of art, freebies are nice little surprises that add something extra.

Here are some examples...

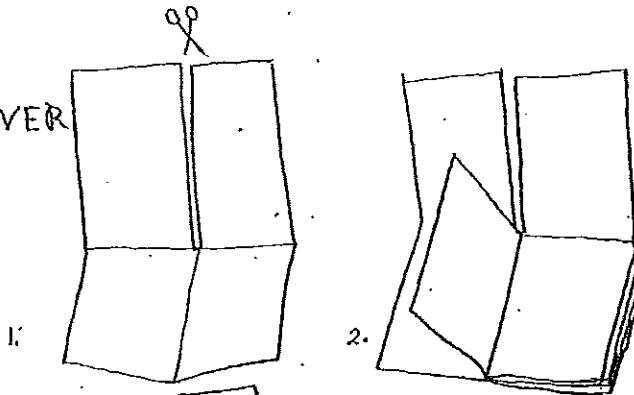
GIFT BAG

Wheat



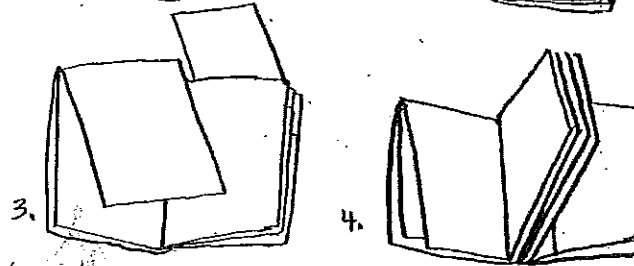
Staple in gift bag. You could use a small sandwich bag or an envelope.

POSTER COVER



DRAW

DUST JACKET



Take a cool drawing or nice patterned print and follow these steps to make a dust jacket that doubles as a poster.

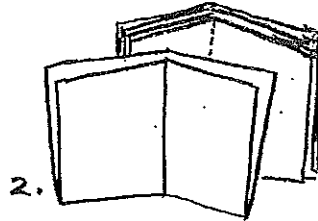
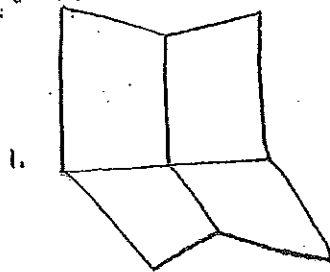
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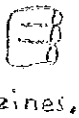
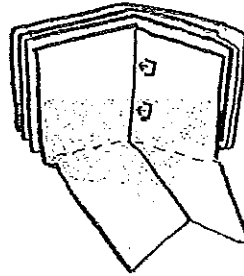
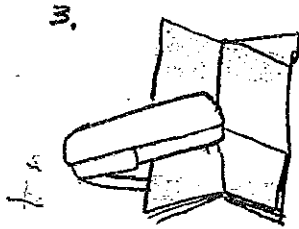
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✧ Fold and staple a full page fold-out into the center of your zine like this...

PULL-OUT POSTER



FREE POSTER

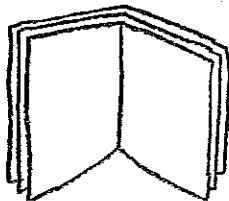


Create

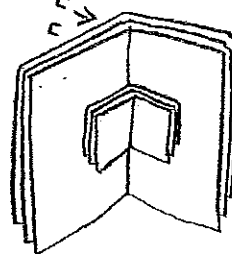
Create a micro-mini and "hide" him (or her) somewhere in your zine.

{collate separate}

Mother and Child, Bind together



BONUS mini



mat

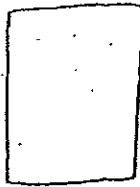
make two zines
two different sizes.

French Fold 'N' Bind

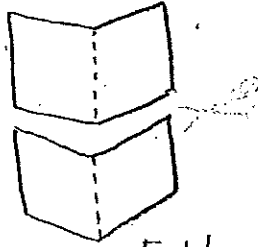
(a.k.a. The French Connection)



step 1:



cut



Fold...

step 2:

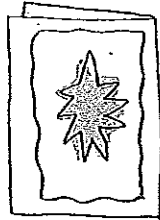
(Binding will go here.)



NOT FUNNY.

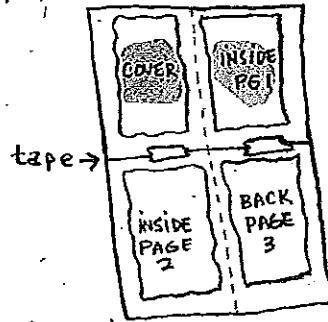
AND STACK TOGETHER.

step 3:



Do all the art and writing.

step 4:



Back is blank. One-sided copy keeps costs down!

TO MAKE YOUR MASTER COPY.

step 5:



You can wrap a cover around the french folds if you like.

Flencia

This is an easy way to make your zine stand out. You can also wrap this zine with a cool cover.

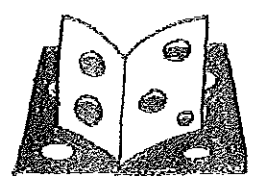
BREAKOUT!

OF THE FORMAT.

Here are some

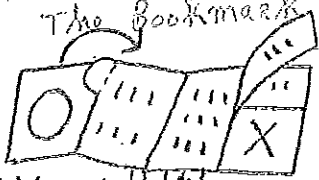


COPY MACHINE



PRINTER

The Bookmark

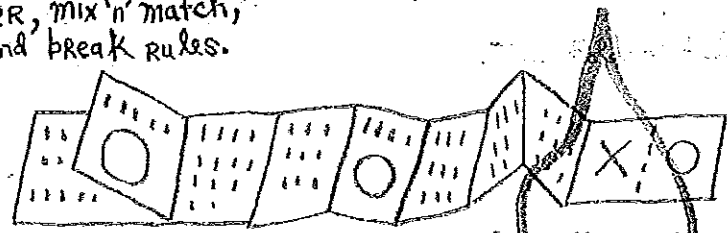


e Bonnie & Clyde.

Holy die-cut
Zine-man!

It's all that
fancy pants.

Punch holes,
Combine formats,
Simplify, change size,
Recycle scraps, invent;
Layer, mix 'n' match,
and break rules.



the Rambler (a.k.a. Kenny Rogers)



Daddy's Trust fund



Anything, really.

the gift

It's a nice thing to do.

We are talking
all-out ROW!

NY.

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ed copy
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Map

The end...