ZINE MAKING
WORKSHOP

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A zine is a hand made mini version of a book, folded into a booklet like form and can be made by physically cutting and gluing found text and images together, or from drawing and editing in many many other ways!

FORM

The first step in making your own zine is to form the zine so that it functions like a book.

To start the process, first gather together some paper and form it. We have put together 4 examples of how you can do this, some of which might require:

SCISSORS OR SCALPOL
GLUE OR TAPE
A STAPLER
DIFFERENT TYPES OF PAPER
ABSOLUTLEY ANYTHING ELSE !!!

For others you will simply need to fold paper!

ZINE 1

This next zine is very very simple to make and makes for an interesting navigation through the zine.

We recommend you use a large piece of paper for this one (A3 plus) if you can!

Following the measurements below makes for a petite zine so feel free to adjust the sizing to your liking.

If you don't have any A3 paper just use the biggest piece of paper you can find around the house.

Even an A4 piece works for this zine (this is what we used below) but the zine is very, very small.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED:

Just paper..... and maybe some scissors.

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Start by grabing a your piece of paper, with the paper landscape cut off a strip that is 8 cm high and the full width of the page.

Okay, now fold this page in half and in half again and again until you have a size you are happy with.

Now, refold the page so that it has a zig zag form and we’re done!

Now just squash all of the pages together for the final form!
This zine is one of the more popular and well known ways to form zines and for good reason, this one is so easy to do!

ZINE 2

Uniquely, this zine can work in a book form to be flipped through but can also be folded back out to double as a poster!

WHAT YOU’LL NEED:

- A scalpel or scissors.
- One piece of paper.

You can make this zine as big or as small as you like by changing the size of the paper you start with!

When choosing your paper it might be helpful to think that the zine will end up being a 8th of the size!

This zine allows for maximum creativity! Especially with the doubling as a poster feature!

1. First of all, grab yourself a piece of paper of your choosing, fold the page in half. You want to fold going down the centre of the page so you end up with your piece of paper being very long.

2. Fold this piece in half again, this time from the other direction making sure you fold exactly in half.

3. Using a scalpel, or carefully using scissors, cut a line down the inner creases of the page. This cut is only down the two creases in the very centre of the page! Be careful to not cut too much as this will make the zine less sturdy and durable.

4. Now, pinch either end of the main crease and pull up, this is to encourage the paper to naturally create the form of a book.

5. Still pinching the page, begin to push in so the page folds into itself and forms the book, as shown in the picture below.

6. At this stage you’re pretty much done, just a little tweaking and pressing down the creases may be necessary here to make sure the zine functions perfectly.

7. All done! Time to get creative!
This zine is possibly the easiest one to pull together but it is also the easiest to add your own spin onto it and change things up.

**ZINE 3**

This one does require a stappler or some other form of binding to keep the pages together!

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:**
- Some paper.
- Stappler or clips.

Uniqueness lies in the binding of this zine, you can use absolutely anything to hold this one together: bulldog clips, staples, tape. It all works!

You can use different coloured pages for the front covers to create a really interesting contrast.

As well as the binding you can also change things up by making the shape of the paper holding it together to be absolutely anything you like!

1. Start by gathering together all of the pages you want to use in the book. Take a new piece of paper and fold it in half; it may help to have this page smaller than the others.

2. Place all of the pages you want to use into the page that you folded. This is to create a book cover for the book. This page works to hold all of the other pages together seamlessly and neatly.

3. Now staple this into place, staple only the folded page to get the desired look.

4. Once you have stapled your pages, you can flick through and add all of your creativity. Alternatively, you could edit your pages before forming them into the zine!

5. You could try an alternative way of binding your book by using bulldog clips, tape or almost anything else as long as it holds the pages together.

6. You can also completely customize this zine by playing around with the shape of your cover piece.

First, cut out which ever shape you want; you could do almost anything! Then form it as is shown in steps 1 - 5 and secure it with staples, clips or anything else!
The forming of this zine is probably the most complicated of the 4, but it makes for a really interesting shaped publication!

**ZINE 4**

We recommend using about 5 pieces of A4 sized paper for this one, two of which will be used to bind the zine!

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**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:**

- A scalpel or scissors and some paper!

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Like all of our zines if you don't have the exact resources just use what you have around the house!

This zine is extremely flexible and works as a short or long publication just fine.

The long heavily folded page being used to keep the book together doubles up as great bookmark.

You can add to or take away from the amount of paper you start with to adjust the thickness.

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1. First of all, put two pages of paper a side, leaving three remaining, we will need these later.

2. Now you can fold the rest of the pages in half.

3. Open the pages back out and make a cut down the centre of the crease. If you're working with A4 pages, this should be approximately 10 cm. Use scissors if you don't have a scalpel.

4. Now it's time to grab one of the pages we set aside. Fold this page horizontally so that it is now half the size it was before.

5. Now fold it in half again, but this time we are aiming to make a square shape with our piece of paper.

6. The next step is to pull our folded piece of paper through the cut we made in our original pages. This can be tricky, check step 7!

7. To do this correctly check first that you are pulling the folded page through so that the folded edge of this page is on the inside of the zine. Only pull it halfway!

8. Now you can grab the final page that we set aside at the beginning and fold this page from the bottom up each time with about a 3cm fold, alternating like a fan.

9. Keep folding until the page is now thin and resembles a book mark.

10. And now for the final step! All you have to do now is put our bookmark shape into place. To do this it needs to be pulled through the middle of the folded page (the green piece of paper in the image) from inside the pages we cut (the pink paper).

11. As long as you did step 6 and 7 correctly this should work fine, if not check step 6 and 7 again!

All we have to do now is fold all of the pieces into place!
Below we have laid out photos from the work we have been producing in our final year. As well as that, we have included words/terms that we have been using to define our work.

We invite you to use this content to make a zine and rework them in anyway you see fit.

Be as creative as possible!

Once you have your zine formed all you need now is content to fill it! You can make a zine about almost anything but we have laid out some content for you to be inspired by.

CONTENT

Print and cut out, glue down, rearrange, layer, draw from the images or create new images inspired by them!

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INVISIBLE

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“Aren’t you a little cutie... come back to my place”
If you do make a zine, we would appreciate you posting it to our website. We would love to see your creations.

Featured below is a template for you to cut out and put on your zine so we know who you are and when you made it!

POST

When your zine is ready, take some photos and upload them to Instagram under the hashtag #BAAAD2020 so we can find you!

My name is . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

I am making this Zine about . . . .

The date is . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .

Enjoy!