

How I make zines

# STEAL THIS ZINE

No really, just take it

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Are you looking for an art project you can show off but won't take too much effort? Are you a real punk rocker, sci-fi nerd, bug fan, weirdo, yearning poet, DIYer, queer, and/or intersectional feminist? Then you should make a zine!!!

a zEEn is a self-published magazine. They go back to the 1920s. In the 80s, we made a library copy machine. In our cyberpunk dystopia, you can do it in a computer.

	Phones	Zines
<b>Battery</b>	6 hours	600 years
<b>Offline content</b>	Mmm, well sometimes	Always
<b>When dropped</b>	Smashed to bits	Might get a little dirty
<b>Can read in bath</b>	Probably, but risky	Might go a bit crinkly
<b>Ads and Spyware</b>	Always	I'd like to see you try
<b>Give to ur friends</b>	They ghost you	It lives in their pocket
<b>Cost</b>	\$1000	10¢

## THE PROCESS

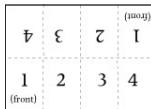
1. Choose a topic! Literally anything. Niech, and random is good.
2. Open Libre Office Word because you're a Linux dweeb.
3. Navigate to "Format > Page Style" and change the width to 11in, height to 4.5. Left and right margins to 0.15", top and bottom margins to 0.20"
4. Navigate to "Format > Columns" and set columns to 4, and spacing to 0.30"
5. Put in all the content! (don't forget a QR code to a linktr.ee and itch.io with your zines) If it's only text, you'll need like 600 words.

6. Apply text style. On the sidebar, (If the sidebar isn't open, navigate to "View > Sidebar") select "Styles" (the t over a triangle). Double click a style to apply it to the paragraph your cursor is in. Put Header 1 on your headers, title on your title, sender on your name, text body on everything else, etc etc etc.

7. In the styles dialogue, right click and select modify on the style you want to change. These modifications will apply to anywhere you used that style.

8. Export as pdf, then plug ur pdf into my ~~user-friendly~~ cool html template. There's some instructions

there for how to use it  
<https://github.com/AVDambeck/ZineMachine>.



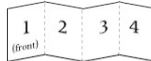
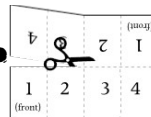
9. Print it!!!
10. Fold it!!!
11. Abarahadabra!!!!

## NOW WHAT?

Pass them out at student centers, concerts, libraries, cafes, or anywhere else you are!

Make more zines! Zines are a great place to expand on any idea.

Experiment! Write poetry! Draw comics! Go analog! Find other zine enthusiasts (I want ur zine!!!)



## ZINE FAQ

**Free?** I give mine away for free because printing is very cheap on the university printers. Free is good, if you have an exploitable school or job, make some zines on the man's dime.

**I want color!** Color is awesome way to make your zines stand out. The easy way is to print on colored paper. Printing in color is also an option, though more expensive.

**What about 8fold?** The classic 8 page zine is awesome. but it only uses one side of the paper, and the print alignment is trickier. It is really cute tho...

**I need more space!** The short length of this format can feel limiting. But zines are limitless! Make your zine a 5.5"x8.5" booklet instead.

**I've never done this before! I'm not creative!** Jump into it. You don't *need* experience or creativity. I double dog dare you to try it. If your still scared, do it with a friend! Two lefts make a right.

**What can I make zines about?** I've made zines with a short story about religion, a comic mythologizing my finals week, a zine just about cool spider facts. Bugs are a especially popular zine topic. Make a zine

about politics your passionate about, a hobby you have, art you made, your favorite band, or just a cool zine about cool bugs.

**Where can I find more of your zines?** I'm so glad you asked, Strawman. If you scan my nifty little QR code, and go to my itch.io, you can download all my zines for free! You can even print more of my zines >:3

Thank you for reading <3



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