WHAT IS A MINI ZINE?

A mini zine is a self-published 8 page booklet made from one piece of paper. The content is printed on one side of a sheet of paper (cheap to print!) that is then specially folded to create a tiny book (easy to make!) See how that magic works on the underside of this zine.

The whole point of zines is getting your perspective out into the world. Fight the homogenization of mass media with one little booklet at a time!
ZINES CAN BE ABOUT DANG NEAR ANYTHING

Make a zine about why you like to get up in the morning with drawings of all the types of cheese you plan to try that day. Make a manifesto, draw farm animals living in trees, or educate us about the importance of using sunscreen. Compile quotes from your favorite tv character. Tell us why your dog is so cool. Catalog your dreams or your nightmares. Take us down the rabbit hole. Share to inspire.

TIPS AND TRICKS

There are no rules.

Typed text copies better than handwriting.

Leave a .5" margin around all edges so nothing gets cut off when you assemble.

Copy too dark or light? Play with the contrast settings on the copier.

A one-sided color copy costs about 5 times more than a b/w. To save money, print in b/w on colored paper.
Hand embellish your zine with stamps, doodles, watercolors, washi tape, etc to give each copy a unique handmade feel.

Include art or a diagram on the underside of your paper like this mini zine.
LET'S MAKE A MINI ZINE!

1. Start with a plain piece of 8 1/2 x 11 paper, and then we are going to fold in half a lot.

- Take time and care when folding so the alignment of your pages is crisp.

2. Fold in half along the length.

3. Fold in half to get a 1/4 size page.

4. Fold in half the final time to get a 1/8 size page.

Unfold the paper completely and it should have a crease wherever you see the dotted lines.

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*If you are oh so fancy, you can use indesign or another software to create a digital template, but I prefer to go old school and get my hands dirty.