

## Make your own Zine!

What's a zine? A zine (pronounced zeen, rhymes with teen) is a booklet you make yourself. There are no rules for making a zine: it can be about whatever you want, be made of whatever you want, and look like whatever you want! In this activity, we're going to teach you how to make a pocket-sized zine out of a single piece of paper.

Adapted from an idea submitted by [upso.org](http://upso.org)

### Materials needed

- A piece of 8.5 x 11" paper
- Something to write/draw with
- Scissors

### Optional:

- Glue
- Stickers
- Scissors
- Paint
- String
- Tape

## Step 1: Decide what your zine is going to be about.

Your pet? A short story you wrote? Food? Your favorite game? What are you interested in today?

## Step 2: Create your booklet.

Take your piece of paper and fold it in half. Fold it in half the other direction so it's now folded into quarters. And then, fold it one more time so it's folded into eighths.

Open your paper and then refold it in half hamburger-style (if you're looking at it like it would go through a printer, fold it top to bottom so it's fat, not skinny.) Using your scissors, cut a slit on that fold in the middle of your paper. When you open the paper up flat, it should now have a hole/slot in the middle.

Fold your paper hotdog style (so it is skinny) and push the ends towards each other. The sections should fold in towards each other to start to form a booklet. Help them along and finish folding your booklet into its final shape!

## Step 3: Design your zine!

What will the cover look like? How will you fill the interior pages? Will you use only words, or also pictures? What about other materials? Be creative!

## Step 4: What's next?

What will you do with your zine when it's done? Will you share it with someone else? Make a series? Do something totally new next? Could you make one zine a week all summer?

When you're done with your project, take a picture and share it with us too! You can tag us on social media (@designmuseumchi on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter) or email us at [info@designchicago.org](mailto:info@designchicago.org). We're looking forward to seeing your work!