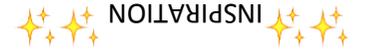




# ZINE MAKING TIPS

## STEP ONE



There are no rules here. Your zine can be about *whatever* you want! You can also solicit content for your zine from others.

What do you know about that you'd like to share with others? What are a few of your favorite things?

What do you want to share with the world?

What's your story?

## STEP TWO

### GATHERING SUPPLIES

You can make zines in so many ways, so the supplies will depend on what type of zine you'd like to make. The most basic ingredients include: ideas, paper, scissors, and some sort of writing utensil.

Other helpful items include gluesticks, stapler, hole punch, ribbon/twine (for binding), a copier/printer, a computer for research or composition, glitter, stencils, stickers, magazine cut-outs, and a cat or two for moral support.



Izabella illustrates how well cats + zines go together. Doughnuts and zines are another winning combination.

**Tweet/IG @queeriodicals**

## STEP THREE

### LAY IT OUT

First, you will need to decide what type of zine you are making. A mini-zine like this one? A full sized zine? The style of zine will determine how you will need to lay out and edit your materials. For example, pages 1-4 in a mini zine like this one need to have the content placed in "upside down" in order to work. **Unfold this zine and you will see what I am talking about.**

## Try Not To Be Scared

I can't tell you how many half-zines I have lying around for fear of sharing them. It's scary to share your creative work sometimes. You don't have to share the zines you make; they can be just for you. But from personal experience, sharing your zine with others can be one of the most gratifying moments of the whole process. I encourage you to share your zine, and maybe even submit it for digitization at QZAP.ORG.

Good Luck! I can't wait to see what you come up with 😊

## STEP FOUR

### PRODUCE AND DISTRIBUTE

Cut and paste, type and scribble, put your ideas down on paper. For step-by-step instructions on how to make various types of zines, see the following resources:

- <https://goo.gl/yqzftub>
- <https://goo.gl/er76kg>

Or just Google, "how to make a zine" or "zine template" or "zine tutorial" or "zine instructions."

There are also many great zine tutorials on YouTube!

## Some Tips and Tricks for New Zinesters

**Watch Your Margins.** Anywhere the paper gets folded, there is a risk you can lose content if you don't watch the margins. Don't place anything too close to where the paper will be folded.

**Try and Try Again.** I've made a few zines now but I still mess up all the time. I am especially bad at copying and printing things in the correct direction. Eventually if you ask questions and keep trying, you will figure it out.