

Create with Blaffer: Zines

Lesson Plan Objective:

In this lesson plan we will be exploring the different components and variations incorporated in a zine such as text, size, and color through the creation of a simple single page booklet. We've taken inspiration from 2019's exhibition *Paul Mpagi Sepuya*, and his early work with zines.

Approximate Time:

1 Hour

Skill Level:

Moderate

Parental Supervision:

Required



Image: Installation view, *Paul Mpagi Sepuya*, at Blaffer Art Museum, University of Houston. Photo: Sean Fleming.

Art Materials:

- One or more pages of varied paper
- Adhesive (i.e. glue gun, tape, non-toxic glue)
- Drawing tools of choice (i.e. pencils, markers, pens, or colored pencils.)
- Scissors

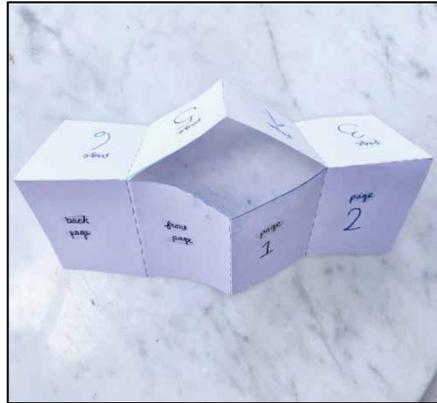
Instructions & Extension

1. Lay a sheet of paper in portrait orientation and fold in half widthwise. From here fold your paper once more widthwise. Finally, fold your paper once more, this time lengthwise.
2. Unfold the paper until you see four equal parts. Cut along the creased line of your paper where the paper is bound, only into the center point of the paper.
3. Extend your paper. The paper should have eight equal parts and a cut in the center. Fold your paper in half lengthwise and pinch the ends of the paper. Push the ends inward until the ends meet and fold accordingly. Your zine is now ready to be decorated!
4. Think about a topic that interests you as content for your zine. Gather your drawing materials and express this freely into your zine.
5. Lastly, use your gathered materials and decorate the cover of your zine. Your zine is now complete!
6. **Extension:** Leave a few blank pages in your zine and invite others to contribute!

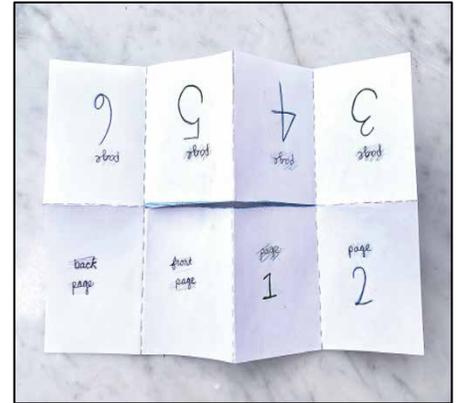
Instructional Walkthrough: Zines



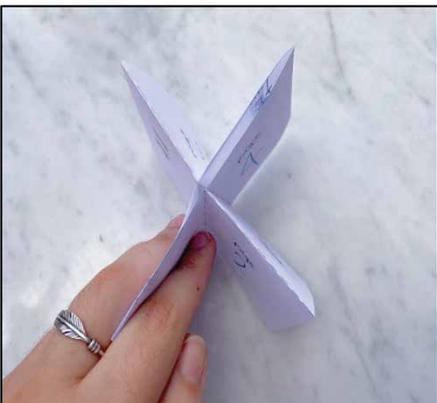
Step 1: Lay a sheet of paper and fold widthwise.



Step 2: Fold your paper once more widthwise and lengthwise. Unfold until you see four equal parts, and cut along the center where paper is bound.



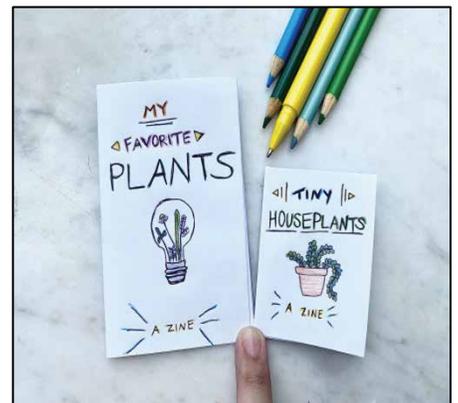
Step 3: Extend paper. When extended the paper should have eight equal parts.



Step 4: Fold the paper in half and pinch the ends of the paper, then push inward.



Step 5: The zine should naturally fold into a booklet format. Your zine is now ready to be decorated!



Step 6: With your topic of choice, finish decorating your zine.