

Calabasas Library Summer Reading Program 2020

Zines! Part 1

- Learn a few ways to create a zine – ring-bound, stapled, and folded!

What's a Zine?

- A zine is a handmade, independently distributed magazine!

Making Your Zine

- There are many ways to create zines; here we'll look at a few: book ring-bound, stapled, and folded.

Gather Your Supplies

- For the **book ring-bound zine**, you'll need a **file folder, pencil, single hole punch, a few sheets of blank paper, scissors, and two book rings**.
- For the **stapled zine**, you'll need **blank paper** and a **stapler**. If you'd like to cover your staples and reinforce the spine of your zine, you'll need some **masking tape** as well.
- For the **folded zine**, you'll need one sheet of **8.5 x 11" (Letter-size) blank paper**.

Lesson

Book Ring-Bound Zine

- One-half of the **file folder** will form the front and back covers of the zine.
- Start by folding the file folder in half, at the crease.
- Cut or tear the file folder in half.
- Fold the file folder in half again and crease it at the fold.
- Fold each piece of **blank paper** in half and crease each sheet at the fold as well.
- Stack the folded paper inside of the file folder; make sure to line them up against the inside of the spine.

- With your **pencil**, mark two dots near the top and bottom of the spine of the your paper and file folder, where you want the book rings to be. You can also measure your marks, if you'd like your punched holes to be exact.
- Using the **single hole punch**, punch two holes – in the paper and the file folder, where you made your marks.
- Line up your sheets of paper inside the file folder again.
- Loop and close each **book ring** through the punched holes to finish your zine!

Stapled Zine

- First, decide how many pages you'd like for your zine. Make sure that your **stapler** can staple through however many pages you decide to use.
- Fold each piece of **paper** in half. Then stack and line up each folded page on top of the others.
- With your stapler, staple your stack of papers at the top middle, and bottom of the spine to form a booklet!
- **Optional:** With masking tape, try taping over your staples and reinforcing the spine of your zine – on the front and back covers, and inside of it along the spine.

Folded Zine

- Fold your **paper** in half, and then folded it again a second time.
- You can unfold your page to decorate each “page” of your zine, and then re-fold it so that it can be opened and read in the order of your choosing.
- Number each page according to how you want your zine to be read.

What Did You Discover?

- What did you like, or dislike, about making your zine?
- Did you find a style of zine that you prefer to make?

Share It!

- Use the **#CalabasasLibSRP20** hashtag to tag and share your zines on social media!

Photos

