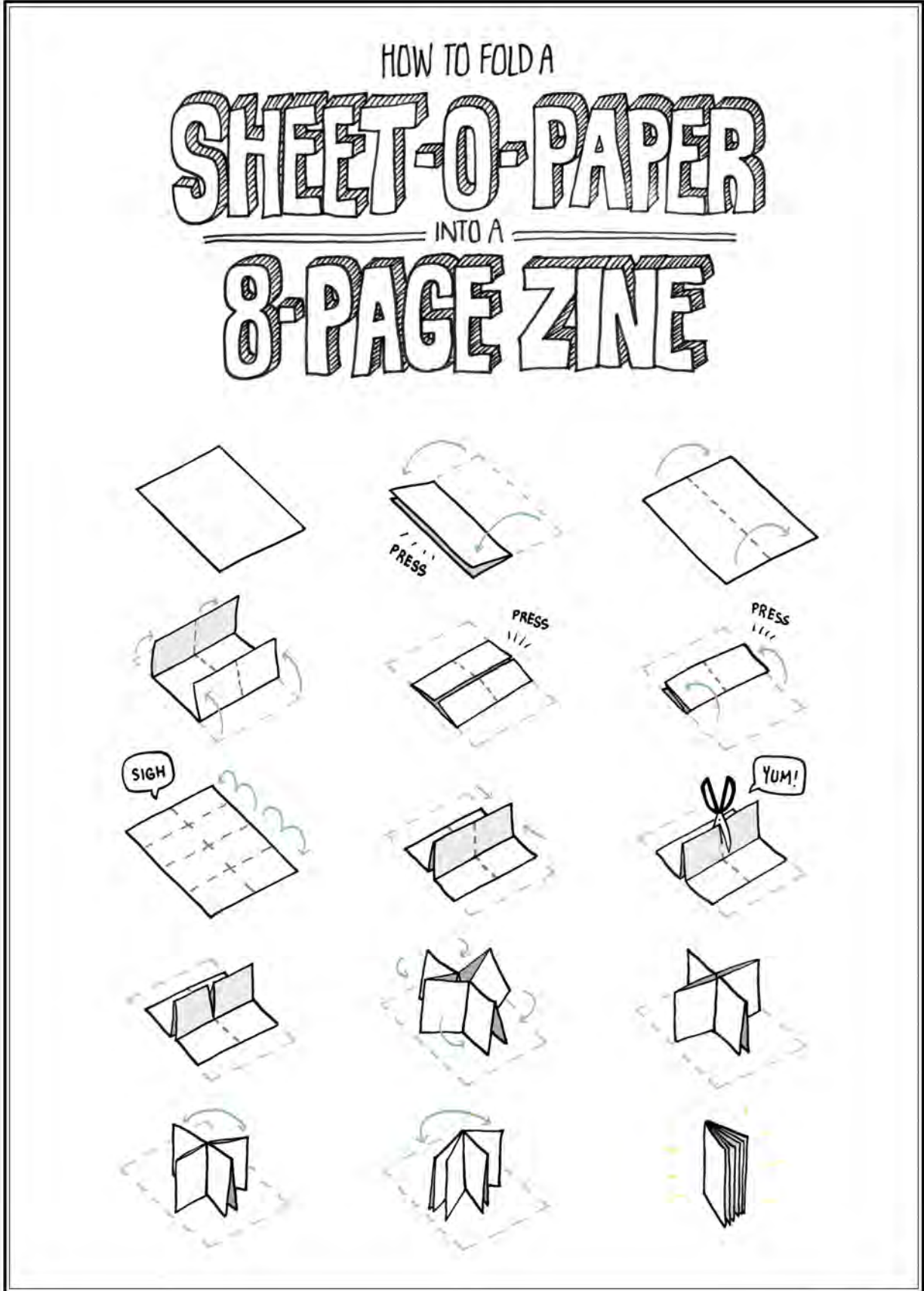


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SUGGESTED FORMAT



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THE NO-STAPLE 8-PAGE MINI - THIS FORMAT MAKES A BOOKLET THAT GIVES YOU 8 PAGES (THAT INCLUDES A COVER, REMEMBER!)

STEP 1 - FOLD A PIECE OF PAPER LONG-WAYS

STEP 2 FOLD THAT IN HALF!

STEP 3 FOLD THAT IN HALF!

STEP 4 OPEN THE LAST COUPLE OF FOLDS (LEAVE THE FIRST LONG-WAYS FOLD)

STEP 5 USE AN XACTO KNIFE TO SLICE THROUGH THE FOLD - THE TOP OF THE TWO MIDDLE SECTIONS (MARKED ABOVE AS THE AREAS BETWEEN A AND B).

STEP 6 - REVERSE THE FRONT MIDDLE FOLD SO THAT A DIAMOND SHAPE OPENS - MAKE THE MIDDLE FOLDS GO AWAY FROM EACH OTHER.

STEP 7 PUSH CENTER TOGETHER TO MAKE A "PLUS" SIGN WHEN LOOKED AT FROM ABOVE

STEP 8 - FOLD IT OVER FLAT, AND YOU HAVE A FLIP-THROUGHABLE BOOKLET THAT WILL NOT UNFOLD UNLESS YOUR READER ACTIVELY DISASSEMBLES IT!

STAPLING! IF YOU ARE MAKING MINIS, YOU ARE GOING TO NEED A LONG-ARM STAPLER

RULER (HELPFUL!) SLIDER - MAKES THIS GO A LOT FASTER...
...AS YOU CAN SET HOW DEEP YOU WANT IT TO GO. YOU DON'T HAVE TO EYEBALL IT OR MEASURE IT EACH TIME.

PUT PAPER IN COVER - UP, AND STAPLE SO THAT THE FLAT SIDE IS ON THE OUTSIDE AND THE PRONGS ARE ON THE INSIDE.

KAH-CHUNK

THIS SPOT!

COVER

BACK COVER	COVER	1	2
3	5	4	6

THIS ALL PRINTS ON ONE SIDE!

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STANDARD MINI-COMIC!

MOST MINI-COMICS FALL INTO THE FOLDED-AND-STAPLED CATEGORY. THESE CAN BE DONE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

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12 PAGES

1 SHEET

TO DETERMINE PAGE LAYOUT, SO THAT THE FINAL COMIC WILL MAKE SENSE, MAKE A DUMMY!

TO MAKE A DUMMY: FIGURE OUT HOW MANY PAGES OF INTERIOR YOU HAVE, AND (IF NECESSARY) ROUND UP TO THE NEAREST MULTIPLE OF FOUR (4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, 48, ETC), AND THEN **DIVIDE** THAT NUMBER BY FOUR - FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAVE 24 PAGES, DIVIDE IT BY 4, AND YOU GET 8. **8** IS THE NUMBER OF SHEETS YOU'LL NEED TO PRINT THE INTERIOR OF YOUR 24-PAGE COMIC.

- TEAR OUT LITTLE RECTANGLES - AS MANY AS YOU'LL NEED SHEETS (REMEMBER, IN THIS EXAMPLE WE'LL NEED 8).
- LAY THEM ALL TOGETHER, AND FOLD THEM IN HALF. **TINY BOOKLET!**
- NUMBER LIKE A BOOK
- TAKE APART THE BOOKLET AND YOU'LL SEE HOW TO LAY OUT YOUR PAGES, FRONT AND BACK!

- 3/2** BASIC LETTER-SIZED PAPER*, TURNED SIDWAYS AND FOLDED ACROSS THE TOP-TO-BOTTOM MIDDLE. FINAL DIMENSIONS: 5.5" x 8.5"
- 1/4** BASIC LETTER-SIZED PAPER, CUT ACROSS THE SIDE-TO-SIDE MIDDLE...
...THEN FOLDED IN HALF TO MAKE A QUARTER-SIZED PAGE. FINAL DIMENSIONS: 4.25 x 5.5" * THIS PRINCIPLE CAN BE APPLIED TO MAKE EVEN SMALLER COMICS - CUT THE HALF-PAGE IN HALF! CUT THAT IN HALF!
- TALL ORDER** THE "TALL ORDER" - A LETTER-SIZED SHEET FOLDED ACROSS THE TOP-TO-BOTTOM MIDDLE. FINAL DIMENSIONS: 4.25 x 11"
- WIDE LOAD** THE "WIDE LOAD" - A LETTER-SIZED SHEET TURNED SIDWAYS AND FOLDED ACROSS THE SIDE-TO-SIDE MIDDLE. RATHER THAN READING LIKE A BOOK OR MAGAZINE, THIS MINI IS FLIPPED THROUGH LIKE A WALL CALENDAR. FINAL DIMENSIONS: 11" x 4.25"
- MAGAZINE** "THE MAGAZINE" - A TABLOID (11 x 17") SHEET TURNED SIDWAYS AND FOLDED ACROSS THE TOP-TO-BOTTOM MIDDLE. FINAL DIM: 8.5 x 11" *IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ANY OF THE ABOVEMENTIONED FORMATS COULD BE MADE USING TABLOID PAPER, FOR LARGER AND SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS. TRY IT!
- SQUARE** "THE SQUARE" (OR ALMOST SQUARE) - A LEGAL-SIZED SHEET (8.5 x 14") TURNED SIDWAYS AND FOLDED ACROSS THE TOP-TO-BOTTOM MIDDLE. FINAL DIMENSIONS: 7" x 8.5"

TRIMMING: YOU MAY WANT TO TRIM YOUR MINI WITH A PAPER CUTTER. THIS CAN ADD TO THE VARIETY OF DIMENSIONS, AND MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE PAGES OR COVERS WITH A FULL BLEED (INK GOES TO THE VERY EDGE OF THE PAPER).

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How to Saddle Stitch?

Blog <http://paultseng.net/how-to-saddle-stitch/> (Go straight to "Step 3b: Staple Slam")

Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gFbk3Ypb5CY>

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TITLE COVER PAGE 1 PAGE 2 PAGE 3 PAGE 4 PAGE 5 PAGE 6 PAGE 7

NOTHING ON BACK, OR, CONVERSLEY, A DIFFERENT COMIC, OR WIDE ILLUSTRATION

FLIP THROUGH LIKE A REGULAR MINI

← ACTUALLY, IGNORE PAGE 7; SIX MAKES MORE SENSE.

“THE ACCORDIAN”

11 x 17 PAPER

CAN MAKE 3 3.5" x 2.125" COMICS, OR ANY NUMBER OF VARIATIONS.

TRY FOLDING + CUTTING YOURSELF (MEANING PAPER), AND SEE HOW MANY POTENTIAL VARIATIONS OF DIMENSION AND PAGE COUNT YOU CAN COME UP WITH.

SCORING

ONE THING YOU **DON'T** WANT TO DO IS JUST FOLD YOUR PAPER IF IT'S A CARD STOCK (AND LET'S FACE IT- A CARD STOCK ACCORDIAN MINI WILL HOLD ITS FORM BETTER, SO LET'S WORK UNDER THE ASSUMPTION YOU'RE PUSHING QUALITY HERE); IT'LL LEAVE A WRINKLY CREASE. INSTEAD, ON THE INSIDE OF YOUR FOLD, USE A METAL RULER AND USE A PAPER CLIP TO LIGHTLY SCRAPER OUT A LINE. IT'LL MAKE FOLDING PRETTIER AND EASIER!

SCORING COVERS

YOU SHOULD SCORE THE FOLD OF YOUR **COVERS** AS WELL, IF YOU'RE USING THICK PAPER OR CARD STOCK. AGAIN, SCORE **INSIDE** THE FOLD AREA.

CLOSE-UP OF SCORE AREA

WHEN YOU DO THIS, THE MASS THAT'S BEEN SCRATCHED AWAY LEAVES A SPACE. WHEN THE PAPER IS FOLDED THERE'S NO OBSTACLE TO IT!

FOLDED, SCORED PAPER

UNSCORED FOLDING ENDS UP WITH A ROUGHER, RIDGEY FOLD. THE THICKER THE PAPER, THE WORSE THIS LOOKS!

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SIDE-STAPLE THIS FORMAT REQUIRES **NO FOLDING**, AND NO MORE LAYOUT THAN FRONT/BACK PRINTING.

STEP 1 - STACK YOUR PAPER, COVER INCLUDED, IN THE ORDER YOU WANT IT TO BE READ. BE SURE TO LEAVE SPACE ON YOUR SPINE SIDE!

STEP 2 - STAPLE ALONG THE SPINE OF YOUR COMIC.

STEP 3 - YOUR COMIC SHOULD READ PROPERLY NOW... BUT THOSE UGLY STAPLES! YOU'D BETTER DO SOMETHING ABOUT THEM.

STEP 4 - OPTION 1 - PUT BINDER'S TAPE AROUND THE SPINE TO COVER THE STAPLES.

STEP 4 - OPTION 2 (A) TAKE ANOTHER SHEET OF PAPER, POSSIBLY SOME-THING FANCY, MAYBE WITH A PATTERN OR WITH MORE OF YOUR DRAWINGS ON IT, AND GLUE-STICK THE BACK OF IT.

STEP 4 - OPTION 2 (B) COVER THE STAPLES WITH THE STRIP OF PAPER. MAKE SURE YOU CUT IT TO SIZE BEFORE GLUING IT!

SOME BENEFITS OF THE SIDE-STAPLE:

- YOU'RE NOT RESTRICTED BY FOLDED SIZE. FOLDED IN HALF, EVEN AN 11x17" PRINT CAN ONLY BE 8.5" WIDE, UNLESS YOU EXPECT YOUR READER TO FLIP PAGES CALENDAR-STYLE. BY SIDE-STAPLING, YOUR ONLY RESTRAINT TO PAGE SIZE IS HOW LARGE YOUR PRINTER WILL PRINT.
- YOU CAN MAKE A THICKER BOOK. HAVE A LOT OF PAGES (MORE THAN 48, SOMETIMES FEWER) AND YOUR READERS WILL PROBABLY WONDER WHY YOUR COMIC DOESN'T SIMPLY HAVE A **SPINE**. HEAVY DUTY STAPLERS CAN HANDLE 60-80 PAGES. JUST REMEMBER TO SCORE THE PAPER THAT WILL BE COVERING THE SPINE (IF IT'S A HEAVY PAPER STOCK; OTHERWISE, JUST FOLD IT)

EXTRA WIDE - LOAD!
EXAMPLE - A THEORETICAL 17" x 5.5" MINI

MORE TOOLS OF NOTE

SADDLE-STITCH STAPLER
TO CONSIDERABLY SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF STAPLING FOLDED-SPINE MINIS, YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY ONE OF THESE. THEY DON'T COST MUCH MORE THAN A LONG-ARM STAPLER, AND YOU NEVER HAVE TO MEASURE. JUST DROP YOUR MINI ONTO IT WITH THE FOLD PULLED TIGHT ACROSS THE CORNER, AND STAPLE. THE ONLY REAL DRAWBACK TO THIS ONE IS THAT YOU CAN ONLY USE IT FOR FOLDS,

PAPER-CUTTER
TRIMMING IS HOW YOU MAKE YOUR MINIS SPECIAL. YOU CAN SHARPEN THE BLADE BY

KA-CHUNK

4-1

4-2 A

4-2 B

DON'T PRINT HERE!

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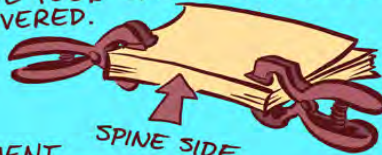
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PERFECT BINDING

CALLED SO **NOT** 'CAUSE IT'S PERFECT, BUT BECAUSE... I DON'T KNOW... IT COMES CLOSE TO 'LOOKING LIKE A FACTORY-ASSEMBLED BOOK? FACTORIES CALL THIS METHOD "PERFECT-BINDING" TOO... HMM...

USE THIS WHEN YOU WANT YOUR MINI-COMIC TO HAVE A SPINE RATHER THAN A FOLD. IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN THIRTY PIECES OF PAPER (SIXTY+ PAGES) THEN THIS IS A VIABLE ASSEMBLY ROUTE.

STEP 1- CLAMP YOUR PAGES NEAR WHERE YOU MEAN TO HAVE YOUR SPINE. TRY TO LEAVE THE SPINE SIDE UNCOVERED.



STEP 2-

TAKE CONTACT CEMENT AND COVER THE SPINE AREA. USE A LITTLE BIT OF PAPER TO SPREAD THE CEMENT.



BE SURE THERE ARE NO UNCOVERED AREAS!

DON'T GET ANY ON THE FRONT AND BACK. IF YOU **DO**, SCRAPE IT OFF QUICKLY WITH YOUR FINGERNAIL. USING A COATED PAPER (LIKE LASER OR COLOR COPY PAPER) WILL KEEP THE CEMENT FROM INSTANTLY SOAKING INTO THE SIDES.

STEP 3-



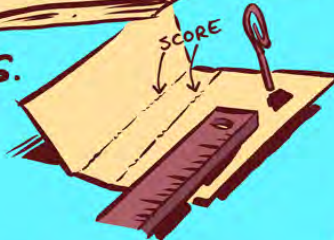
KEEPING THE PAGES TOGETHER, REMOVE THE CLAMPS AND SPREAD/FLEX THE PAPER SO THAT THE GOOP GETS JUST A LITTLE BIT IN BETWEEN THE PAGES.

STEP 4-

STRAIGHTEN THINGS BACK UP, AND PUT A FEW CLAMPS ON THERE.



STEP 6. SCORE THE INSIDE OF THE COVER. FOLD IT!



STEP 8- AFTER BOTH THE BOOK AND COVER ARE TACKY (BUT NOT YET WHOLLY DRY), PUT THEM TOGETHER. WHEN THE 2 SIDES HIT, THE CONTACT CEMENT SHOULD CHEMICALLY BOND. PUSH **FIRMLY** ON SPINE TO SMOOSH IT TOGETHER AND SMOOTH IT OUT. CLAMP IT DOWN AGAIN (AND GIVE IT ANOTHER SMOOSH) **THAT'S IT!** YOU'VE GOT A PERFECT-BOUND MINI!



TOOLS YOU'LL NEED:



PLUMBERS' CONTACT CEMENT (I USE GOOP)



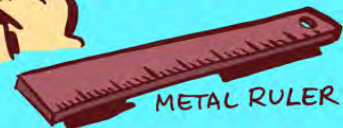
CLAMPS! LOTS OF SIZES ARE GOOD. YOU CAN GET A **HUGE** BAG OF SPRING CLAMPS AT WAL-MART FOR \$5



BLUE PAINTERS' TAPE



BENT PAPERCLIP



METAL RULER

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