



# Intro to zines

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# Mythical Type

Zines inspired by:

- Sci-fi topics
- Conversations with friends and family
- Everyday observations



# Today's workshop

- Brief overview of zines
- Brainstorming activity
- Make a zine!

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**Some background**

# What's a zine?

- From the word "magaz**ine**"
- Self-published booklet
- Often printed in small batches (DIY)
- Self-expression on any topic
- Passion over profit

# What goes in a zine?

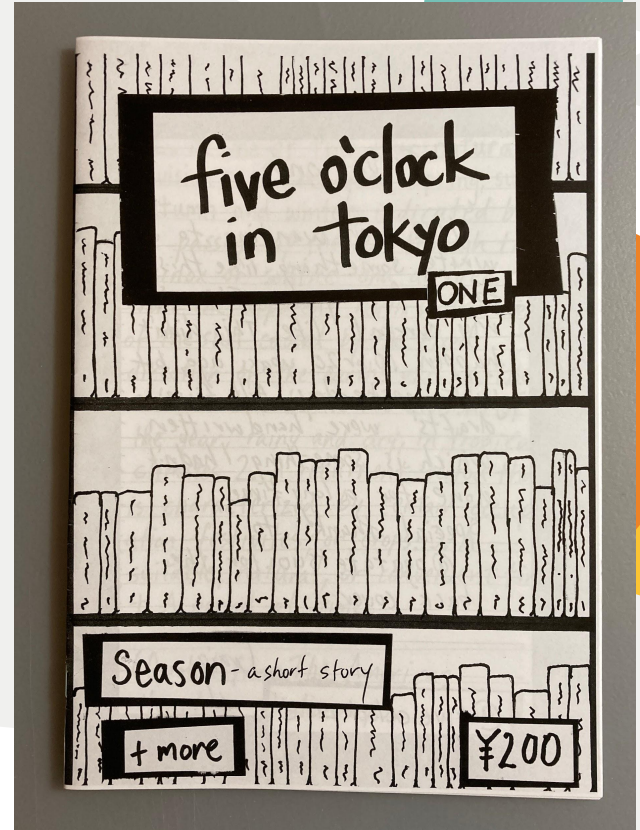
Anything that can be printed!

- Personal experiences
- Poetry
- Reviews
- Fiction
- Drawings
- Photography
- Collages
- Comics

# Common zine sizes

**Half page:** Sheets of paper folded in half to make a booklet.

One zine page = half the sheet of paper.



@fiveoclockzine

# Common zine sizes

**Quarter page:** Sheets of paper cut in half and then folded in half to form a booklet.

One zine page = one fourth/quarter sheet of paper.



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# Common zine sizes

**Mini:** Anything smaller than a quarter-page zine.

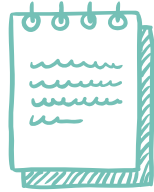
An 8-page mini zine is folded from one sheet of paper.



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# Brainstorming



# Using lists

to generate ideas for zines

# Lists at different depths

**Broad idea**

**More specific**

**Even more specific**

# List examples

**Favorite music  
genre**

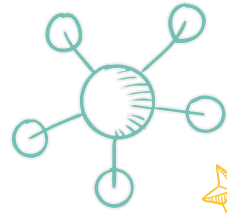
**Songs you love  
listening to**

**Playlist for a road trip**

**Favorite foods**

**Favorite recipes**

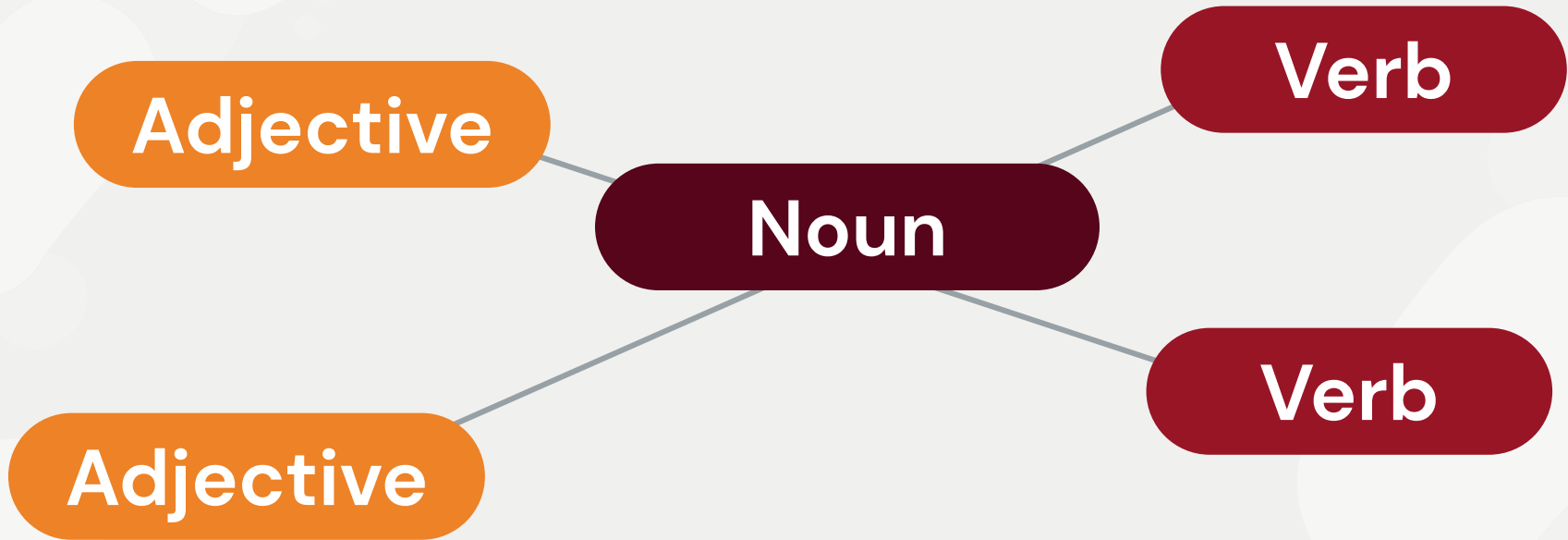
**Favorite holiday  
recipes**



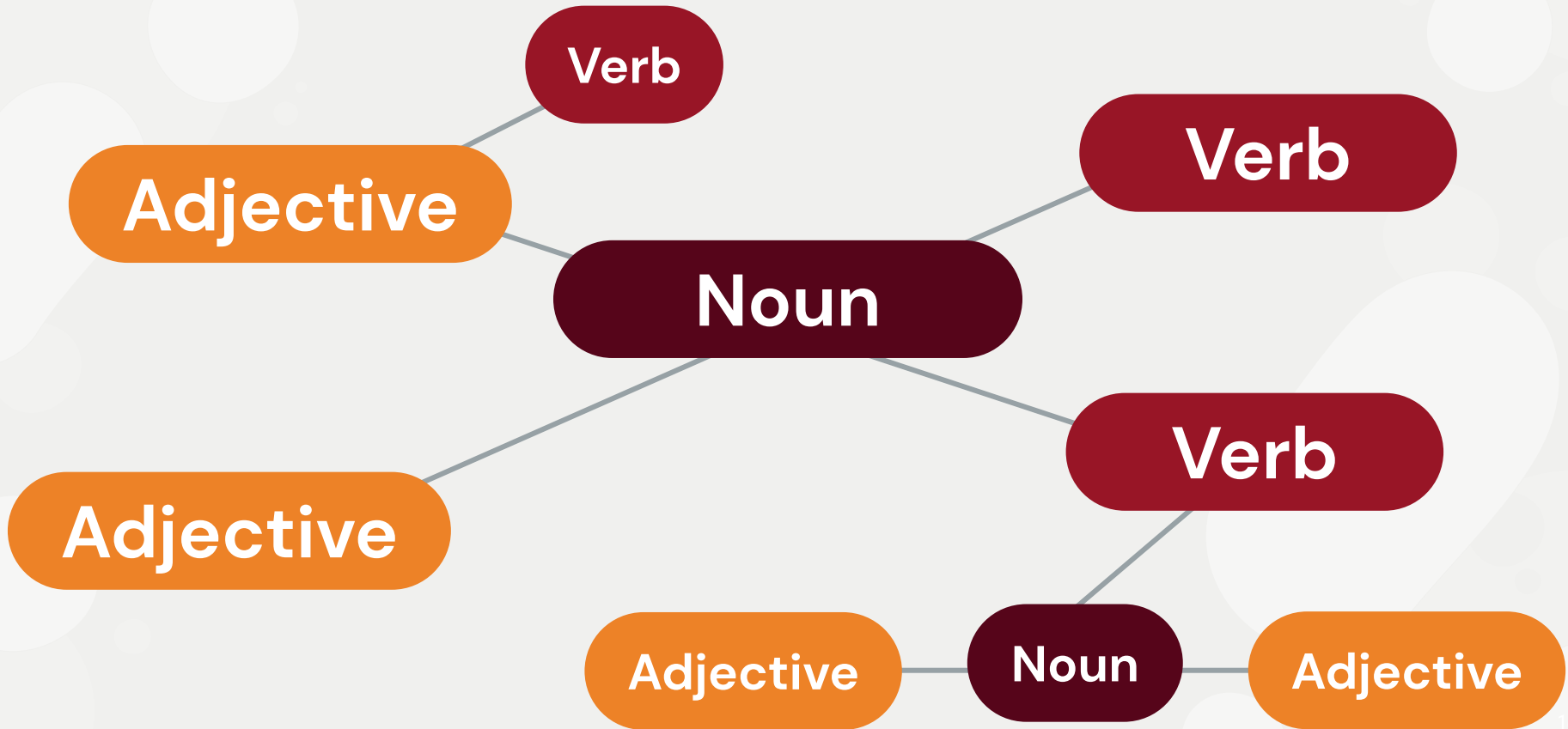
# Using word webs

to generate ideas for zines

# Sample web structure



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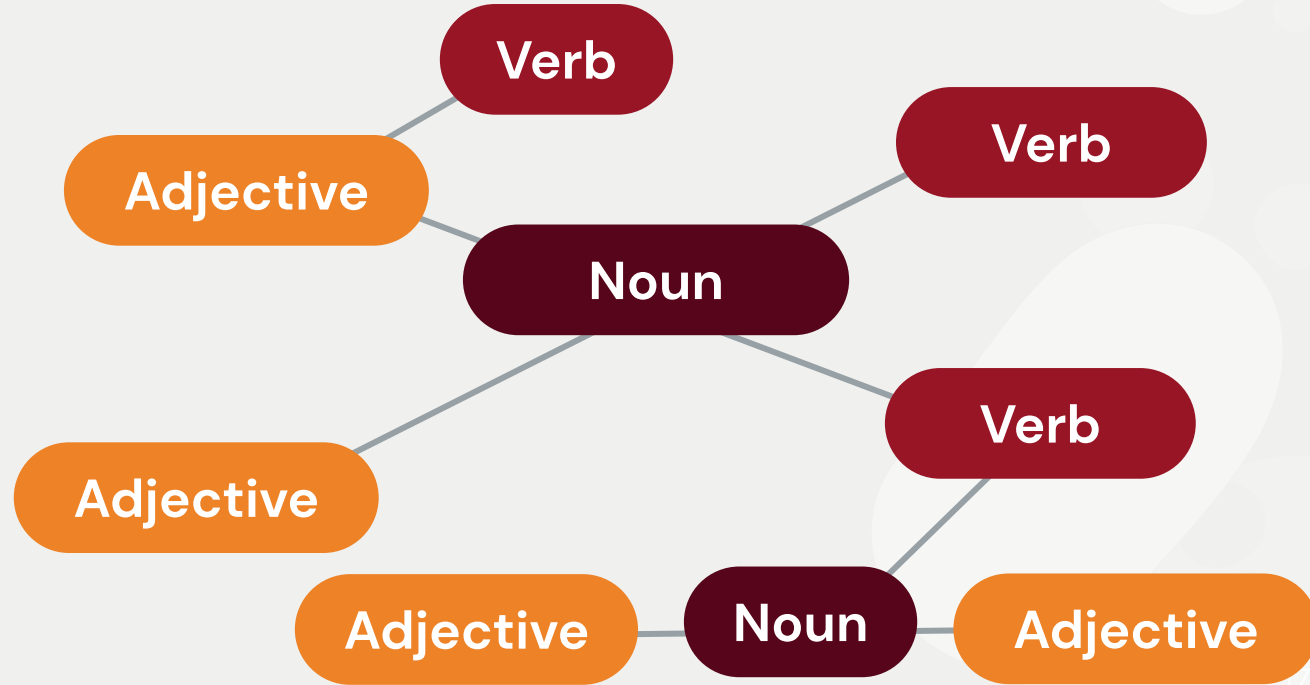


# Let's brainstorm!

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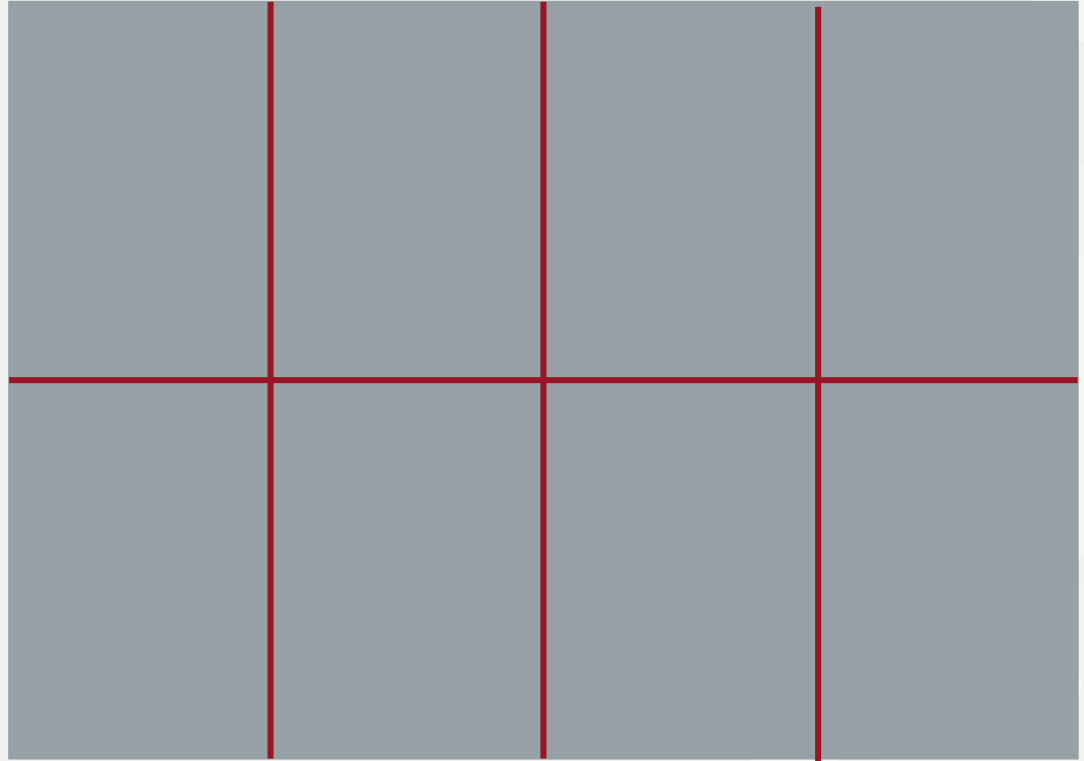




**Let's make a zine!**

# Folding an 8-page mini zine

1. Fold the paper in half vertically and horizontally.
2. With the paper folded in half (hamburger style), fold each flap back to the crease.
3. Unfold back to hamburger style.

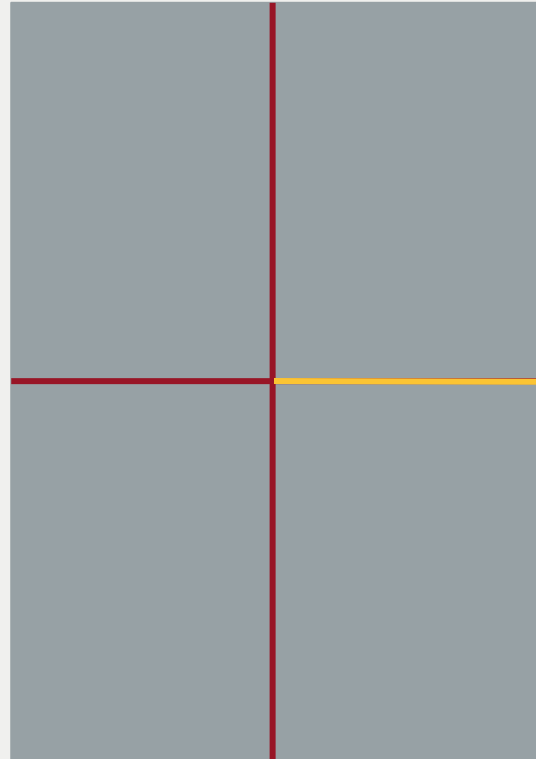


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4. Use scissors to cut from the crease side, halfway across.

5. Unfold and fold back to vertical (hot dog style).

Open flaps



Crease side

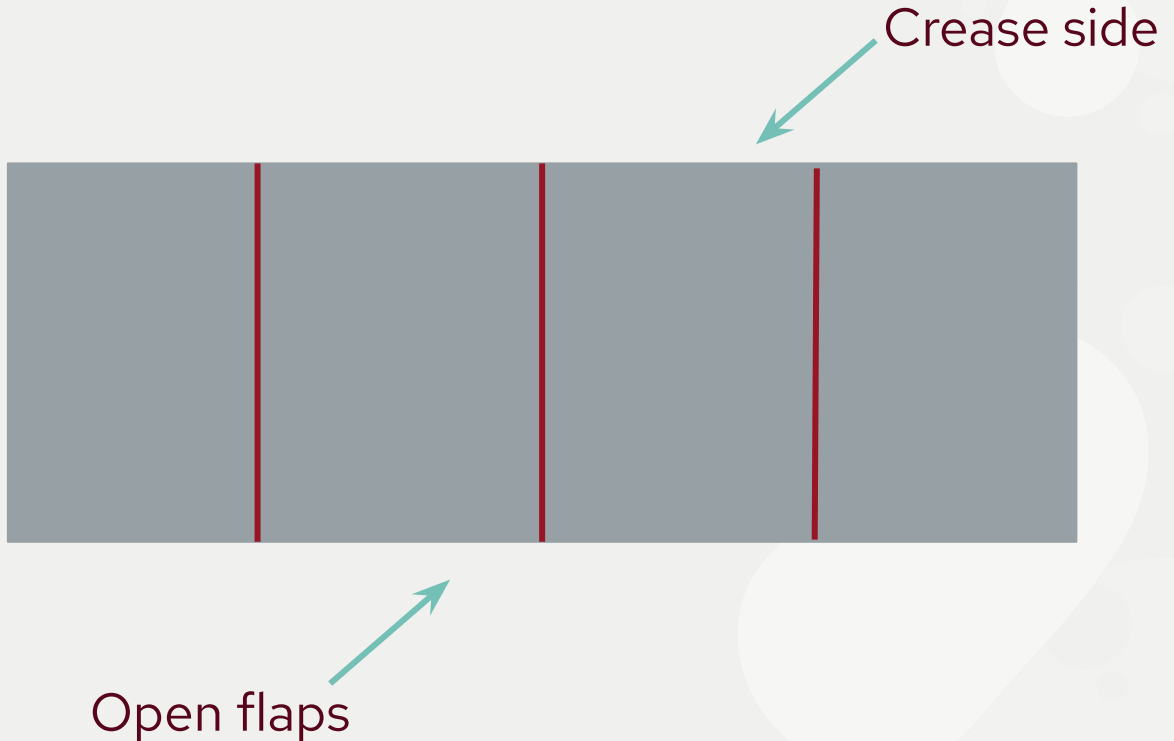


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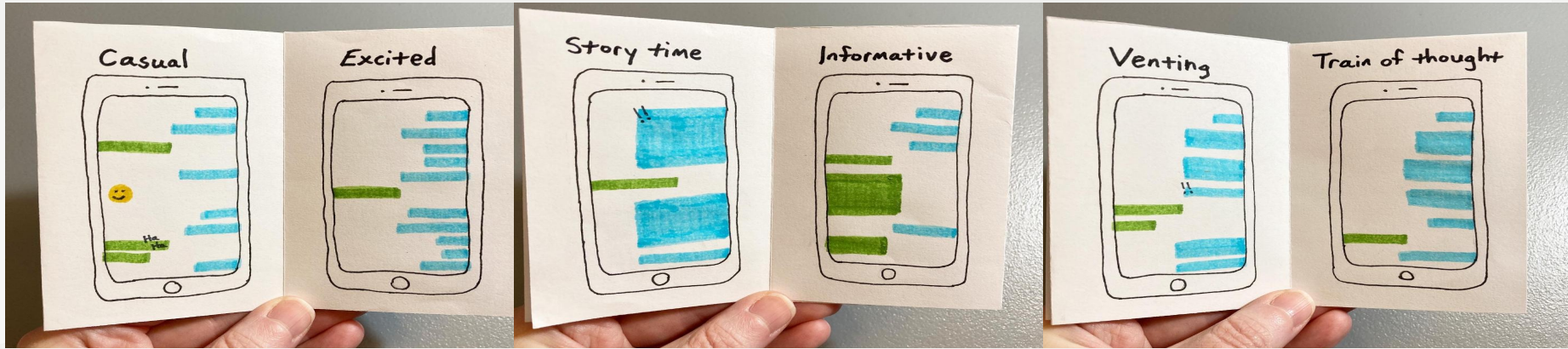
6. Hold the paper with the crease side at the top.

7. Push from the sides, so that the middle panels push out.

8. Fold the middle panels to create a booklet.



# Time to make a zine!



If you post your zine to Instagram, please tag me (@kali.kambo) and @lancasterzinefest (and use hashtags: #lancasterzinefest, #lzf).

We'd love to see your work!

# Thanks!

Thank you for coming to this workshop!

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