



Zine

So then, what is a zine?

A zine (pronounced *zeen*) is an independently or self-published booklet, often created by physically cutting and gluing text and images together onto a master flat for photocopying. It is also common to produce the master by typing and formatting pages on a computer. The publication is usually folded and stapled.

Historically, zines have been around since 1776 when Thomas Paine self-published *Common Sense* and used it as an **instrument in promoting the ideas** that contributed to the U.S. War for Independence...(Hamilton) A perfect example to demonstrate the free spirit of zine culture

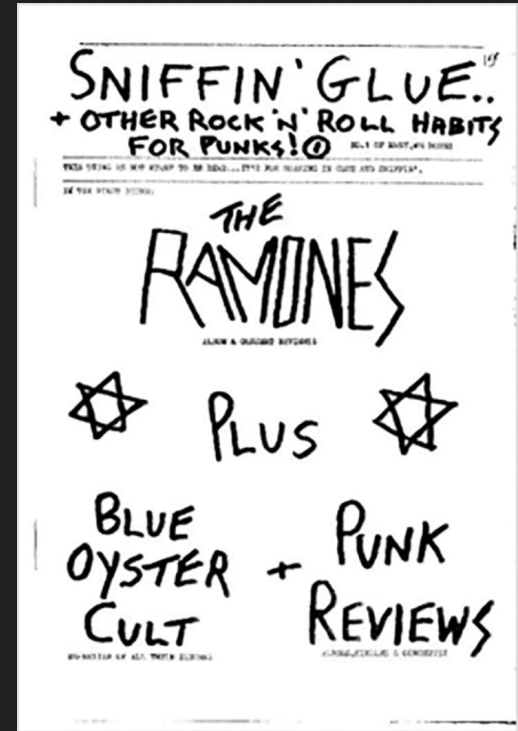
Fanzine

Zine comes from *fanzine* which is a term that generally describes a small-circulation science fiction publication. Fanzines first appeared in the late 1920s.

Zines were used to **promote punk music in the 1970s, a time when this type of music received very little interest from the larger press music.** This phenomenon spawned a new interest in self-publishing.

There are many bold, funny and beautifully designed zines out there.

Some zines became so popular and turned into regular publications.



Zines are in no way, mainstream. This type of publication is **nonconformist**, just like their authors. There are a lot of ways to create a zine and there are no written rules. You can go wild with your content and images as zines have more of a **DIY inspired look**.



So not Mainstream

Also, when it comes to publishing zines, things are a lot different than publishing magazines. This is because zines are not mainstream, While magazines are often produced by publishing companies, zines are self-published for a small circulation, distributed through mail order and word of mouth.



Magazines may be focusing on selling advertising space and making a profit, whilst zines are mainly created for spreading bold, strong, **revolutionary ideas**.

zinesters

People who create zines [“zinesters”] are likely to be more motivated by self-expression and artistic passion than they are by profit: zines are usually inexpensive and sometimes distributed for free or in trade for other zines, goods, and services.

Zines can touch on a variety of topics from music and art, to politics, sexuality, humor and personal memoir. Their content may be written, drawn, printed, collaged, or any other form of combining words and imagery—a zine’s structure may be narrative, journalistic, comic-like, or completely abstract.

Zine culture has made its comeback in the recent years, due rise of individual expression in

Noun. **zinester** (plural zinesters) One who compiles and publishes a zine.

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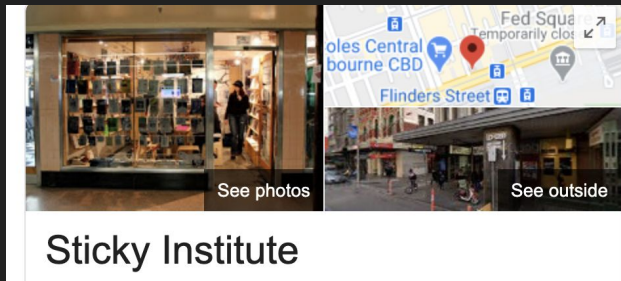
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Melbourne's zine scene

Melbourne has its own zine creation and distribution space- Called Sticky institute!

Hidden in the underground tunnels between Flinders Station and Elizabeth street.

<https://www.stickyinstitute.com/>



Most accurate History

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/88911/brief-history-zines>

Great read- and explanation of how, why and when the Zine began!

Handy how to guide-

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/d3jxyj/how-to-make-a-zine-vgtl

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How to fold a zine, with Mrs. Scott

