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Sweet and Sour focuses on providing a voice for Asian-Australians. Sweet and Sour is a team of artists and writers of the Asian community who are connected by their shared cultural experiences. Being Asian today in Australia is not easy. Sweet and Sour hopes to share these thoughts and experiences in creative ways with the community.

Active members in Sweet and Sour include Aleya Silva, Aveline Yang, Eleanor Hsu, James Yang, Malcolm Fortaleza, Chin-Jie Melodie Liu, Sydney Farey, Viv Wang and Yvonne Yong.

Yvonne Yong and Chin-Jie Melodie Liu from Sweet and Sour have developed an activity around themes of recording memory, acts of care and celebration. Dive headfirst into DIY techniques in folding and binding to create your zine.

www.sweetandsourzine.com

4A KIDS is a 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art project connecting kids with contemporary Asian and Asian Australian contemporary art, culture and ideas. All activities are commissioned from artists and each 4A KIDS kit has activities for kids ranging from 5-17 (and beyond!) Want more? Visit 4a.com.au

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Sharing Stories with Sweet and Sour

The members at Sweet and Sour love creating, collecting and sharing stories to let readers know about different experiences and ways of living. Sweet and Sour tells these stories through zines.

You can think of zines like a small magazine, but there is a bit more to it than that. Zines are independently published booklets. They are often created by physically cutting and gluing text and images together onto a master sheet, which can be photocopied to create multiple copies.

What is a zine? (To pronounce zine, imagine you're saying the second half of 'magazine' or *zeen*)

What's your favourite story? Why do you share stories?

Zines were first created by people who wanted to share stories about what they love. These people wanted their stories to be set apart from existing media. A distinguishing feature about zines is that they are printed in small batches and self-published. You can put almost anything you want in your zine.



Accessibility and sharing are important aspects to consider when creating your stories. It's more fun when your stories and experiences can be shared with your loved ones. If you have a printer at home, you can make multiple copies of your story. Share your stories with your loved ones through a zine!



Activity: Make your own zine

with Sweet and Sour

For this activity, we invite you to create your own zine! If you're stuck on what to put into your zine, we've made some prompts:

- Are there any memories you would like to share?
- A story you want to share with your loved ones?
- A new skill you recently learnt
- Favourite recipes or meals
- Your thoughts on something you've recently read or watched



All you need is:

Paper (A4 minimum), Pens and pencils, Scissors

Optional items:

Glue, Magazine Cuttings, Stickers, Washi tape, Markers

STEP 1

Fold your sheet of paper in half along the short edge.



STEP 2

Now fold it in half again along the long edge.



STEP 3

Fold the edges of both ends of the paper to the middle line.

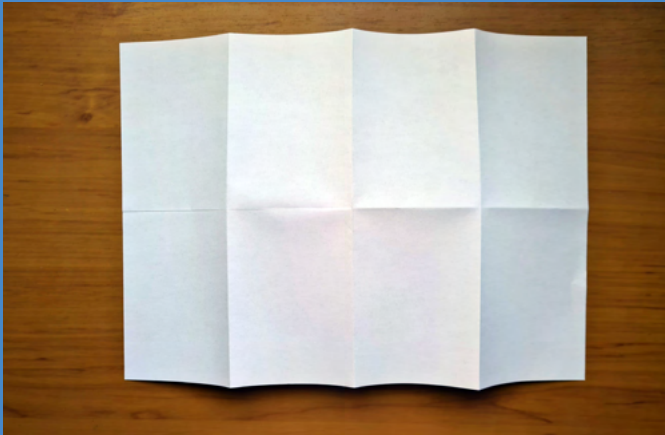


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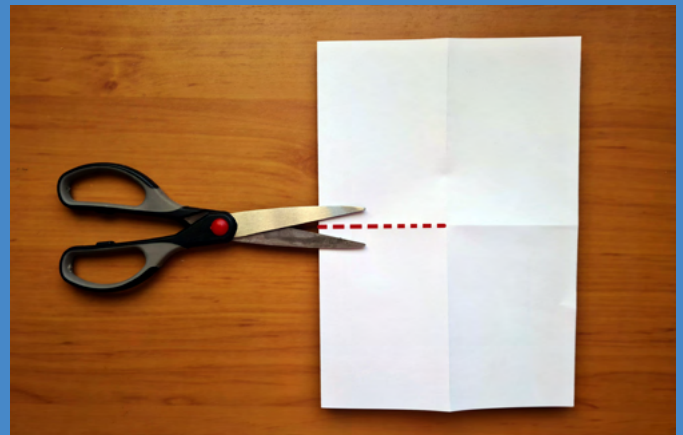
STEP 4

Fold the paper in half along the long edge again.



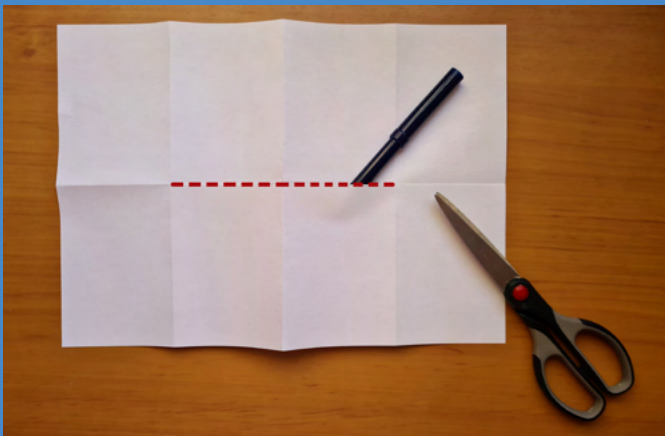
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Cut the folded paper halfway.



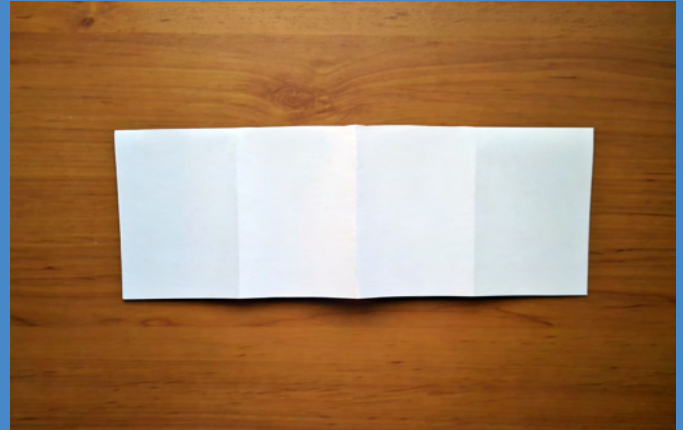
STEP 6

Open the paper back up and it should look like this.



STEP 7

Fold the paper in half along the short edge again.



STEP 8

Push both ends of the folded paper towards the middle to create a diamond shape when looking at it from above.



**Ask an adult
to help with
cutting!**

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STEP 9

Your paper should now look like this from above.



STEP 10

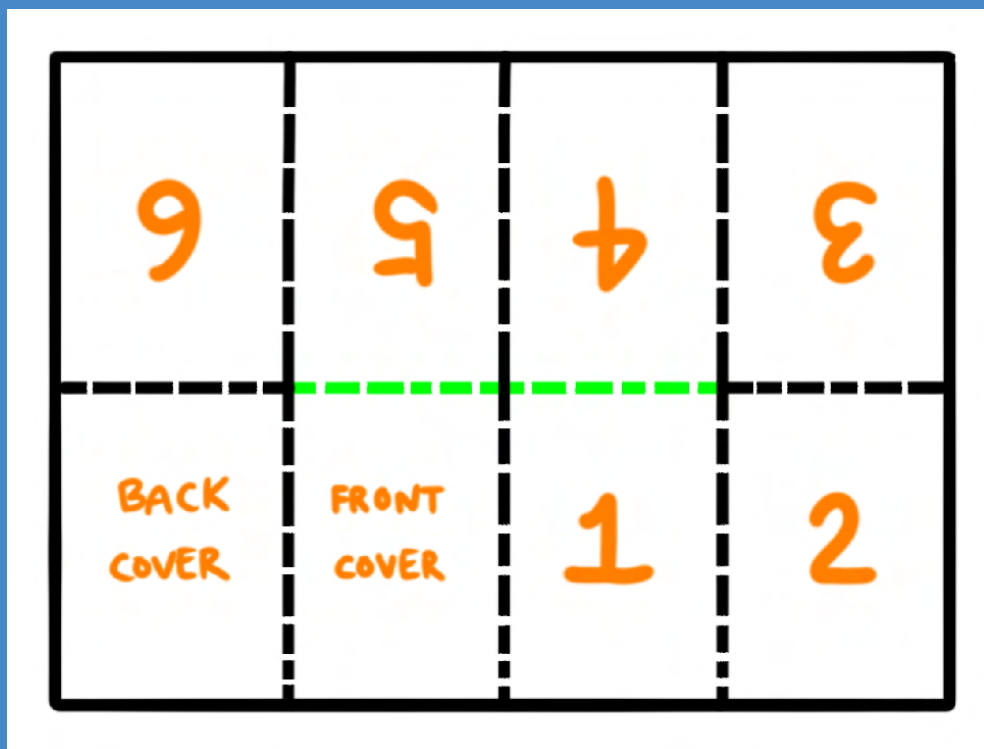
Fold the sections together in a circular motion to create your zine!



STEP 11

It's time to get creative with your zine!

Open your paper back up and you should see 8 rectangles. Follow the numbers on the chart, your zine will have 6 pages on the inside, and 2 pages for the front and back cover. See below as an example.



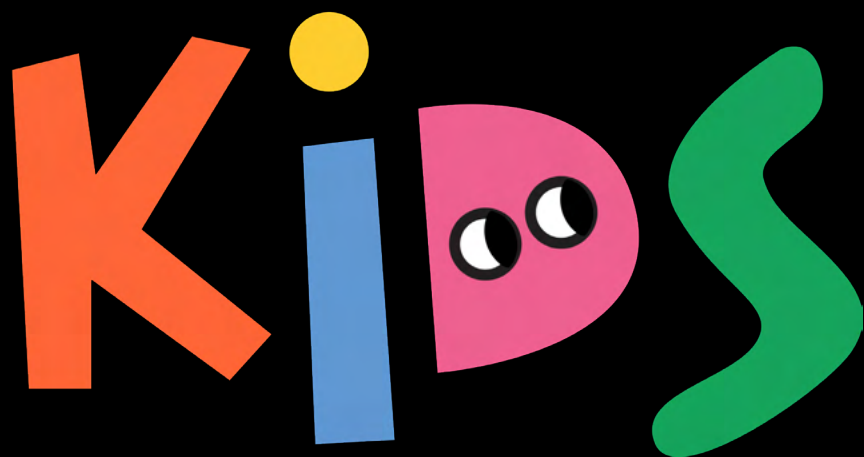
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You will end up with something that looks a little like this!



Create copies of your zine to share by photocopying your sheet after you have finished your design. Repeat steps 1 to 10 to create your zines!



Thanks for having fun with 4A KIDS – see you next time
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