QuaranZines

Let’s Share! Zines are short magazines. Even though they’re small, they contain big ideas. You could fill yours with plant sketches, crossword puzzles, a comic strip, collages, or poems—the content is up to you! All you need to make your own eight-page zine is a piece of paper, some pens, and your imagination.

Materials:

- Piece of paper
- Scissors
- Drawing materials (e.g., pens, colored pencils)
- Newspaper or magazine for collage (optional)
- Copier (optional)

Steps:

1. Fold a piece of paper into eight equal sections. Then, cut a line through the middle as shown in the picture below.
1. To make the book, fold the paper along the horizontal fold, then push the paper together along the cut section to make a plus sign (see right photo). Fold the pages shut.

2. Now you can start writing! Here are some ideas: sketches, a crossword or Sudoku puzzle, poems made from newspaper headlines, fun facts, a comic strip, or jokes. The content is up to you!

3. Share your zine with someone. You can even make copies to share with friends or family!

Caregiver tips:
Ask your learner some questions to get the conversation started about their zine.
- How are zines different from magazines? Who can read and make them?
- What is your favorite part of your zine, and why?

This Zine Making 101 webpage from Scholastic has more zine making tips, plus a template if your learner needs assistance folding their zine.