



WRITE ME A NOTE

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In the pre-cell-phone, pre-Internet days of my youth, notes were the preferred medium of communication in my social circle. A great deal of importance was placed on the handwriting, the embellishments and especially the folds! Unique and interesting ways to fold notes were admired and faithfully copied. "Write me a note!" we would say to our closest friends upon passing in the hallways.

Secretively, we tucked these little pieces of art into our pockets or folders until we could find a moment to carefully unfold them and find out the latest news or rambling thoughts of our peers. My friends and I discussed weekend plans, crushes, what to wear to dances and who was dating whom. In these notes, we dispensed advice and analyzed social interactions.

Teenagers today certainly have an easier way to communicate with one another, but texts lack the artistic beauty of a handwritten note, and my guess is that they will be gone and forgotten in the blink of an eye. My sentimental side would not let me toss out these folded artifacts of my adolescence. Seeing the doodles, the stickers and the intricate shapes takes me on a trip down memory lane, and I feel grateful that so many of my fond memories have been preserved in the folds of a simple piece of paper.

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A TABLE LEVELER (CO-MIX) AND COMIC FOLDIES

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I have fidgety fingers. On the bus I'm playing with my transfer, rolling and folding it over and over. At work I'm abstractly folding scrap paper while I'm on the phone all day. In my artistic practice I draw abstract comics and create novel ways of packaging my art. Economy of use of material is often at the heart of my projects. How can I transform a single or half sheet of paper into something a bit more sculptural?

These two projects, Co-Mix and Comic Foldies make use of this stream of unfolding consciousness. Co-Mix is really a table leveler—a piece of paper folded over and over to create bulk to put under an uneven table leg—that happens to have comics printed on it. Comic Foldies are meant to be displayed on your desk or bookshelf as tiny sculptures. The shapes are dictated by the individual comics. There is a flickerball game, a puzzle, books and forms to play with (or fidget with). Each item comes with instructions on how to play with it or display it.

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