Overview

Electric Zine Maker is a free digital art tool that assists in the creation of making zines. The tool includes: a drawing, painting, and smudge interface; the option to import graphics and photos; and a text section with a wide variety of fonts.

How to Download Electric Zine Maker
- Go to https://alienmelon.itch.io/electric-zine-maker and select the pink "Download" button.
- It will ask for a donation. If you'd like to donate, you can do so; if not, proceed to the downloads. Select the option that best suits your device.
- If you are having trouble downloading on your Mac:
    - Open the zip file and move the app itself into your applications folder.
    - Your computer may prevent you from opening it due to being unable to be scan for malware.
    - Navigate to your settings, to security & privacy, and then to the very bottom of that section. "ELECTRIC ZINE MAKER" should have a pop up with a button that asks if you'd like to open it anyway. Click on that button.
- If you are having trouble downloading for Windows:
    - Once the application is downloaded, right-click on the downloaded file and then select Properties. In the General tab, click Unblock, click Apply, and then click OK. This should fix your issue.
- For more difficult fixes, scroll down on the screen where you originally downloaded the software from and navigate to the program assistance you are looking for (either MacOS or Windows).

Walkthrough on How to Create a Zine:
- There are a lot of zine options available In this tool. It is recommended that you click through the options to determine which one you'd most like to create. Once you've chosen a format, you can work on each panel individually by clicking on them.
- Once you've entered a panel, a workspace will be revealed where you can use text, brushes, pencils, sprays, and stamps to create art. You can also import images and edit them with the various tools available.
- After filling out the panels of your desired zine, click the orange/yellow button to save and return to the menu. From here, you can export the zine as a PDF or image, and your zine should be downloaded to your computer and ready for printing!

Tips for Making Zines
- Always watch the "How to Fold" videos, especially for zines that aren't the typical eight-panel fold. They are very helpful and prevent confusion when folding the hard copy of your zine.
- Select the skull and crossbones button on the bottom to use different frameworks to completely change up your drawings and designs.
- If you want the page to have one consistent background color, use the colorfill option to set it to the base color you'd like!
- Be experimental! You may find that the wilder you go, the cooler the product is!