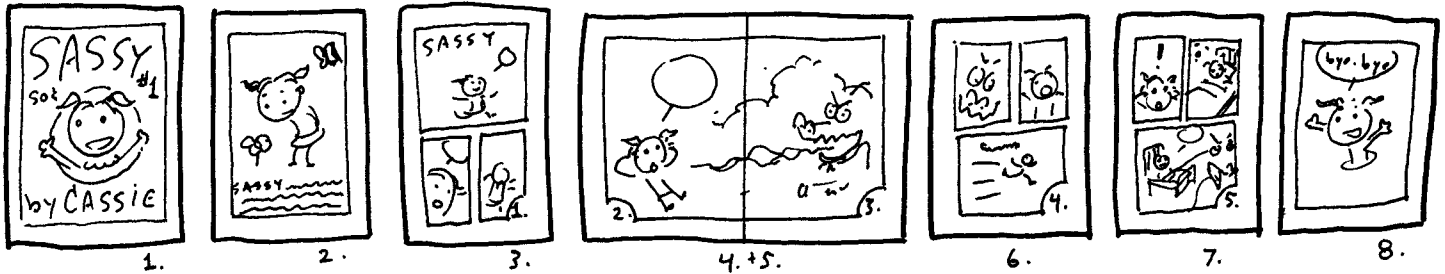


To Make A Minicomic

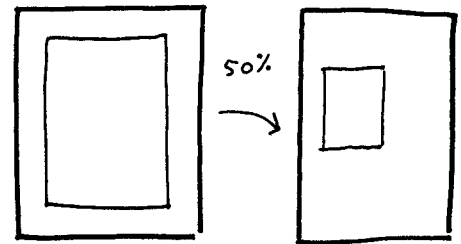
1. Write and draw an eight page comic book in black ink on white 8 1/2"x11" letter paper. Be sure to leave a 1/2" margin on all four sides of your drawing paper. Take care to make all your writing legible and big enough to be read at half its size.



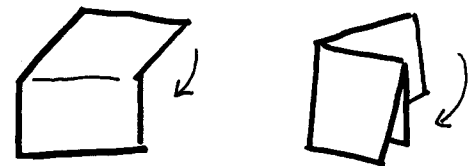
The eight pages include: a Front cover; an Inside Front cover for your copyright notice, publishing information, and maybe a drawing; four pages of comic story (tip: pages 2 and 3 are the “center spread”—you could tape them together to make one big page if you want to); an Inside Back cover for a drawing joke, or fifth story page; and a Back Cover for a logo, fake ad, or another drawing. If your story is 6 or 7 pages long, you could begin the comic on the inside front and/or end it on the back cover, as long as the total of the pages, including the cover, is eight.

On the front cover include the comic’s name, a catchy-looking picture, the issue number, your name, and the price. Fifty cents is a fair price for a minicomic.

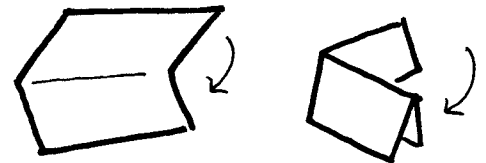
2. On a photocopier, reduce (shrink) your pages to 50% of their original size.



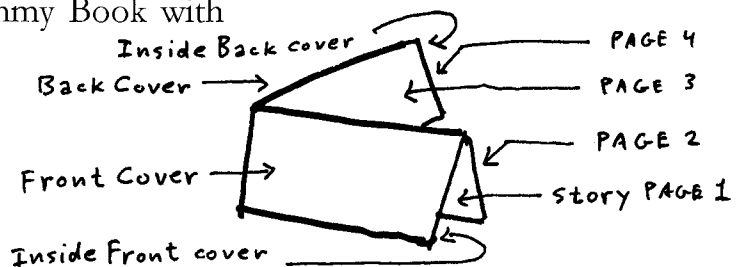
3. Take a blank sheet of letter paper and fold it into a Dummy Book. If your pages were drawn “Portrait” format --taller than wide—fold your paper “hamburger to hamburger”.



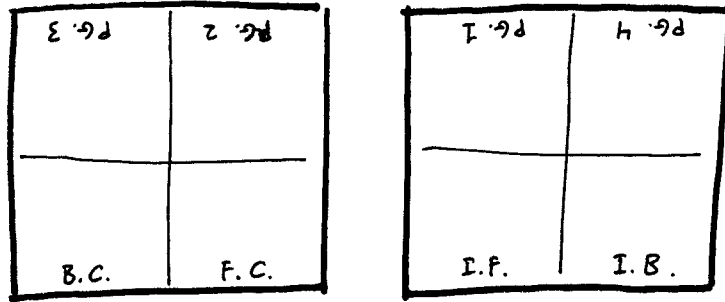
If your pages were drawn “Landscape” format --wider than tall—fold your paper “hot dog” to “hamburger”.



4. Using pencil, carefully mark your Dummy Book with page numbers.



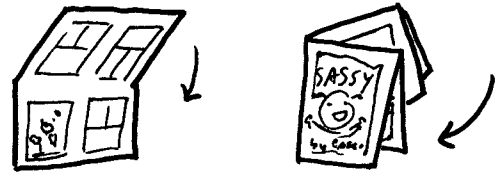
When you unfold the paper, the two sides should look like this:



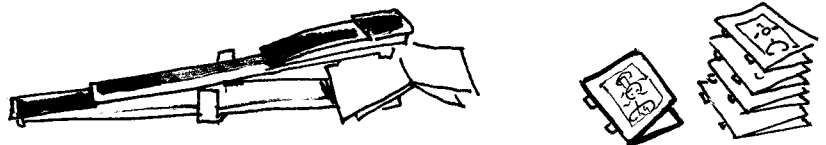
5. Cut out your reduced comic pages and “paste” them, using clear glue stick or removable double-coated tape, onto your Dummy Book. Center the reductions on their sections as best you can, to avoid having artwork cut off during the printing or assembly process. Paste each page exactly where the dummy book says, facing the same direction as the page numbers. Your Dummy Book is now your “Printing Master.”

6. On a photocopier, print as many two-sided copies of your Printing Master as you want (10 or 20 might be good). Try using colored paper to make it nicer. Always make a test copy and check it carefully before you print the entire set! Don’t be afraid to ask for help.

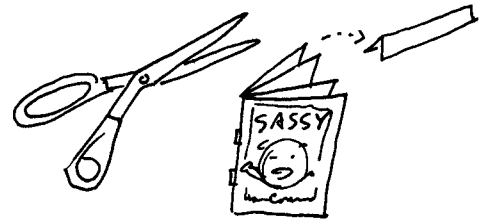
7. Fold each copy so that the cover faces out, the same way that you folded your dummy book.



8. Using a long arm stapler, open each copy and staple the center fold.



9. Using scissors or a paper cutter, trim off the top 1/8.”



10. Sell a copy to your friend for fifty cents. Congratulations! You are now a PROFESSIONAL comic book publisher!

