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custom catalogue

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excuse me,
have we met before?
I used to be someone's scrap
their single-use coffee cup
unwanted, disposable,
consumed.

badly made books
tape-bound paperbacks
& reusable notebooks
are designed and made in Ireland
by hand and machine
and printed with restraint
on recycled paper
with minimal waste.

b a d l y m a d e b o o k s
...are rubbish

designed & made in Ireland from recycled paper
for a world of good, and bad, ideas

badly made books is a book workshop & print studio in
Togher, Co. Cork that specialises in high quality / low impact
notebooks & diaries by using recycled & post-consumer
waste materials.

Our books are designed for the future through durability,
usability & sustainability.





made local, from recycled paper
with minimal waste

As both consumers and producers we have to take strides to lower our environmental impact. We can do this by shortening supply chains, using materials that have already had at least one use and to ensure as much as possible that our own waste can be further utilised. At badly made books we see these challenges as interesting problems to be solved and it motivates how we operate and expresses itself in different ways.

printing with restraint

We love art, photography, print and pictures and we know that you know love them too but we must acknowledge the waste that is inherent to all printing methods. With older methods the waste is often in plates, screens and the sheer volume of solvents needed to clean up afterwards but with modern digital printers the waste is seen in the consumption of single-use ink cartridges.

Our solution is to use ink with restraint - the less the better - so we choose to work with images and styles that have a high quantity of negative space between the elements or in the case of photography we choose images that can be blended with the paper texture to create a minimal ink solution.

Our favourite method for reducing the impact of print is embossing where we press the print into the paper without using any ink at all as seen in our Nude collection.

Seasonal Foraging - Hedgerow
It's one of life's great pleasures to identify, pick and eat food from the wild. Throughout the year our hedgerows are bursting with growth, much of it edible and some truly delicious. It can be intimidating getting started with foraging but in reality many of us are more familiar with edible plants than we might think. This print is designed to remind the forager of the seasonal staples in the hedgerows: nettle, dandelion, blackberry and elderflower - plants we know intimately and yet maybe don't find the time to gather or notice. This is a great starting point for anyone new to wild food or, equally, a welcome keepsake for the seasoned forager.
Native Circles are a set of simple illustrations that create space for nature connection and self reflection in our living space. Think of them as a field guide to a simpler life more connected with the wonder of the natural world. Prints are from original pen drawings by artist Emily Robyn Archer. Art Print available mounted on Birchwood Circle or as limited Edition on Hammered Paper.
www.nativecirclesart.ie





~ custom print ~

Whether for retail, event, promotion, merchandising or corporate gifting we can create a low-impact custom solution to suit your needs.

Submit a design or just send us the elements required - logo, artwork, text & web address - to get started.

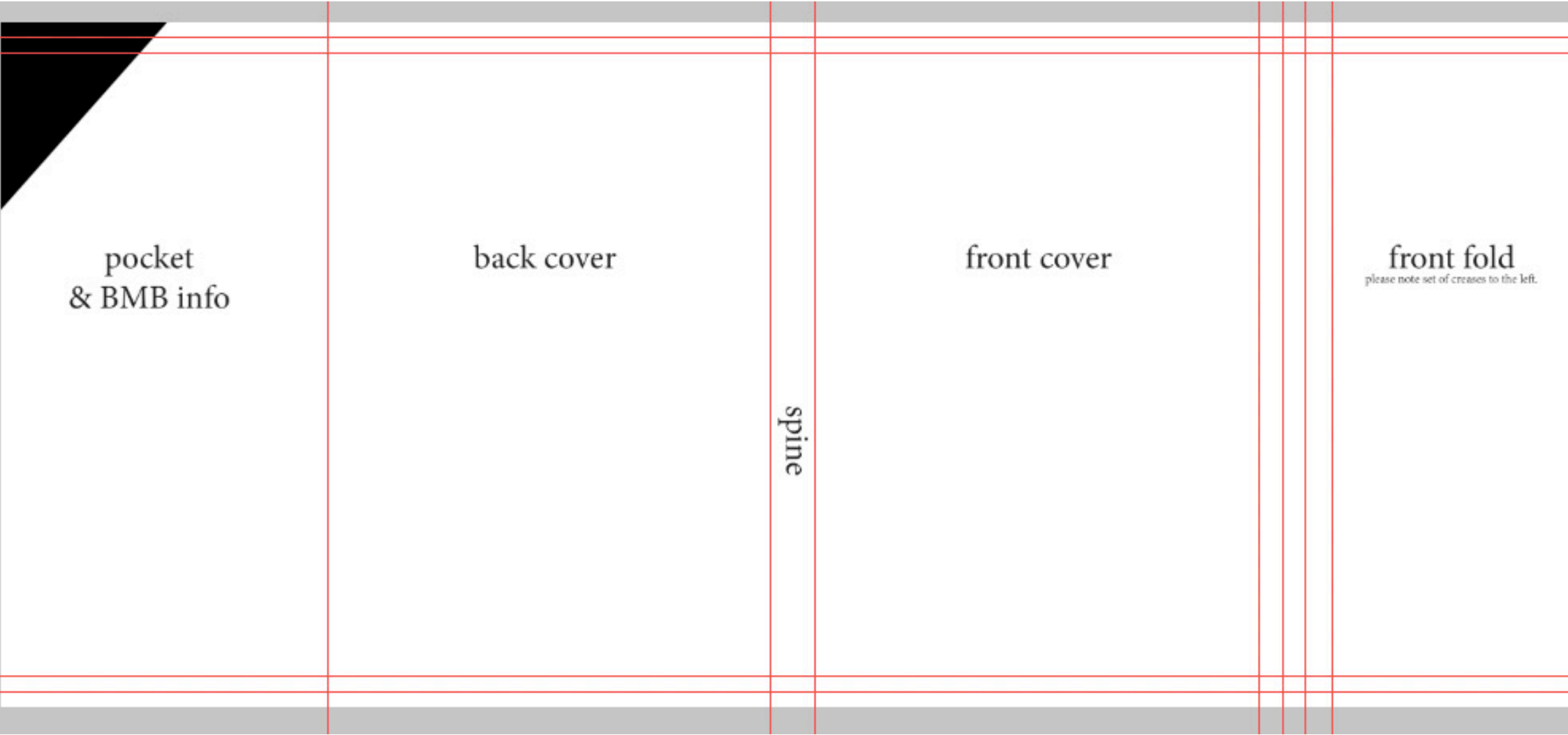
Blank, lines, dots, undated planner & 2025 diary options available.

MOQ -

a5 - 50 copies

a6 - 84 page - 100 copies

~ custom print specifications ~



a5 -
full print - 500 x 220mm
final size - 200 x 140mm
5mm bleed

a6 -
full print - 400 x 150 mm
final size - 140 x 100 mm
5mm bleed

a4* -
full print - 420 x 297 mm
final size - 280 x 200 mm
5mm bleed

***no inner folds**



~ minimal ~

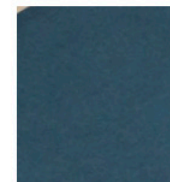
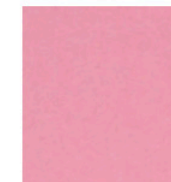
Choose a low impact design or print
in black & white on coloured paper

MOQ -

a4 - 100 copies

a5 - 50 copies

a6 - 56 page - 200 copies



~ emboss ~

subtle, sustainable.

As much as we love print we must also acknowledge the impact that the process has on the environment when we consider that all ink and printing methods have their own unique carbon footprint...

...except for embossing by hand which is our lowest impact product as it uses only paper in its production with only limited branding 'debossed' into the paper.

Up to 5 characters.

One font available. Capital letters, numbers & punctuation only.



wool black



almond



cardboard



cocoa

sizes. a4 & a5

options. blank, lines, dots, nature book

~ copybooks ~



32 page copybooks

Made with recycled kraft board & recycled paper. Risograph printed in fluorescent pink with rice-oil ink

Choose from - blank, lines, dots, nature book, undated planner + grid

Black & white printing only



A4 + A5 options available





the book stick

a lifetime of notebooks

Notebooks are made in the same way that printed books are made - the pages bound together in a fixed order. For printed books this makes perfect sense, the information was purposefully ordered to be read in this manner, changes were only to be made by the author.

At badly made books we know that thinking works differently. Thinking is flexible, chaotic, always changing, rearranging and reorganising. The Book Stick's elastic binding accommodates this allowing us to be imperfect, something Ctrl+Z has offered for years and Filofax offered for a moment in time.

The wooden spine provides the structure needed to store pages together, the elasticated binding holds the pages without locking them in place so new pages can be inserted wherever they are needed, used paper can be removed.

We have designed this product so that standard sized paper can be folded in half and used.

Wool black, wool navy, cocoa & pink options available.

Please note - We are aware that this is a new way of thinking about things and this system will require infrastructure such as refills, replacement covers and threads to be sold and so we advise you to check back at www.badlymade.shop (password - books) for our most up to date catalogue and price list.



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