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wholesale - 2024



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.

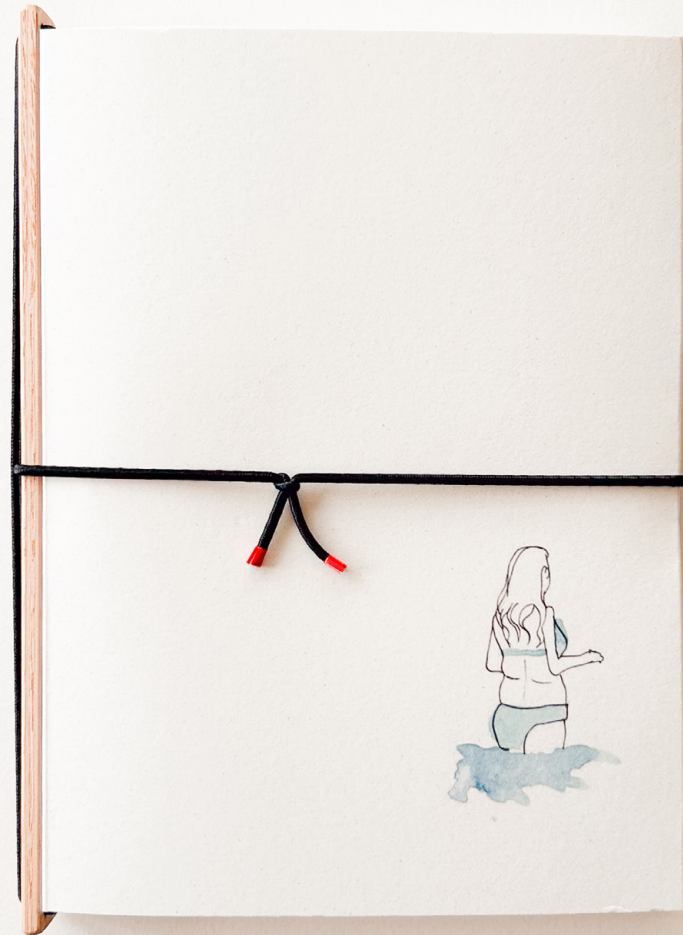
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designed & made in Ireland from recycled paper

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 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 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 plastic 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.



Creativity comes in many forms but always has one thing in common - notes. Ideas have to start somewhere so whether we are writing, drawing, building a business or beginning a personal journey the first step is to work through our thoughts and put ideas down on paper.

a space for your ideas, that shares your ideals

Climate change is a complicated issue, one that requires much thought and plenty of new ideas. We try to keep things simple and our business is based around a sustainable philosophy of:

- making high quality durable products
- making local products for local people
- using recycled materials
- reusability

We made our first books in 2016 and still use the same ethos today. In this catalogue we are proud to introduce a new idea, a reusable notebook made from carpentry waste.





the **book stick**

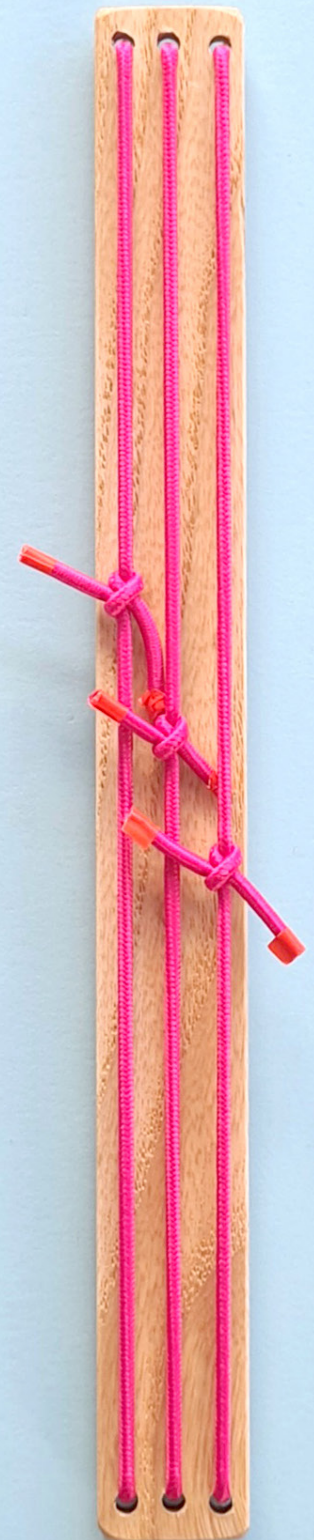
As the conversation around climate change develops so does the conversation around the role that product design and producer responsibility plays. We are becoming increasingly aware that durability and reusability are integral as we move away from single-use products and built-in obsolescence.

In this catalogue we are proud to introduce The Book Stick, a repairable, refillable notebook made from recycled materials - a design that we hope can be any creative's notebook for life.

~ refill ~

~ repair ~

~ rearrange ~





the book stick

a lifetime of notes

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 elasticated binding accommodates and allows 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.





dilly dally daydreams

new watercolour illustrations by Ailsing Gaffney



book stick and paperback A5 versions available



jump in ~ a5 book stick



padding ~ a5 book stick



in & out ~ a5 book stick



ladybugs ~ a5 book stick



paches & pears ~ a5 book stick



brown bread ~ a5 book stick



recipe book ~ a5 book stick



wildflowers ~ a5 book stick

dilly dally daydreams

sea swimming, cooking, flowers & brown bread all feature in this new collection from illustration student Aisling Gaffney. Drawn by hand, coloured by hand, made by hand.

Printed on Favini Citrus - 15% food waste fibres

book stick and paperback A5 versions available





roberts cove. a5



rochestown. a5



castletown. a5



gougane barra. a5



ardmore. a5



wake. a5



upper lake. a5



inchydoney. a5

landscapes

Our landscape collection is designed out of respect for the landscape itself. We recognise the impact of using print methods to show images of the natural world and so we look to convey this landscape using minimal quantities of ink. We're lucky the colour and texture of recycled paper mimics a typically overcast Irish day.

Printed on Context Birch - 100% recycled

A5 & A6 sizes available

Available as lined notebooks, blank notebooks, with dots and 2025 diaries



knockadoon. a5



forgotten location. a5



city sunrise. a5



the lookout. a5



mizen. a5



west cork colours. a5



fastnet. a5



blasket cottage. a5

sea | land | street

This range is collaboration with photographer Matt O'Donovan. Matt's style of imagery perfectly suits our principle of printing with restraint as, like us, he captures our natural and built landscapes on typically Irish, overcast days.

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A5 only

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illustrations by Irish artists

Printed on Favini Corn - 15% food waste fibres



dandies. a5



lemons. a5



flamingos. a5



other seas. a5



gallery. a5

A5 & A6 sizes available

Available as lined notebooks or blank notebooks



BMB originals

Our first range of recycled paperbacks and our most uncomplicated. 112 pages of recycled paper in a coloured paper cover.

80% used coffee cup notepaper
Coloured paper cover - recyclable but not recycled

A5 only

Available as lined notebooks, blank notebooks, dots, undated planners and 2025 diaries



thoughts & ideas. a5



onwards & upwards. a5



get **it done. a5



blah blah blah. a5



made in Cork. a5



you're great. a5



i told you so. a6



thanks. a6



nude

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.

Available in wool black and cardboard this is our lowest impact collection as it uses only paper in its production with only limited branding 'debossed' into the paper.

Custom options available.

sizes. a4 & a5

options. blank, lines, dots, nature book



wool black. a5



cardboard. a5



A4 + A5 options available

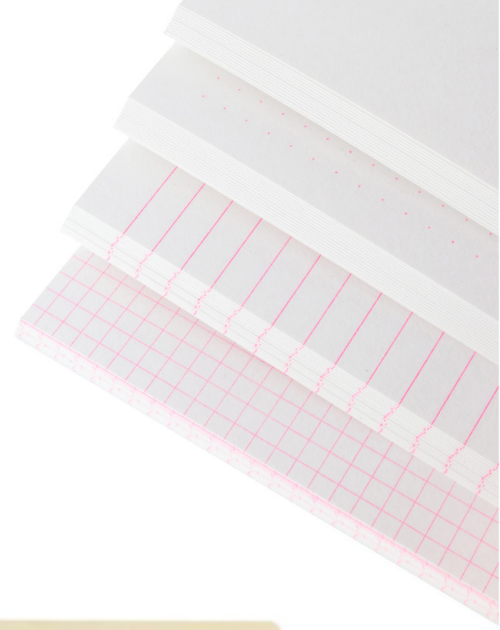
Choose from - blank, lines,
dots, nature book, undated
planner + grid

32 pages

made with recycled kraft board & recycled paper

risograph printed in fluorescent pink with rice-oil ink

copybooks





Each of our recipes can be customised using print or debossing techniques to suit retail, merchandising or corporate gifting needs.

We have experience dealing with a diverse range of clients from artists to large businesses. We work to find creative solutions to reduce the environmental impact of print artwork and branding.

Debossing

max. 5 characters, min. order 12 x A5 books

Custom Print

min. order 50 units A5 or 400€ + VAT.



custom print Custom catalogue available.

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