

# HOW TO MAKE STENCILS

A TOOLKIT FOR ENGAGEMENT



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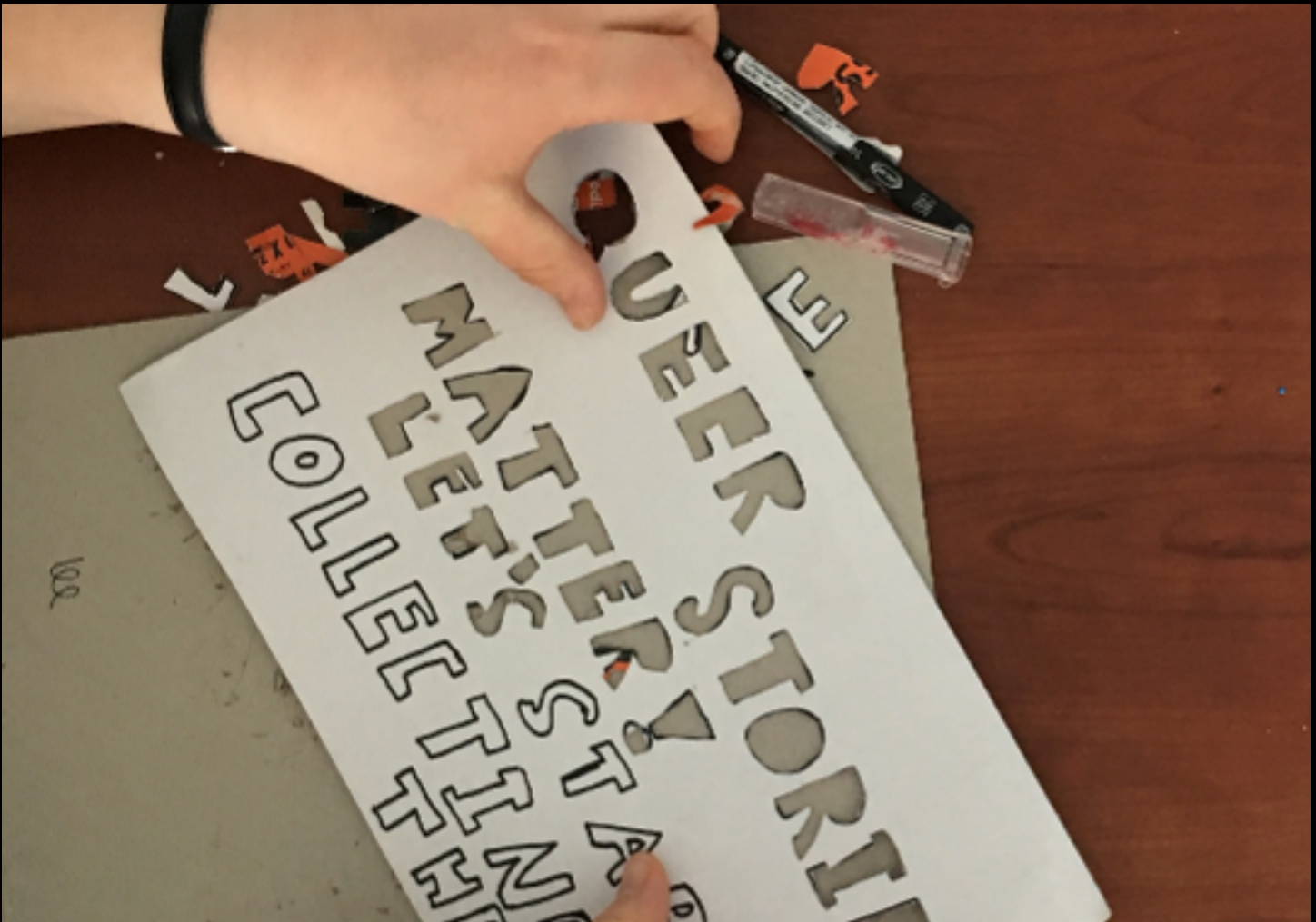
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# WHAT DO YOU NEED?

- **OLD CARDSTOCK OR CARDBOARD:**
  - **Something firm to make the stencil with**
- **AN X-ACTO KNIFE**
- **A STURDY SURFACE TO CUT ON :**
  - **A mat or sketchbook so you won't cut the table**
- **PENCILS & PENS:**
  - **For drawing and drafting**
- **PAINT & MARKERS**
- **SPONGES & PAINT BRUSHES**
- **TAPE**
- **PAPER**





## **STEP 1: BRAINSTORM**

- **THINK OF SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW ABOUT. SOMETHING IMPORTANT. SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE.**
- **E.G. WHAT MATTERS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?**



## **STEP 2: DRAFT & DRAW**

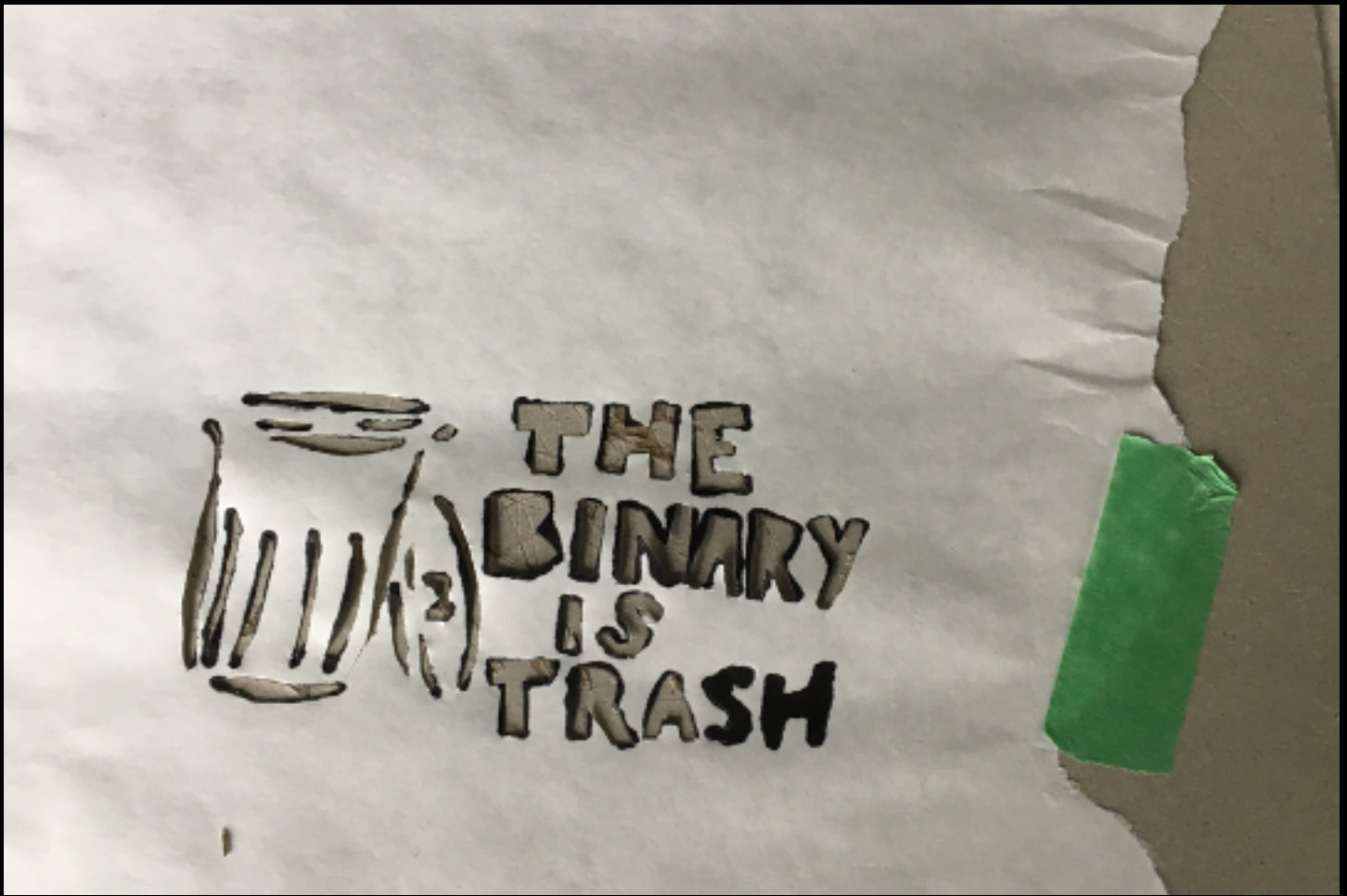
- **DRAFT & DRAW YOUR STENCIL ONTO THE CARDSTOCK OR CARDBOARD.**
- **IT'S OKAY IF YOU MAKE A MISTAKE; YOU CAN CUT OUT/AROUND ANY IMPERFECTIONS.**



## **STEP 3: CUT IT OUT**

- **CAREFULLY USE YOUR X-ACTO KNIFE TO CUT OUT YOUR STENCIL.**
- **REMEMBER TO CUT ON TOP OF A SURFACE (LIKE A MAT OR SKETCHBOOK) SO YOU DON'T CUT UP YOUR DESK OR TABLE.**





## STEP 4: APPLY YOUR STENCIL

- PUT YOUR STENCIL ON THE SURFACE THAT YOU WANT TO APPLY IT TO. USE TAPE SO IT DOESN'T MOVE AROUND.
- USE MARKERS OR PAINT, BUT NOT TOO MUCH OR YOUR IMAGE WILL BLUR. SPONGES > PAINTBRUSHES.
- CAREFULLY REMOVE YOUR STENCIL.



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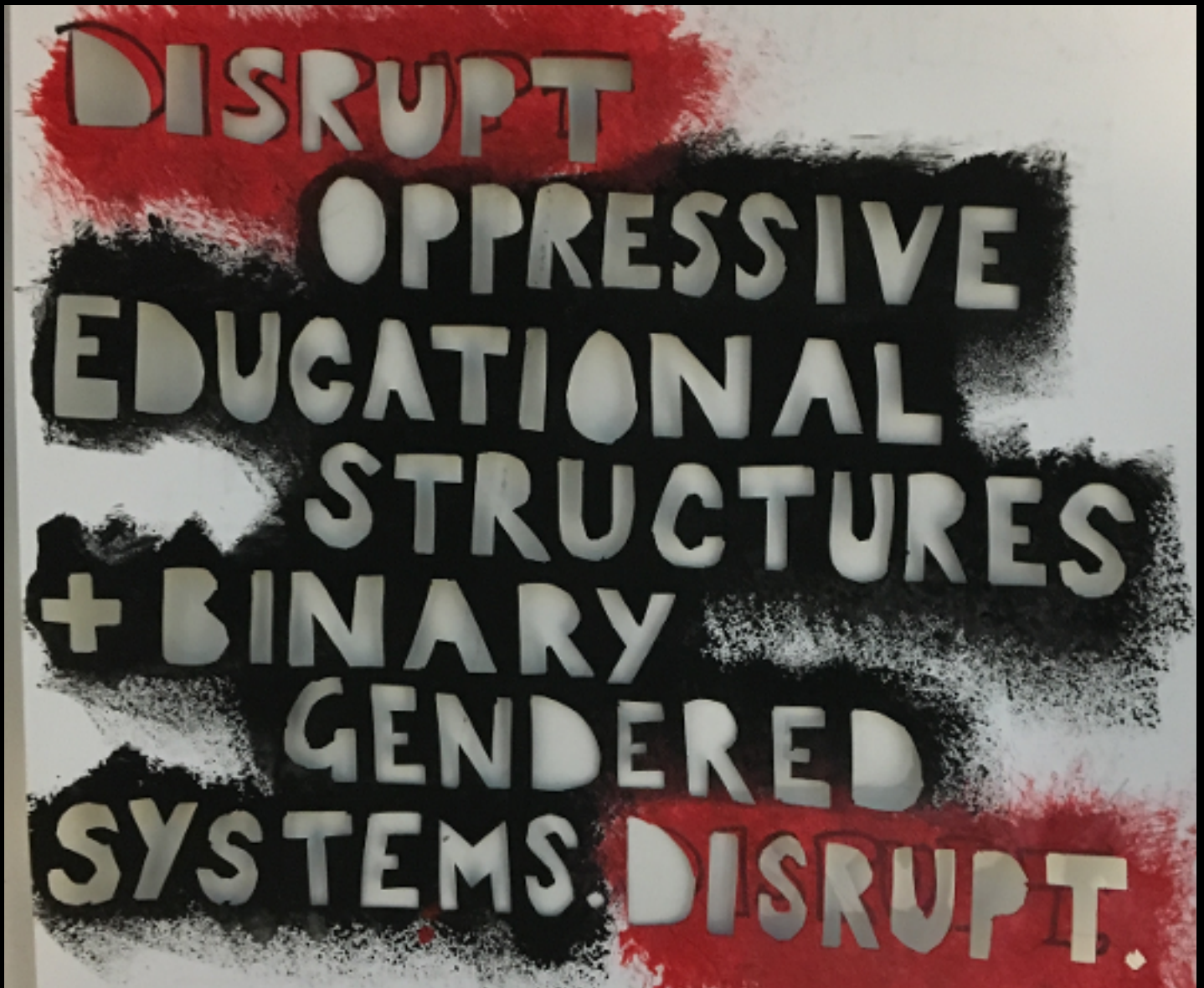
Today, I worked with pre-service teachers & members of the queer community to make #stencils, #zines & #cellphilms about existing & desired representations of #LGBTQ+ #histories & communities within NB #schools.



## STEP 5: SHARE IT!

- HOW MIGHT YOU SHARE YOUR STENCIL? TAKE A PHOTO? PUT IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA? MAKE PHOTOCOPIES? PUT IT IN A ZINE? TEACH SOMEONE ELSE HOW TO MAKE STENCILS?





## STEP 6: DISCUSS IT!

- HOW MIGHT YOUR STENCIL START A CONVERSATION ABOUT SOMETHING THAT MATTERS TO YOU? WHAT CAN YOU LEARN ABOUT A COMMUNITY ISSUE BY MAKING & SHARING STENCILS?

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