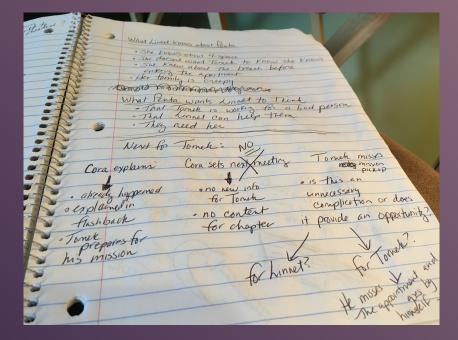
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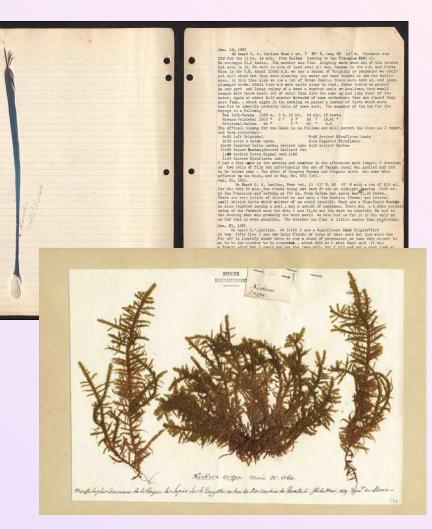
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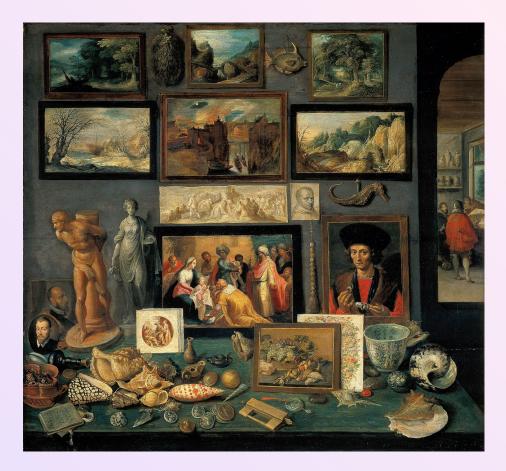
Brief art history...

- Traveler's notebook, field journals, diaries.
- Modern form during 18th-19th centuries.
- European colonial travelling, scientific research, art and archaeology fieldwork.



Brief art history...

• Museum and cabinets of curiosities (c.1600).



Brief art history...

• Also: writer and artist notes.

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Why make journal today?

- Art-making is thinking
- Collecting is creating
- Mapping is valuing
- Collaging is caring



The act of collaging can be a passive and even violent affair the slicing of limbs, the composing of Frankensteinian faces yet queer artists have continually turned to the technique for its ability to recast that violence by rearranging symbols of aggressive hypermasculinity into scenes of same-sex tenderness, providing a rare glimpse into the paradoxical softness of roughness. Central to the queer practice of collage is the construction of new worlds and identities, the outward use of a violent action to protect a vulnerable inner life.

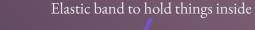
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Make it personal. Make it something you love!

Well-built cover Better if in your fav color and design

Medium or pocket size to carry around

Or a big one to stay on your desk



Good quality paper

Some use cream-colored paper (easier on the eyes)

Some fancy (expensive) ones use archival-quality acid-free paper

Built-in bookmark ribbon is usually helpful

Some have pen holders some don't

The Notebook



Dotted: can help you write or draw in straight lines, while not getting in the way

Most versatile!



Blank: best for drawing, but not so good if you also write a lot.

Lined: NO GOOD for your creativity, unless you only do writing! Save it for work.



The Pages





Fancy traveler notebook: overpriced (personal opinion).

	Cranola -	Watercolor: you need proper paper
	Pentel Touch Pigmace MB Tombow Point Tombow Point	
	TOMUOW FUDENOSUKE	
MILDLII MILDLII Mild highlighters	Calligraphy pens	

Scribing tools: These are just part of the current aesthetics of journal making. Really you can use any material you like, although you may want something portable.



Collaging tools: Again, washi tape and artisan paper are just something for the aesthetics.



Utility: Schedule planning, mindmapping, travel logging, project journaling, thought dumping, news clipping, health tracking, things collecting, pet/plant/child raising...



But don't just make it another productivity tool. Make it about YOU. What do you find interesting? What draws your attention? What catches your feelings?

Whenever I'm unclear on something, I consult my dying self. I imagine an old version of Dandan, lying on her deathbed like a fried egg, oozing wisdom from her soft center.

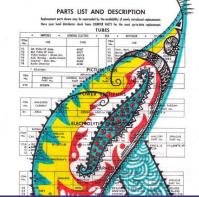


I asked her: if productivity is not serving me, how should I measure my days? Should I even measure them at all?

In between shallow breaths, she said:

Presence.

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Give it a purpose. Give it a style. Start your first page!