

## Today's challenge from Sam Hale

### Comic Book Diary



February 1st was “Hourly Comic Day”: an annual challenge to make an autobiocomic of every hour of the day.

A quick internet search will reveal lots of fantastic examples. Here are a few to get you started:

Good morning! It's #hourlycomicday and I am up! <https://t.co/OU1hc3Vrku>

<https://www.thingsbydan.co.uk/2020/02/squirrel-mode-hourly-comics-2020/>

I'm inviting you to attempt to make work this week in response.

You will need:

- A4 paper or a note book / sketch book.
- A pencil.
- A black pen.

Take two sheets of A4 or a double page in your notebook.

On the left-hand page:

- Begin writing the alphabet, all in capital letters and really big.
- When you get to “F” draw something beginning with F and continue. At “H” again draw something beginning with H instead of writing the letter.
- At “L” make your letters really small.
- At “O” begin making very wobbly letters.
- Letters from “U” onwards should all look like they are made of twigs.

On the right-hand page draw a rectangle, leaving a 5cm border all around.

Divide your rectangle into four boxes, with the top two boxes bigger than the bottom two, like the following example:

<b>Did</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	<b>Saw / Noticed</b> 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
<b>Heard</b>	<b>Draw</b>

Spend:

- Two minutes to write down things you did this week
- Two minutes to write down things you saw or noticed – big or small...
- 30 seconds to write down something that someone said
- 30 seconds to draw something you've seen.
- Circle four nouns and draw them in your margin.
- Circle something in the “noticed” or “did” column which interests you most.

**Finding your Cartoon Self: Small changes make a big difference.**

- Draw a rectangle and divide into six boxes.
- Draw a simple head shape in pencil and add your features – no photographs or mirrors. Do not draw eyebrows yet but leave room for them. Jewellery and glasses help too. You could add a hat / turn yourself into an animal, etc...
- Ink-in your drawing to refine.

- Draw the same image again in the next five boxes.
- Now add eyebrows – making them different in each box.
- Does that make a big difference?

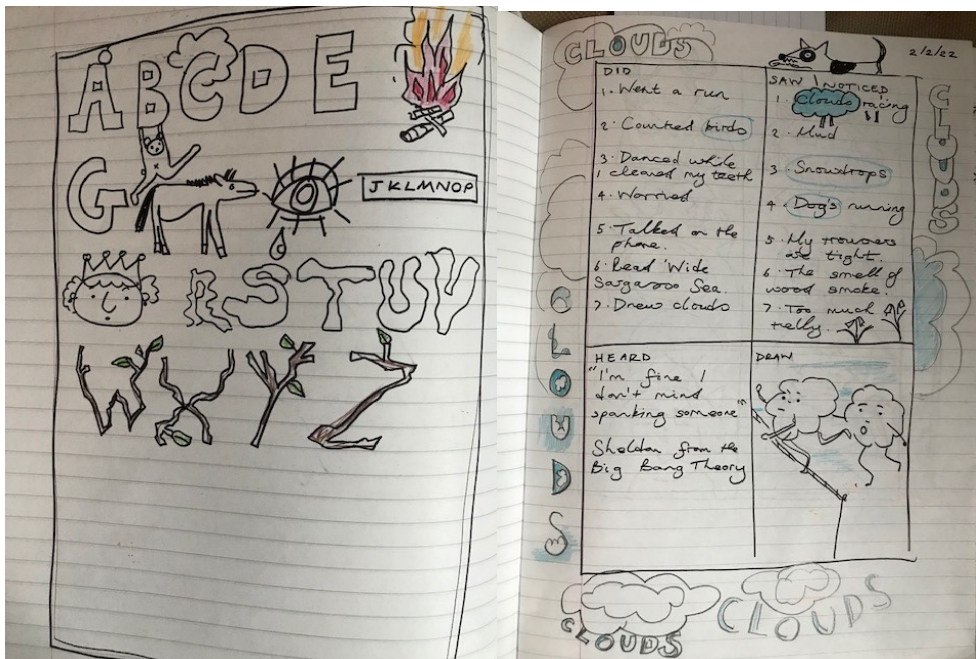
### Making your Comic

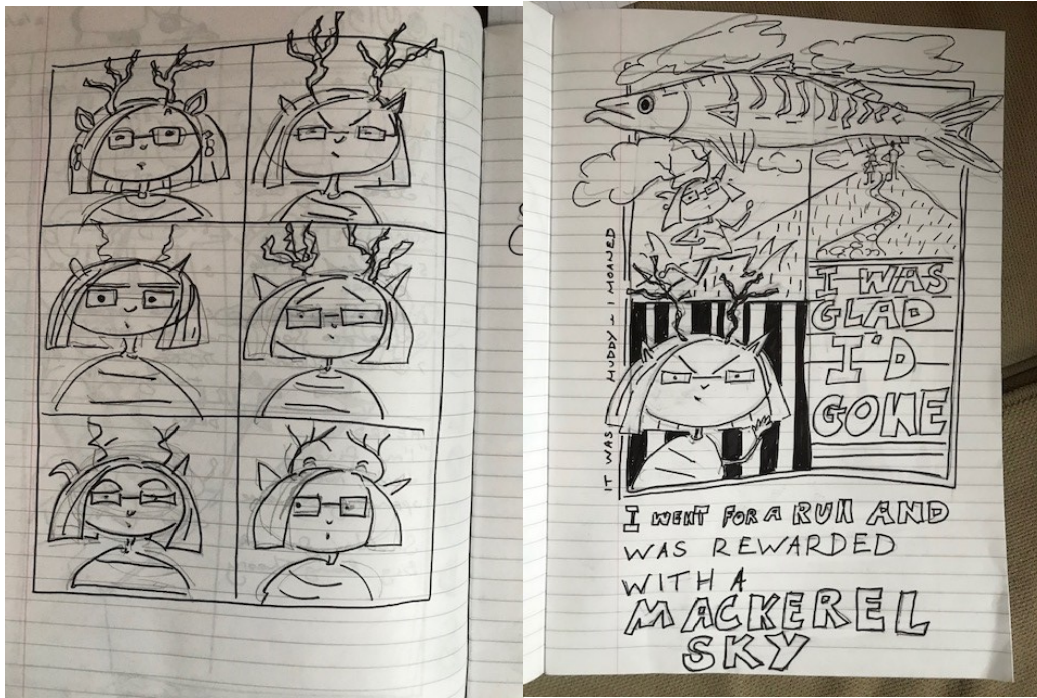
- On a new page draw a rectangle, again leaving a border.
- Divide your shape into four boxes, they can be different sizes.

### Draw your own four-box comic

It should include:

- Yourself.
- A close-up image.
- Text: which can be in the border.
- Feel free to add colour.





I had fun giving it a try.

This comic-strip dates from the nineteenth-century. It was created and published to mark the events of a single day: the visit of Queen Victoria to Wolverhampton in 1866.



*The Queen's Visit to Wolverhampton*

Artist unknown

Print

1866

Wolverhampton Arts and Museums

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