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Thread: [First magazine design/layout design I have done, for my uni module.](#)

fxwleh - February 9, 2018, 1:34 pm

imgur.com/a/NBGwf

if someone could post the link in replies, that would be cool. As I cannot post links... even when trying to showcase designs lol.

The Piggy Bank - February 9, 2018, 1:36 pm

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Looks fine bro. keep up the work.

fxwleh - February 9, 2018, 1:37 pm

(Feb 9, 2018 02:36 PM)The Piggy Bank Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Looks fine bro. keep up the work.

Thanks man, definitely something I can include in my portfolio and something I have found to have interest in :)

Mr. Robot - February 10, 2018, 4:53 am

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You should consider making a layout guide for hacking or something and sell it. Collab with knowledgeable users and make it work.

Komorebi - February 10, 2018, 7:39 am

Amazing job man! It looks professional.

Mister Slyther - February 10, 2018, 8:02 am

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But honestly, because it is your first magazine I do have to give you a solid rating of 7/10, you've done allot better on your first compared to many other firsts I have seen.

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Can you expand on "Most of your texts are using the alignment: left or right, which is okay, but then one paragraph is center aligned? that ruins the consistency."?

[gyazo .com/6703a0b69ae36c6ad03a0142c21b09ce](https://i.gyazo.com/6703a0b69ae36c6ad03a0142c21b09ce)

everything is aligned in columns & grids, the only thing that's different is the stand-first on the far left, which I put there to create more white space.

The lines on the contents page were used to break up each category so it made it more clear and easy to understand rather than text being placed everywhere without a break. I tried without and it looked strange, all the text was just in a line without anything to break it up and make each category clear.

The X on the front cover is for Exeter, which is the city the magazine is issued in, making this magazine stand out compared to others was a big issue (no pun intended) because most magazines seem to follow the same rules of design and nothing stands out any more, so I went for a bit of a creative twist; was worth a shot to make it a little different! :)

thank you though, appreciate the constructive criticism!

SkullTraill - February 10, 2018, 1:09 pm

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Renovatum - February 10, 2018, 1:42 pm

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Thanks mate, means a lot.

Definitely the feel it's meant to have! ? Thank you!

SkullTraill - February 10, 2018, 3:16 pm

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fxwleh - February 11, 2018, 1:44 am

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Post pictures of the printed magazine. I wanna see that fold.

psychedelics - December 5, 2018, 11:23 pm

goodshit keep it up grind :D

Th3Dippo - December 12, 2018, 5:45 pm

looks professional keep going bro

Ziro - December 13, 2018, 2:00 am

This looks really cool, have you considered going into maybe doing this for any magazine companies?

Th3Dippo - December 13, 2018, 5:05 am

Looks fine mate. Keep working on it more

deblunt - December 13, 2018, 6:07 pm

Looks good man. Real clean

loligirl263 - December 15, 2018, 11:31 am

Everything looks really nice. Commendable work for a 1st timer.

CrystalFlare - December 15, 2018, 11:35 am

very impressive indeed looks clean and professional good luck with your future projects, i'm sure they will be good looking as well

jocker111 - January 6, 2019, 2:36 pm

Good job !, look like professional.