

FEBRUARY ALBUM WRITING MONTH

# fawm

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ACTIVITY ZINE



A printable collection of games + puzzles  
to keep you busy while you're waiting  
for January to frikkin' be over...



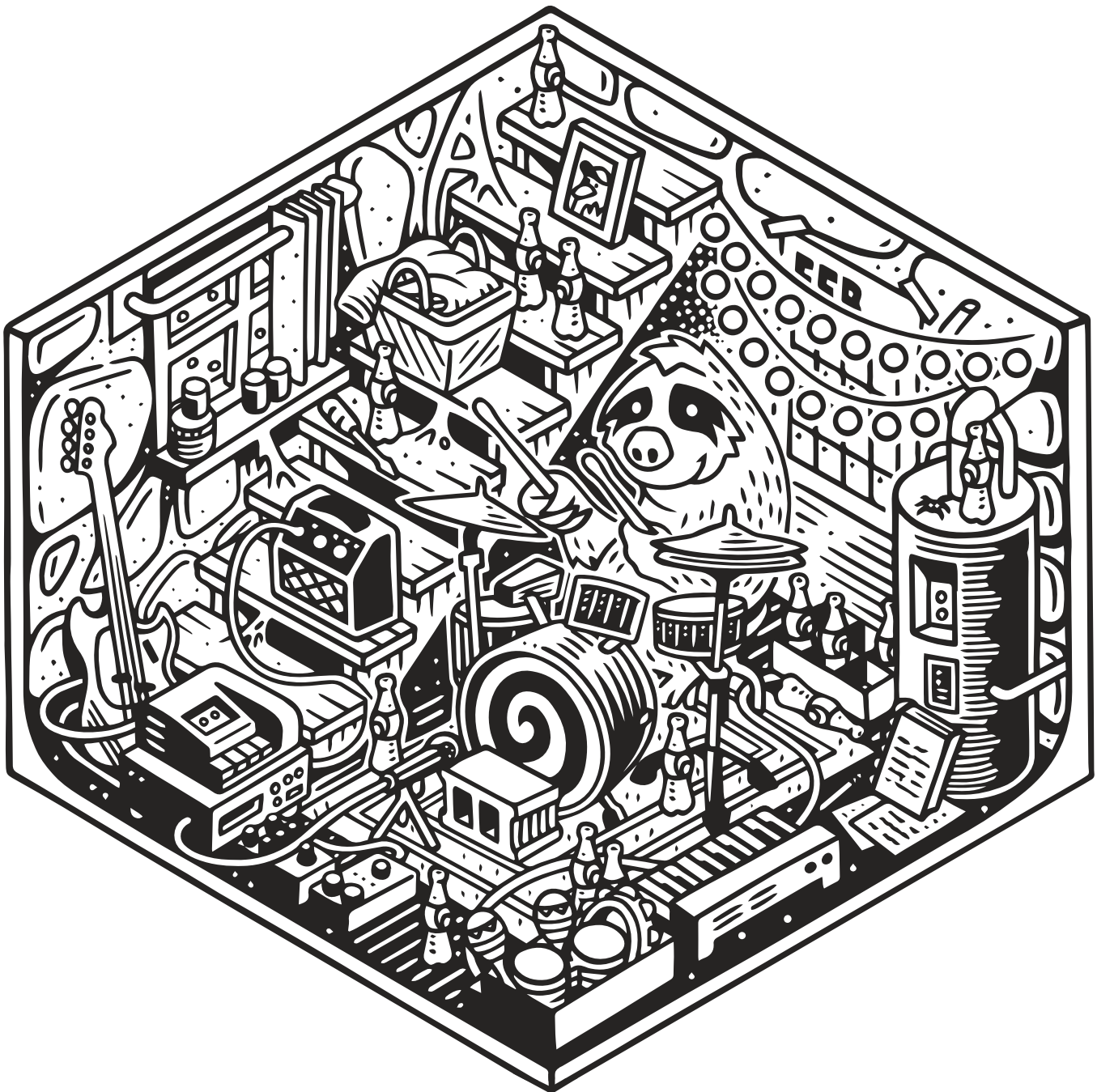
# Color It!

Illustration by @redbuffalo

Sloan the sloth is rockin' in the basement, laying down a slow jam rhythm track for a new 4-way collab.

Print out this page + fill it in with colors of your choice using crayons, markers, colored pencils, whatever!

Then take a picture of your handiwork + post it to social media with the hashtags **#fawm** + **#fawmchallenge** so fellow fawmers can find it!



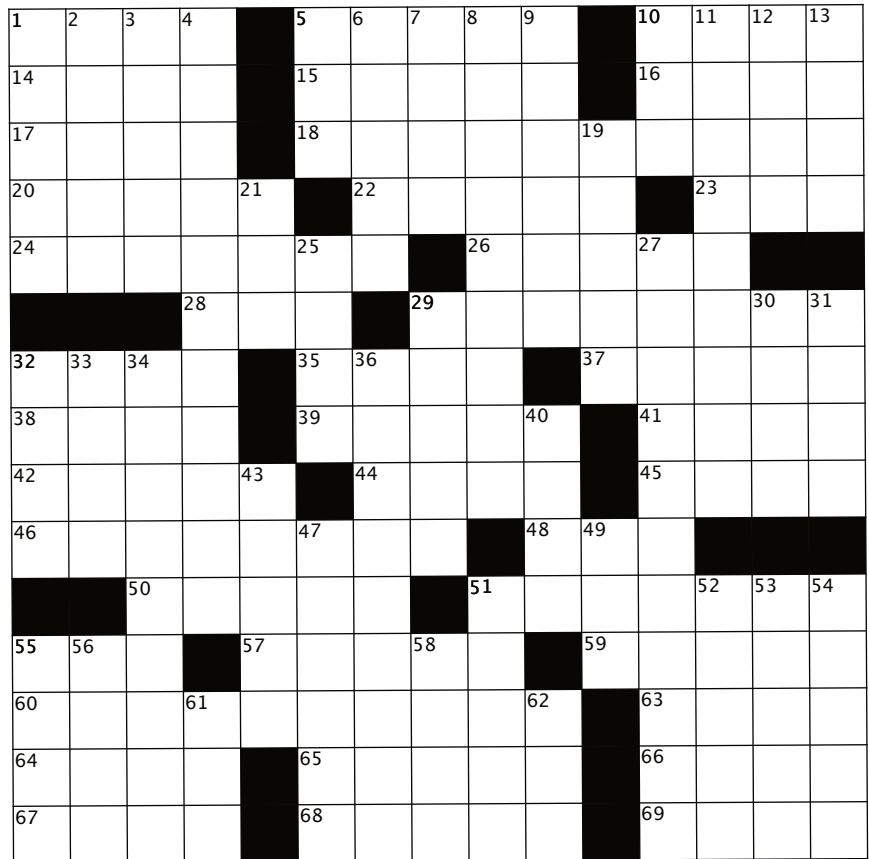
# Cross-word

## \*\*\* ACROSS \*\*\*



1. SoundCloud comment promising fame, fortune, and followers, e.g. (4)
5. Microbes; or the beginnings of many song ideas (5)
10. It's at the end (4)
14. Important bone for most drummers (4)
15. February weather hazard up North (5)
16. Approximate shape of an egg shaker (4)
17. "I do solemnly swear..." (4)
18. American football player and coach whose name rhymes with a "Simpsons" character (3,7)
20. Some MOMA paintings (5)
22. "Don't bore us, \_\_\_ the chorus!" (3,2)
23. Hit by a dual Duran(3)
24. Vivid lyricism (7)
26. Botches (5)
28. "Shred stick" (3)
29. Retro demo medium(8)
32. Eschew (4)
35. Like Helga, if she were a little ugly? (4)
37. Long [for] (5)
38. Like some fawmers' recording studios (4)
39. Mood; or a medium-large ukulele (5)
41. Like some fawmer's hair (4)
42. FAWM winner's trophy, in a way (5)
44. Content of many "middle eights" (4)
45. Session trio? (4)
46. Create (8)
48. Director of many 1990s music videos, before transitioning to TV and film (3)
50. Scents after 28 days songwriting instead of showering (5)
51. Neither sharp nor flat (7)
55. Lead in to rock, rap, or country (3)

By @burr  
(w/ help from @headfirstonly  
+ @helenseviltwin)



57. It could be grand (5)
59. Attack from all sides(5)
60. Spitting rhythms (10)
63. Indian musical meter (4)
64. Hold, as one's breath (4)
65. Form of flamenco (5)
66. "I like this song \_\_\_" (1,3)
67. A cross-tuning (4)
68. Samoyedic ethnic group native to Russia and Ukraine (5)
69. Sore spots (4)

## \*\*\* DOWN \*\*\*



1. Native endonym for FAWM's fifth largest demographic (5)
2. "Every \_\_\_ you stake, I'll be watching you" (5)
3. "Ran at," but anagrammed (5)
4. Possible finish for 28 across (8,3)
5. Venue for big shows in Reno, for short (3)
6. Passing notes? (5)
7. Archaic poetic advice (4)
8. Estrogen pill (9)

9. "Zong" for a song, e.g. (6)
10. Cape or fish (3)
11. Keeps checking FAWM.ORG after March (9)
12. Modern variety of Persian spoken in Afghanistan (4)
13. "But wait, there's more!" (4)
19. Like many single coil pickups (5)
21. Topic of many songs; or what you do for the kids? (3)
25. Stop playing for a bit (4)
27. Hashtag used by some fawmers looking to collab (5,6)
29. As a solo artist you might need to paddle your own (5)
30. Many a stringed instrument, at one time (4)
31. They come in ball, bullet, and loop varieties on a string (4)
32. Carpet, hairstyle, or 21 down (4)

33. "Battle Hymn of the Republic" songwriter (4)
34. Fringe-tailed lizard, notably not named for a "Kill Bill" actress? (3,6)
36. Dialect of Old English (4,5)
40. European capital where the language giving us 57 across is spoken (4)
43. Guitar tuning that may require heavy gauge strings (4,1)
47. Melodious (6)
49. The Jelly Factory!, for short (3)
51. Nine-piece combo (5)
52. Bit of rodeo gear (5)
53. All lit up, like your face after writing 14 new songs (5)
54. Pitches or banks (5)
55. A is for \_\_\_ (4)
56. Sort of guitarist known to take a 44 across (4)
58. Memphis river more than 6,000 miles from the blues (4)
61. FAWM merch, e.g. (3)
62. Fuel; or affliction of too much music equipment, for short (3)

# Lyric "Madlibz"

By @nancyrost

Enlist a friend, family member, or fellow fawmer. One of you asks the other to call out words (an adjective, noun, or whatever each slot calls for) + uses them to fill in the blanks below. The result is a new set of song lyrics!

Finally (if you want to), tweak these lyrics + set them to music for one of your FAWM songs + tag it #madlibchallenge!

Hey \_\_\_\_\_, have you heard the \_\_\_\_\_

COLLECTIVE NOUN

NOUN

Yeah the \_\_\_\_\_ in this town have been \_\_\_\_\_

PLURAL NOUN

VERB PAST PARTICIPLE

Yeah, I \_\_\_\_\_ it all in my \_\_\_\_\_

VERB PAST TENSE

PLURAL NOUN

POINT IN TIME

\_\_\_\_\_ this town 'cause you don't \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_

PLURAL NOUN

-ING VERB

VERB

ADVERB

Oh, take a \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

MODE OF TRANSPORT

VERB

MODE OF TRANSPORT

Yeah, getting \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE

(CHORUS)

Getting \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_

ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE

ADJECTIVE

Yeah, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

-ING VERB

NOUN

-ING VERB

NOUN

I said \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, yeah, yeah, yeah

-ING VERB

NOUN

-ING VERB

NOUN

Be a while, oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah

All you \_\_\_\_\_ better \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_

COLLECTIVE NOUN

VERB

PLURAL NOUN

Yeah \_\_\_\_\_ this town in a matter of \_\_\_\_\_

VERB

PLURAL TIME UNIT

\_\_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_\_, you better \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_

PLURAL NOUN

ADJECTIVE

VERB

ADVERB

I seen \_\_\_\_\_ running \_\_\_\_\_ with someone \_\_\_\_\_

PLURAL NOUN

PREPOSITION

ADJECTIVE

The \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ thing

NOUN

NOUN

ADJECTIVE

Yeah, the way you \_\_\_\_\_ them is a \_\_\_\_\_

VERB

ADJECTIVE

NOUN

I tell you \_\_\_\_\_ yeah, it won't be long

COLLECTIVE NOUN

Yeah, before these \_\_\_\_\_, they all have \_\_\_\_\_

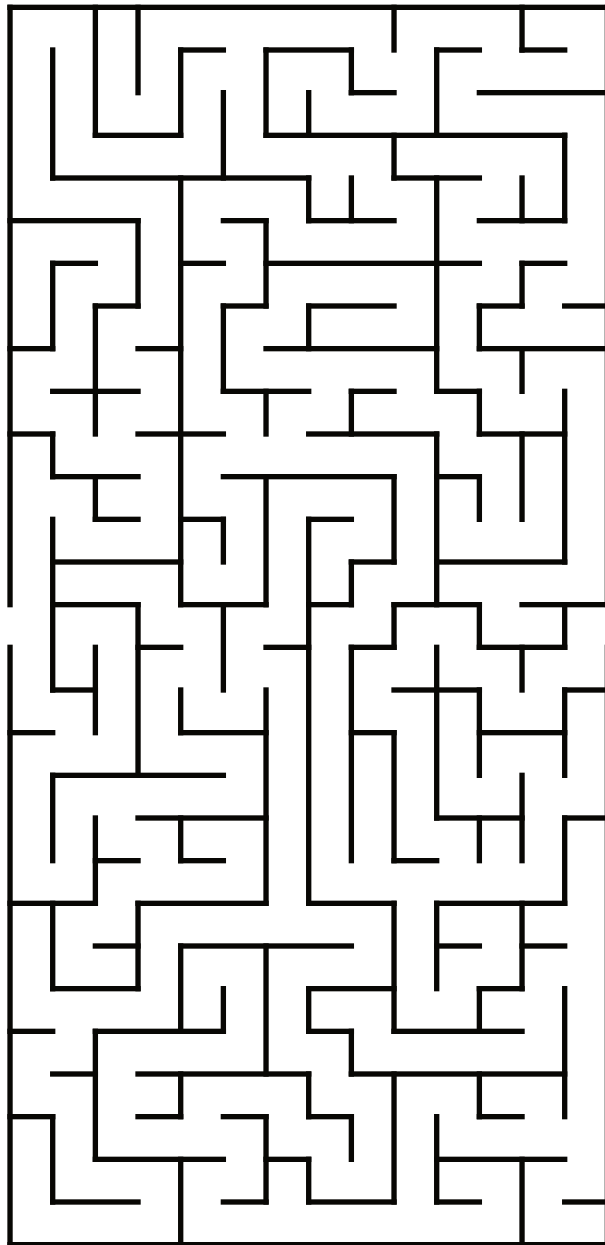
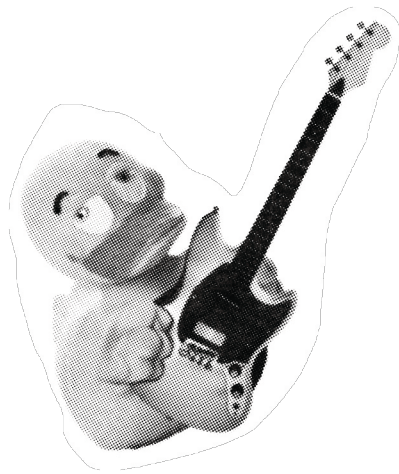
PLURAL NOUN

VERB PAST PARTICIPLE



# Cable Maze...

Helga the duck just finished writing a song for a skirmish! But the studio floor is a big ol' snakepit of instrument cables. Help her find a path from her guitar to her amp so she can cut a sweet demo + get it posted it to the FAWM website!



# DoReMiFaSoLaTiDoku

If you're familiar with Sudoku, here's a similar puzzle that uses the seven (7) unique shape notes from a musical scale, instead of nine (9) unique numbers...

The basic idea is the same: In the grid below, there is exactly one (1) of each shape note in every row, column, + zone (marked by the thick boundary lines). Use the existing notes as clues to figure out which notes are missing.

*(This is known as a "7x7 Jigsaw Sudoku," in case you're curious...)*

When you're done, try using the arrangement of notes from each row, column, or zone as part of a melody for a FAWM song + tag it [#shapenotechallenge!](#)

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FA		MI				RE

If you're not already familiar with "shape notes," here is the C major scale in shape notation (à la Wikipedia):





# Word Scramble

Unscramble the FAWM-related  
words + phrases below...

## Scramble Words

## Answers

1. cnbtecl uryu

\_\_\_\_\_

2. ubrfeary

\_\_\_\_\_

3. amwlfngi

\_\_\_\_\_

4. elootrsch

\_\_\_\_\_

5. srmk nosgishi

\_\_\_\_\_

6. suztoggbnin

\_\_\_\_\_

7. oantcailoborl

\_\_\_\_\_

8. lliryc syno

\_\_\_\_\_

9. slactwith

\_\_\_\_\_

10. doese midvo

\_\_\_\_\_

# Spoilers!

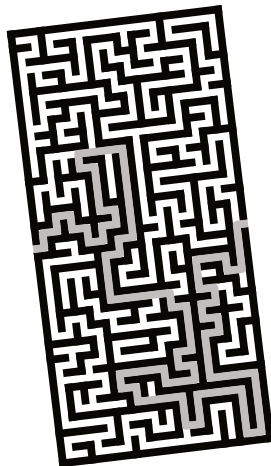
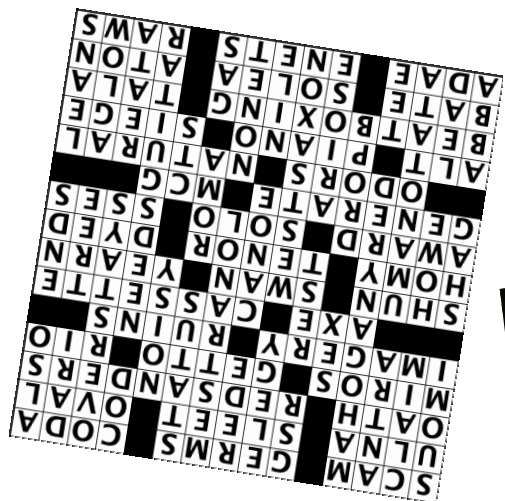
Here are the answers to the puzzles that actually have answers, in case you need them or you want to cheat. They're upside down, though, in case that's not clear.

You're not a cheater, though, so...

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NO  
PEEKING!

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1. century club
2. february
3. fawmiling
4. slothcore
5. song skirmish
6. zongbustling
7. collaboration
8. lyrics only
9. watchlist
10. video demos

TI	FA	SOL	MI	RE	DO	LA
DO	RE	LA	TI	MI	FA	SOL
MI	LA	DO	SOL	FA	RE	TI
TI	RE	FA	MI	DO	LA	SOL
FA	MI	DO	RE	TI	LA	SOL
DO	LA	MI	TI	FA	SOL	RE
RE	MI	DO	LA	TI	SOL	FA