

# Call for Submissions for Next Issue

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## **Theme: “DIY: Culture, Ethics, Aesthetics”**

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Maybe the most persistent of all forms of external authority in our lives are the day-to-day tyrannies of specialists and experts. The Fifth Estate’s next issue investigates strategies of resistance to and liberation from this insidious system of technocratic mystification and domination with a look at the culture, ethics, and aesthetics of do-it-yourselfism.

Is DIY a creator-centered cultural activity intended to build a community? Or, is it self-centered and self-serving? Is it subversive intervention or counter-cultural lifestylism? Is it political, apolitical, or antipolitical? What are the relationships between do-it-yourselfist practice, radical free expression, creativity, and pleasure? Is DIY the cornerstone of autonomy?

Other possible topics may include:

- folk knowledge, informal learning spaces, mutual aid skill-sharing
- guerrilla arts-’n’-crafts
- homespun alternatives to mass production & consumption
- participatory journalism & pirate broadcasting
- outsider art, lo-fi music, folk architecture
- wildcat communal clusters, squats, & intentional communities
- raves, Reclaim the Street parties, Critical Mass swarms, flash-mobs, guerrilla gigs
- home remedies, alternative medicines, underground clinics, folk science
- astroturf movements (public-relations viral marketing;
- Working Families for Wal-Mart;
- MoveOn;
- Tea Party) faking spontaneous, grassroots connections in order to counterfeit authentic, popular appeal
- the histories & futures of DIY

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