

# **Exercises to Find Your Lettering Style**

Sometimes, all it takes to find a lettering style unique to you is thinking outside the box and experimenting with new ways to letter. Use the exercises on the following pages as a way to jumpstart your brain into coming up with even more lettering experiments to try!

## TRY A NEW PEN

Sometimes all it takes to nail down your signature style is finding your perfect pen. The bigger a pen's tip the more thick and wide your lettering will be. Smaller pens create skinny and thin letters. Try a variety of pen types to see what works best for you.

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# **PLAY WITH SLANTING**

Slanting your letters can significantly change the style of your lettering. Traditional calligraphy is slanted at a 55° angle, but try lettering with slant at all or at an extreme angle to find what's most comfortable for you.



# TRY WRITING WITH AN UPRIGHT SLANT 55° SLANT TRY WRITING WITH A SLIGHT SLANT 40° SLANT TRY WRITING WITH AN EXTREME SLIGHT SLANT

#### EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT CROSSBARS

Crossbars are the horizontal strokes across the middle of letters like capital A or H and lowercase t. Below is an example of a few different ways to cross a capital A. Notice how simply changing the crossbar can go a long way towards creating a unique style for your lettering.



EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT WAYS TO CROSS A CAPITAL A			
EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT WAYS TO CROSS A CAPITAL H			
EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT WAYS TO CROSS A LOWERCASE T			

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### CHANGE UP YOUR LETTER STYLE

The easiest way to change up the look of your lettering is to mix in a new lettering style. There are three main styles of lettering to choose between: Sans Serif, Serif, and Script. My favorite way to play with the look of my lettering is to mix and match between the three, sometimes within the same word!

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WRITE 1 WORD 3 WAYS

Just Change Up the Letter Styles!

Hello htelo Htello

TRY WRITING THE SAME WORD 3 WAYS BY MIXING UP YOUR LETTER STYLES			

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