

A FAUX CALLIGRAPHY
PRACTICE BOOK

Faux Calligraphy Starter Kit

start here

FREE STARTER KIT

Write each word in monoline script, then thicken every downstroke.

Any pen works — a fineliner or gel pen is perfect to start.

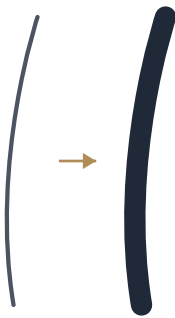
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How faux calligraphy works

Faux calligraphy mimics a pointed-pen look with any ordinary pen — there is no pressure technique to learn. You simply fake the thick strokes by hand.

1. Write the word in simple monoline (single-weight) cursive — your normal handwriting, joined up.
2. Find every DOWNSTROKE — any stroke your pen makes while travelling downward.
3. Draw a second line beside each downstroke to widen it, then fill the gap in solid.
4. Leave every UPSTROKE thin. That thick / thin contrast is what reads as calligraphy.

DOWNSTROKE
thicken it



UPSTROKE
keep it thin



ON A CURVE
thick on the descending side



Try it below: trace the light letters, then go back and add weight to each downstroke.

Handwriting practice lines showing the word "start here" written in light cursive, followed by empty lines for tracing and practice.

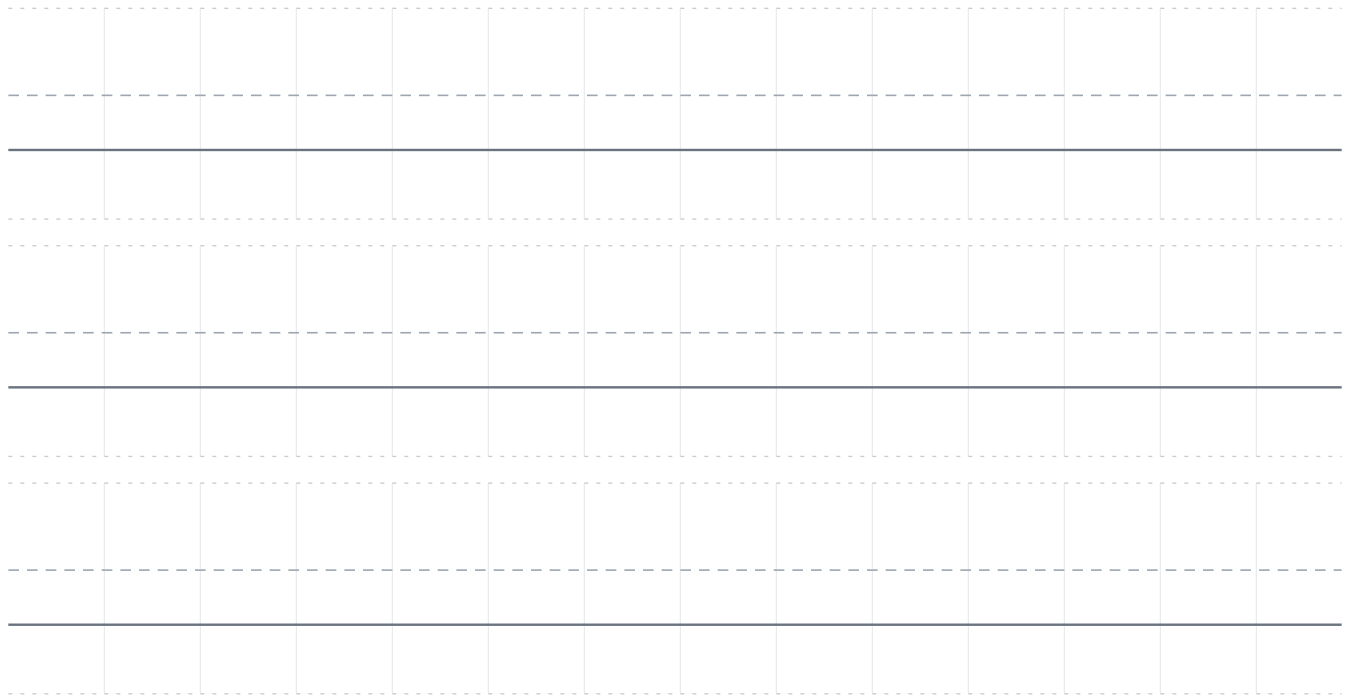
Meet your guidelines

Each writing line has four guides. Let your letters ride between them for even, consistent lettering. The example word sits exactly where it should.



- Ascender line — tops of l, h, k, b, d
- Waist / x-height — tops of a, c, e, m, n
- Baseline — every letter sits here
- Descender line — tails of g, j, p, y

The faint vertical lines help you keep every letter standing at the same angle.



Warm-up · basic strokes

Loosen up before words. Trace each drill, then fill the blank line beneath it.
Thicken on the way down; stay light on the way up.

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nnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnnn

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Lowercase alphabet

Trace each row, then write the same letters on the blank line.

a b c d e f g h i

j k l m n o p q r

s t u v w x y z

Uppercase alphabet

Capitals carry the flourish. Trace slowly, then copy on the blank line.

A B C D E F G H I

J K L M N O P Q R

S T U V W X Y Z

Free practice

Fill the lines with any word you like — a name, a place, a favourite phrase.

A grid of 10 rows of handwriting practice lines. Each row consists of a solid top line, a dashed midline, and a solid bottom line, with vertical dashed lines creating 12 columns.

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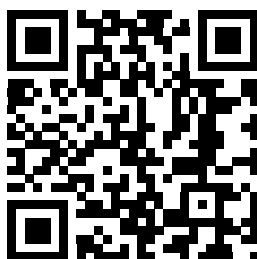
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The full practice books take the same four-line guides and build a whole passage into them — scripture, large-print editions for easier reading, and a wedding book for names, dates and vows. Scan the code or visit the link to see the catalogue.



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