

Lettering

Level 1

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About the Course

Learn and practice lettering techniques to create meaningful and inspirational hand-lettered art. Lesson topics include serified, sans-serifed, and script fonts, line width and value, guidelines, outlines, and shadow lines, key principles of design, dimension, and shading. Each term concludes with a project, and skills can be used to create beautiful collections of mottoes and quotes in a Commonplace Book or for display or gifts.



Placement & Combining Tips

Suitable for interested younger students.



Scheduling

GRADE	SCHEDULE INFO.	BOOKS
7+	Lettering: Level 1 1 time/week 20 min	The Complete Book of Chalk Lettering

Sample Weekly View

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
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Planning & Prep

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- Allow time for loading and viewing the tutorial video each time you begin a new style. Then, plan your lesson time accordingly.
- Purchase supplies, then organize and store them where they can be easily accessed.
- If you haven't done so already for Art Instruction lessons, prep your chalkboard before beginning lessons. (See video in Lesson 1)
- The best chalkboard option is to paint a wall that students can access during lesson time. If that is not possible, a usable substitute would be to either paint the back of the drawing board used in art lessons or purchase a frameless chalkboard.



Books & Resources

For book rationales and purchase options, click the Book List link or scan the QR code below.

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The Complete Book of Chalk Lettering



Supplies

For supply list details and basic supplies helpful to have on hand, click the links or scan the QR code below.

∞ [View Basic Supplies](#)

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Cap Pencil Eraser



Fine Grit Sandpaper



Handheld Sharpener



Old Hand Towel



Q-Tips



White and Colored Chalk



Quick Links

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∞ [Extra Helpings](#)

∞ [Prepare Your Chalkboard](#)

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How To Teach



Warm Up

Have the students spend a few minutes warming up by practicing large arm movements on the chalkboard and drawing a few strokes they have already learned.



Observe

Look at the new stroke or letter together. Allow the students to articulate what they notice. How will they achieve the desired look?



Practice

Students should practice with a small piece of chalk (on its side) on the chalkboard first so that erasing is easy. Then have students practice the new stroke, letter, or letter combination with pen and paper. They should practice until they have six perfect examples before moving on to the next stroke.



Evaluate

Have the students self-evaluate. They may circle their best examples or reflect on which parts were done well and which ones need more practice.

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Term 1

WEEK 1 ☐ 20m Lettering: Level 1- Lesson 1

Chalk Lettering

☐ Materials: The Complete Book of Chalk Lettering

→ **VIEW**

Watch the tutorial and become familiar with your tools.

∞ Video Link: Lettering: Intro and Tools

→ **READ, NARRATE, & DISCUSS**

"The ABCs of Chalk Lettering" Ch.1 p.3-7

→ **PRACTICE**

Prepare your chalkboard. Draw letters using shoulder muscles like in Art Instruction lessons.

● **COMMONPLACE BOOK**

Write beautiful quotes or mottoes with creative lettering.

WEEK 2 ☐ 20m Lettering: Level 1- Lesson 2

Anatomy of Letters

☐ Materials: The Complete Book of Chalk Lettering

→ **VIEW**

Watch the tutorial.

∞ Video Link: Lettering: Anatomy of Letters

→ **READ, NARRATE, & DISCUSS**

"Lowdown on Letters" Ch.1 p.8-9

→ **PRACTICE**

Draw your name. Use shoulder muscles and incorporate lettering aspects.

● **COMMONPLACE BOOK**

Write beautiful quotes or mottoes with creative lettering.

WEEK 3 ☐ 20m Lettering: Level 1- Lesson 3

Sans Serif Style

☐ Materials: The Complete Book of Chalk Lettering

→ **VIEW**

Watch the tutorial.

∞ Video Link: Lettering: Sans Serif Style

→ **READ, NARRATE, & DISCUSS**

"Sans Serif Characteristics; How to Draw a Sans Serif Style" Ch.1 p.10, 12

→ **PRACTICE**

Follow the steps in the book, incorporating tips from the tutorial.

● **COMMONPLACE BOOK**

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