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## Activities at Home

### Calligraphy with a Crayola Marker

Want to make some fancy titles for your class notes? Or make a fancy birthday card for a friend? Well, you're in luck! This Activity Sheet will show you step by step how to do real calligraphy with a broad tip marker! Just follow along with these few, simple steps, and keep practicing them, and you'll be able to make fancy titles and birthday cards in no time!

#### Materials:

- Crayola Marker (Or any Broad Tip Marker)
- Paper

#### Steps:

1. Hold your Crayola marker between a 40–50-degree angle.



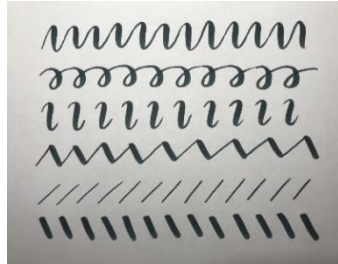
2. On a piece of paper, practice doing DOWN STROKES. (Down strokes are when you press your marker in the downwards direction, creating a thick stroke. Sometimes pressing a little harder can help you make down strokes more distinct, but don't press too hard, or it'll damage your marker tip)!



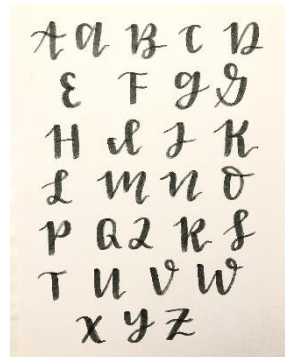
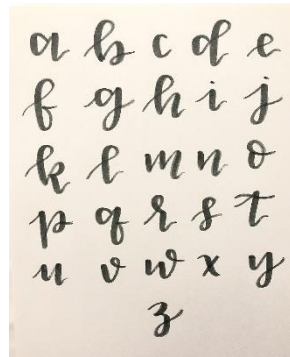
3. Practice UP STROKES. (Up strokes are when you move your marker in the upward direction, and the lines made are thin).



4. Once you are strong in steps 2 and 3, you can practice some of these drills and exercises to combine down strokes and up strokes.



5. Once you can do all these exercises successfully, you can start learning how to do alphabetical letters in CALLIGRAPHY. To do this, reference the images below. Practice lowercase and uppercase letters in calligraphy! (NOTE: Make sure to have a 40–50-degree angle when writing, to use thick lines when coming down, and to use thin lines when going up).



6. Practice connecting each of the letters together! Here are some words you can try!



7. CONGRATS! You can now do calligraphy! Don't worry, it might be hard at first, but keep practicing!!