

GUIDE to  
Hand  
LETTERING  
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# Welcome!

I have been wanting to pen a hand lettering guide for months now. From teaching calligraphy classes, I have seen first hand how much natural talent there is out there. There are also a ton of lettering enthusiasts. A once "quiet" kind of craft has become widely known, seen and talked about! We can personally thank social media for this exciting phenomenon.

It is my pleasure to introduce you to some of the basics of the hand lettering craft. In no time, you will be creating your own layouts, addressing your own envelopes or maybe taking on your own commissions.

The hand lettered arts are so popular right now that it's my hope you will find a home somewhere inside this big, fun, crazy, rule-breaking industry!

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## What is hand lettering?

Hand lettering is a creative way to mix scripts, blocks, decorative elements and/or scale to present quotes, titles & phrases.

## What tools are used?

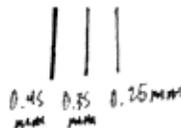
Ahhh! So many! Going to try to narrow them down. Skill level is probably best.

## Skill level 1 (beginner/just starting out)



**MONOLINE PENS** ← THESE PENS DO NOT CREATE "THICKS AND THINS" LIKE BAUSH OR CALLIGRAPHY PENS. SIMPLY STRAIGHT LINES, WITH DIFFERENT THICKNESSES.

(LOOK FOR MICRON, LePen, staedtler, or Faber Castell)



**PENCILS** ← PENCILS ARE SO IMPORTANT... NOT ONLY FOR SKETCHING OUT IDEAS, BUT ALSO INDICATING VALUES. I THINK A 2B, HB AND 4H are great to start out with. IF THAT'S TOO MUCH... PICK UP SOME TICONDEROGA HB PENCILS... THESE ARE GREAT FOR MULTI-PURPOSE USE...



**PLASTIC ERASERS** ← FIND A GOOD ERASER THAT WON'T BRUISE YOUR PAPER TOO BADLY + WILL EASILY ERASE LEAD.



\* THANKS FOR SUPPORTING HAND LETTERED ARTS!!! \*

## About Me:

I am the founder of "Calligraphy by CT" formerly CT-Designs. I have been seriously playing with the construction of letters since 2007. B.A. from Columbia (Chicago) with a technical drawing background dating back to H.S. (Lindblom Tech).

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