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PROJECT: 111

## Faux-ligraphy

### DETAILS:

We all need a bit of extra encouragement these days. Let's letter a quote in "faux-ligraphy" (fake calligraphy) to hang up and remind us of what matters most during this time at home.

### YOU'LL NEED:

A marker—or many, it's up to you!

Paper

### CONNECTING WITH:

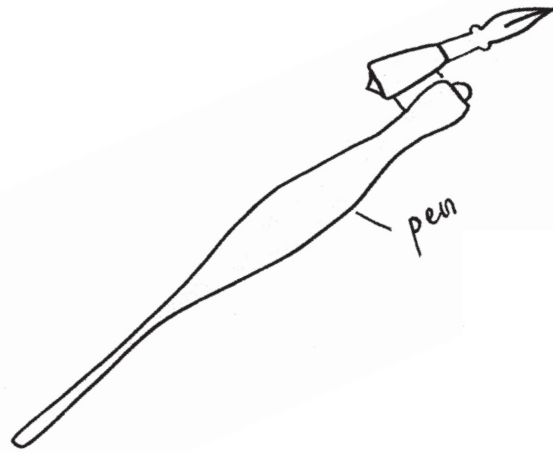
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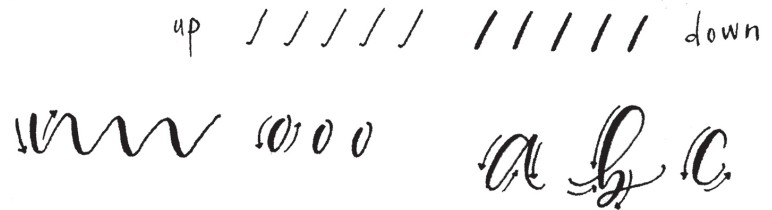
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## FOR STARTERS:

For typical calligraphy—the type of pretty lettering often used for addressing envelopes, certificates, and the like—calligraphers use a special type of pen with a “nib” at the top to create scripted letters that are thick in some parts and thin in others.



The nib tip is made up of two tines (see the right) that separate when the writer presses more firmly and that stay together when the writer drags the pen more loosely. The nib, then, helps exaggerate what you’ll notice when writing even with a regular pen or pencil: Your hand naturally presses more firmly on downward strokes and barely presses at all on upward strokes, giving a variation in thickness as you write.



## THE PROJECT:

Because most of us at home likely don’t have a bunch of nibs sitting around, though, we’re going to practice “faux-ligraphy” today, using just a regular marker to letter a Mr. Rogers quote.

You’ll see two versions of the quote; the first shows it written simply, where the strokes are more or less of even thickness, and the second shows once I’ve gone through and exaggerated the downward strokes to be thicker, a la how they would look using a calligraphy pen.

I hope you enjoy lettering this quote—whether you simply trace atop mine (you can hold it up against a window to trace!), or use it as inspiration to create your own—and that it not only gives you an encouragement boost, but maybe even sparks a new hobby!

With love,  
*Jodi*



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