How to create fake calligraphy

Mastering the art of fake calligraphy is surprisingly easy, and is bound to impress your friends and family. Follow these three simple steps to quickly create beautiful lettering.

1. Write your word in joined-up handwriting, leaving a bit of space between each letter.

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2. Draw parallel lines on all of your ‘down strokes’ for each letter (as shown below). If you're not sure which ones are the down strokes, hold your pen over the page and write the word in the air. Every time your pen pulls down toward the bottom of the page it counts as a down stroke.

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Fill in the space between your two lines, sit back and marvel at your beautiful calligraphy.

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You can find lots of lettering ideas and inspiration online – search for ‘modern calligraphy alphabet’.

Top tip