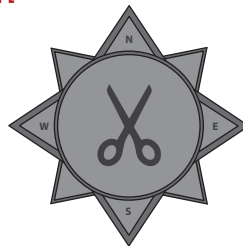


CALLIGRAPHY

Calligraphy is the art of fancy cursive writing. Some of you are going to love this, and for some of you this won't be your thing. But every one of us signs a birthday card or something similar and what you can glean from this will set you apart from the crowd.

FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



EARN THIS NUGGET

Write a letter or a card to someone and use calligraphy. See how well you can do. Don't rush this project, but really try to develop this skill so you can return to it in the future.

LEVEL 3

PERIOD 3

TASK 3

Calligraphy, to the layman, is a mixture of elegant cursive loops coupled with an elegant chisel tipped pen that gives you a fat or thin line depending on how you hold the pen.

This is going to take some practice and some research on your end, but allow me to give you a few helpful tips:

- While you can use any pen, there are inexpensive calligraphy sets, some using felt tips that can get you started and give you the fat and thin feel that really sets this style of writing apart.
- Hold the pen at a forty-five degree angle and experiment with the rotation of the pen to get the effect that is most pleasing.
- Do you remember when you first started to learn to write? You probably had a triple line paper so you could practice tall letters and the half height characters. You're going back to those days, so get a good writing tablet, or improvise. You can use ordinary writing paper and use four lines to get used to scaling letters and keeping size consistent.



- Practice one letter at a time, just do a whole line of cursive 'a' and then 'b' and don't forget the capital letters.
- Finally, start to flow words together.