

## Hand Lettering with Sharpie

Hand lettering is essentially a form of draftsmanship that fuses the arts of calligraphy, sketch and drawing. Once you've got the hang of BASIC LETTERING TECHNIQUES, you're ready to get in on this growing craze with awesome creations of your own!

What you need:

- Sharpie Brush Tip Permanent Markers, Assorted
- Paper

STEP 1 – Get inspired! Do some research to find samples of hand – lettering designs you like.

STEP 2 – Practice hand – lettering something simple and familiar like your name to get the feel and find your flow. Repeat several times.

STEP 3 – Now try replicating some of the styles you singled out earlier. Don't shoot for perfection or feel discouraged if yours doesn't quite match up. This is all about honing your skill – set.

STEP 4 – Using your thumbnail sketch, block out the edges of the design using the outside corner letters as points of reference. First trace out the letters in light lines—then add more weight once they're in position.

STEP 5 – Now start adding decorative flourishes to your baseline design: floral wreaths, arrows, loops to letters etc.

STEP 6 – Pick your favourite colour Sharpie Brush Tip Marker and trace over your lines, outlining first then filling in. Test different palettes on your thumbnail sketches to pick out the perfect colour scheme.