

10 Minutes 10 Days with Paperfinger

A Workshop for Skillshare

WORKSHEET *No. 2*

TRADITIONAL PENMANSHIP EXERCISES FOR POINTED PEN

Instructions

1. Write the alphabet with all connected letters, noticing where you pick up and put down and which connections prove tricky. Write with your preferred letter height, slant and natural style.
2. With the italic handwriting principles in mind, write the same alphabet with the connectors, but don't actually connect them to the next letter. Keep your connectors straight and maintain a consistent slant.
3. Write the following pairs of letters three times each before moving on to the next. Use your pointed nib but allow your own handwriting to come through. Notice the ways in which you pick up and put down your nib as you write.

an
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dn
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hn
in
kn
ln
zn
ao
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io
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tn
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on
af
jo
je
qo
yo
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oa
aei
ou



Big shout-out to Barbara Getty & Inga Dubay's resources for handwriting technique. Check out their site for further tips and links to all their books: www.handwritingsuccess.com

Considerations

- Texture and beauty of the page
- What kind of connector is used?
- Connectors -- straight or curved
- Connectors -- where they connect
- Spacing within = spacing between
- Speed -- experiment with results from slower to faster
- Height of the strokes
- When to pick up, when to put down: before and after down-strokes, crossing thick strokes, stylistic choices
- Mindfulness, meditation, breath
- Rhythm
- Slant
- Your physical positioning at the table
- Grip and use of hand/arm muscles