

# 10 Minutes 10 Days with Paperfinger

## *A Workshop for Skillshare*

### WORKSHEET *No. 3*

### CONSISTENT SLANT AND HEALTHY SPACING

#### *Instructions*

Pick two slants that you'll practice with for this session.

For each slant, follow these steps, allowing five minutes for each.

First with a guide (if you like)...

- Start by drawing a row of downstrokes, lines only.
- Write a row of connected downstroke lines
- Write the alphabet with the slant
- Keep spacing and line weights consistent and attentive, maintain your x-heights
- If you have time to write the alphabet a second time, see if you can make a stylistic change or add a flourish or ornament here or there
- Review your work at the end. Where are there inconsistencies? Use a ruler to check your work -- the guidelines on downstrokes will reveal spacing consistency as well. How did you do? Is it a particular letter that gives you trouble or a general challenge?

Then repeat these steps without a guide.



You'll find some great guide sheets at:

[www.iampeth.com/collection/guide-sheets](http://www.iampeth.com/collection/guide-sheets)  
[www.printablepaper.net/category/calligraphy](http://www.printablepaper.net/category/calligraphy)

#### *Considerations*

- Are you maintaining your spacing? You can try a variety of spacing options but ensure consistency.
- Texture and beauty of the page overall
- Don't focus on stylistic options
- Speed -- experiment with results from slower to faster
- Height of the strokes
- Mindfulness, meditation, breath
- Rhythm of the downstroke
- Slant
- Your physical positioning at the table
- Grip and use of hand/arm muscles
- With guides versus without

#### **Common Slants:**

- Copperplate 55 degrees
- Spencerian 52 degrees
- Italic -- varied, commonly 45 degrees