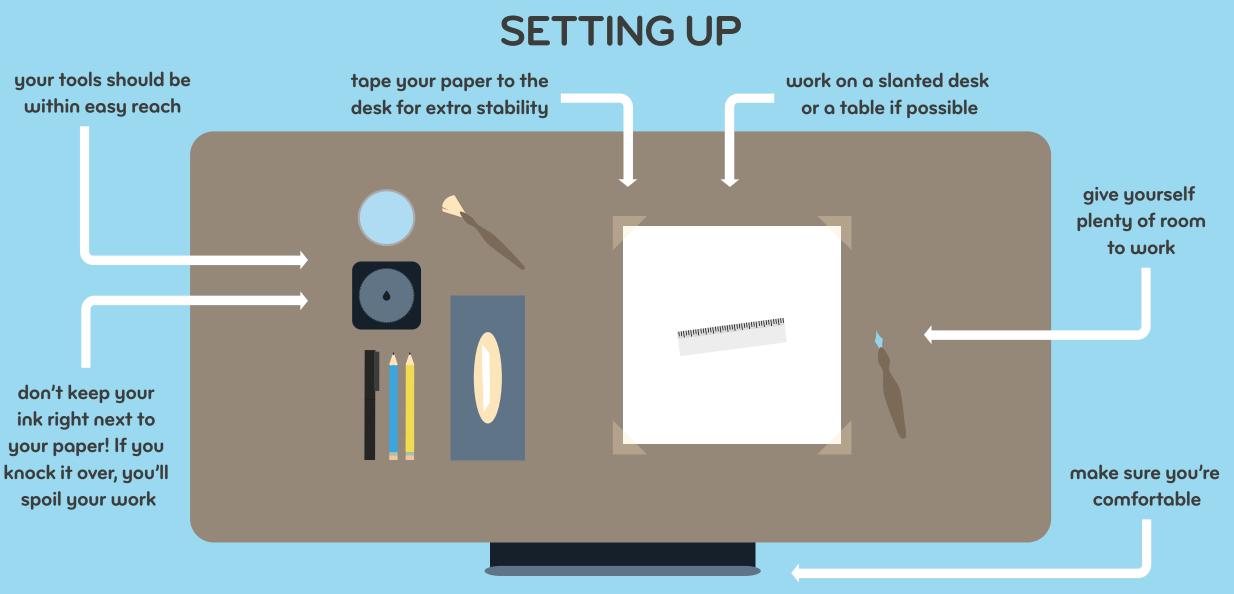
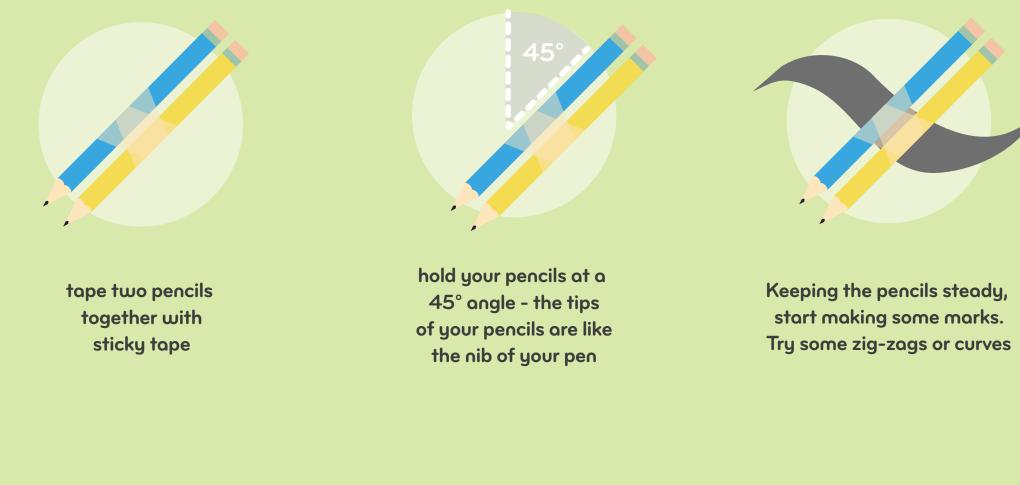
HOW TO CREATE BEAUTIFUL CALLIGRAPHY





PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



FILLING YOUR PEN





BEFORE YOU BEGIN...

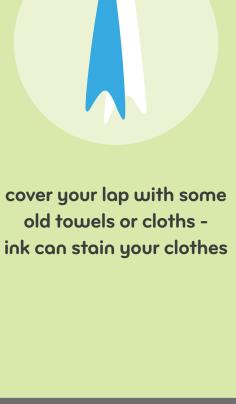
the pen's nib







PREPARING YOUR PAPER





ladder, measure 4-5 nib heights

and draw a line with your ruler to

form the x-height line. Label this

DRAW THE ASCENDER

CREATE A NIB LADDER A nib ladder is a good way to form a guide for measuring the size and height of your calligraphy letters. Put your pen parallel to your baseline and make a square using the tip of your pen and a short stroke. Then, starting at the very edge of your first square, draw a second square the same size and height as your first. Continue in this

way until you have formed a

your baseline.

paper. Then, with your pencil, draw

along the bottom of the ruler. This is

- diagonal line of 10 squares.
- & DESCENDER From your x-height, measure 4-5 nib heights above and below and draw a line with your ruler. The line above your x-height is your ascender line, while the one below is your descender line.

with your pencil.

- SOME LETTERS TO GET YOU STARTED Hold your pen at a 30° angle for this alphabet
- **WARNING** If you're drawing your nib ladder with your nib pen, wait for it to dry before drawing your baseline, ascender and descender lines. If you draw these lines while the ink is wet, your work will smudge!

and x-height line.

capitals in your calligraphy.

It is a line between the ascender

We recommend using a black chisel-tip marker before using your nib pen until you get comfortable.

