



I Can't Draw...Until I Practice!

Combine Lettering & Drawing



Materials needed: Paper & pencil

1) Draw guidelines freehand.

Draw very, very lightly.

(If needed, a ruler or templet can be used.)

2) Carefully, lightly with pencil print the word.

3) "Bubble" the letters using squared edges.

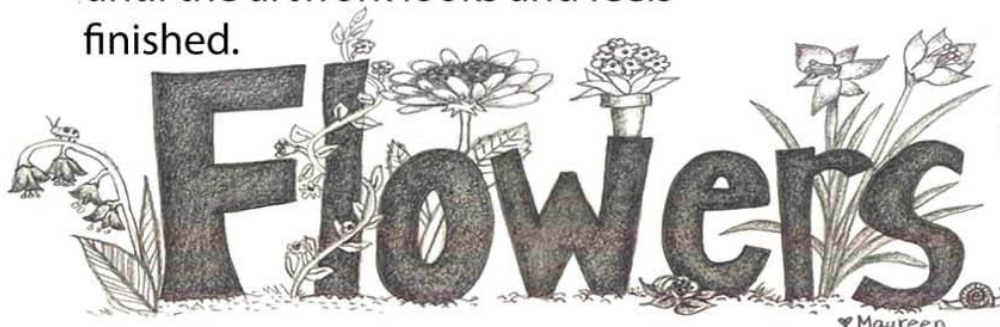
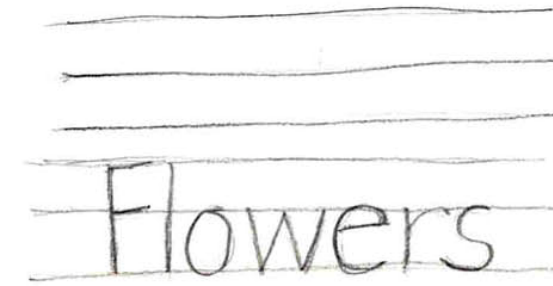
4) Lightly sketch in a variety of images.

5) Begin shading the letters. Try to keep them the same value.

6) Whoops! This step could be done sooner. Erase unwanted guidelines.

7) Finish shading letters. Add more flowers.

8) Add more detail and shading until the artwork looks and feels finished.



Notice the imperfections in the finished work. It doesn't have to be perfect to be beautiful.

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Make a Cartoon Letter



- 1) Practice drawing bubble or block Letters.
- 2) Lightly draw a big letter in pencil.
- 3) Lightly pencil in a face, arms, legs, clothes, and whatever else you want to add.
- 4) Erase any unwanted pencil lines.
- 5) Color with your choice of media (markers, crayons, colored pencils, etc.).



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Lettering Examples



Here you can see 1, 2, 3 steps.
First I sketch out lightly in pencil what I intend to draw.

Second, I trace over the lines with a fine line permanent marker, allow the lines to dry, and then erase unwanted pencil lines.

Third, I add color.

Of course, this is only one technique. There are an infinite number of possible ways to create a work of art. Use your imagination.



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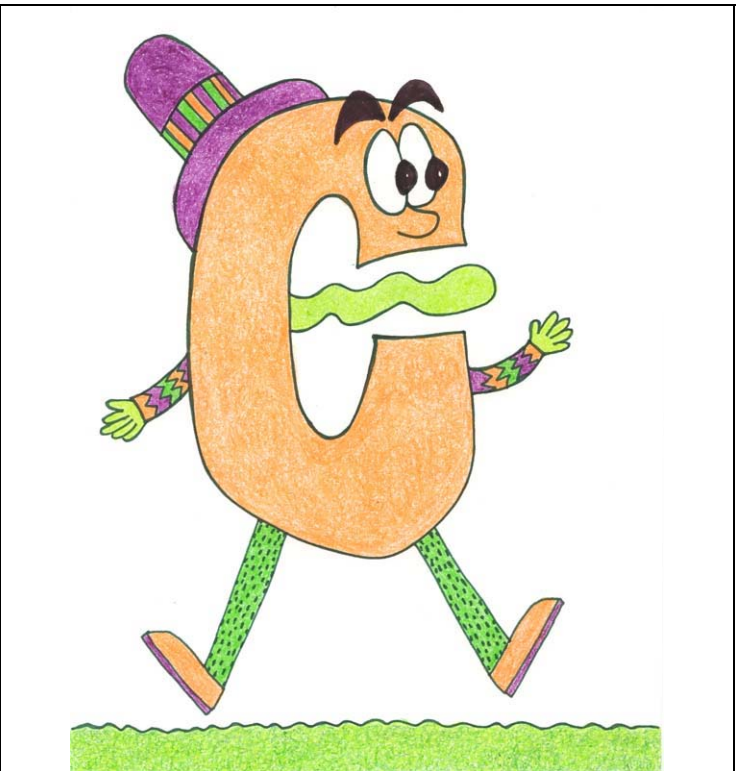
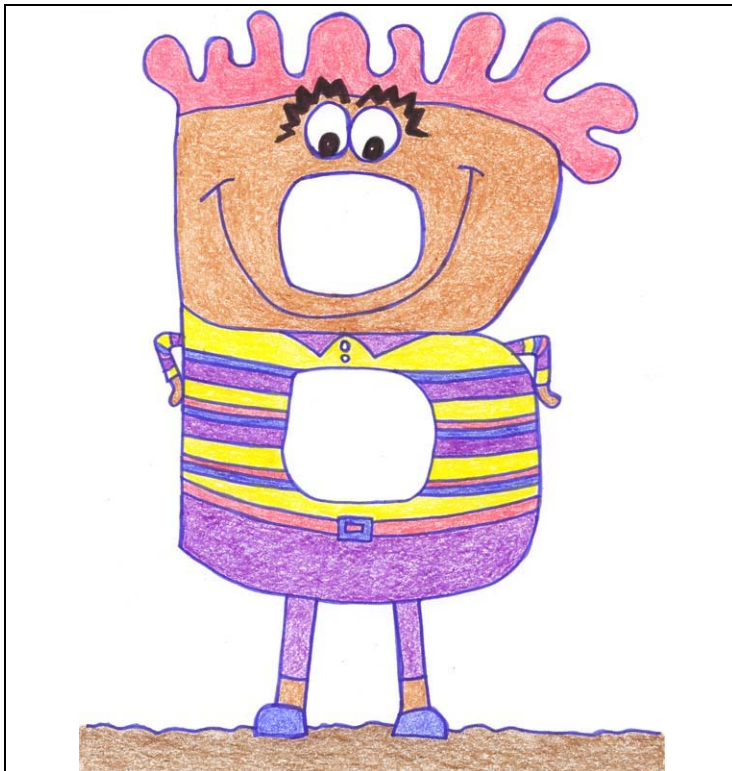
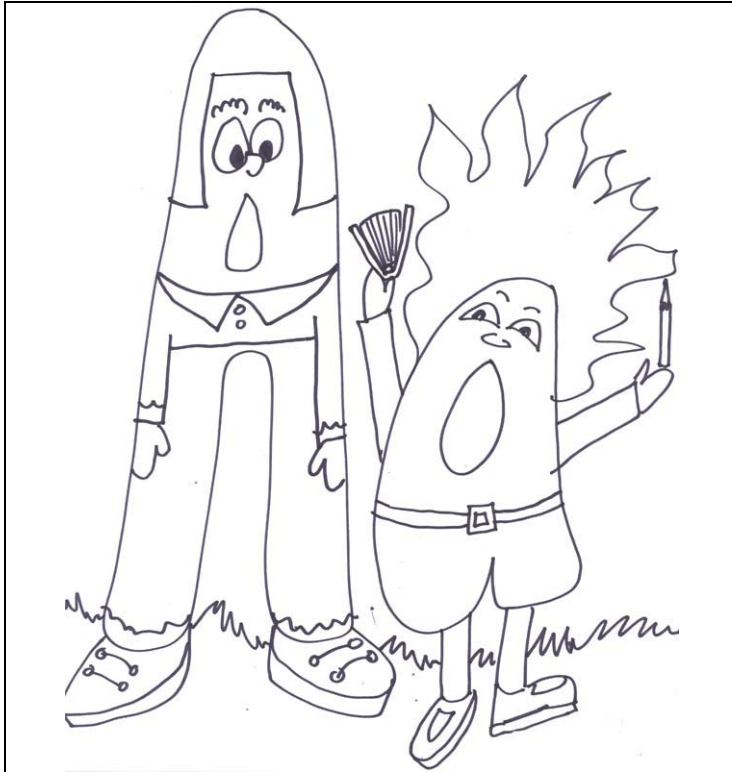
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Lettering More Examples



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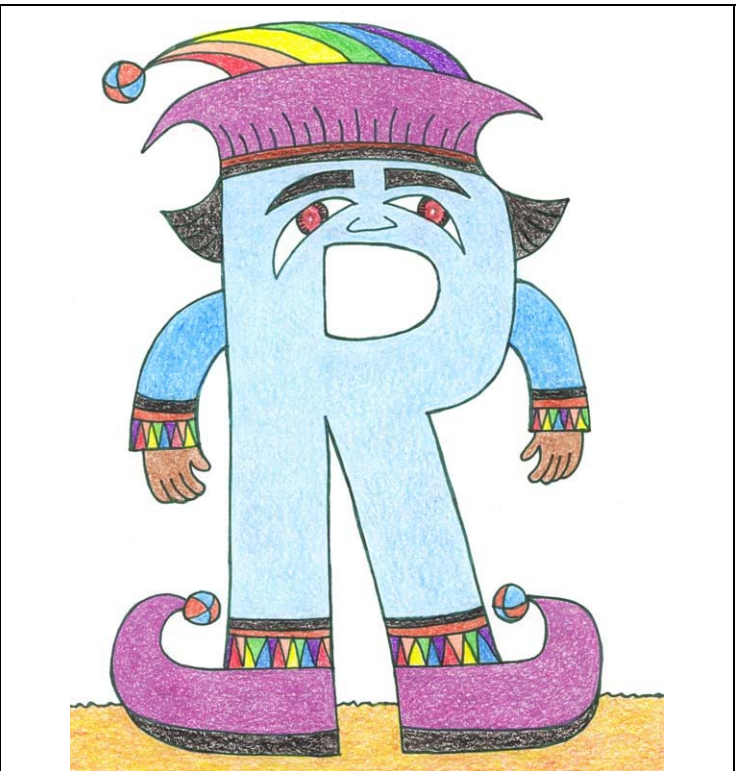
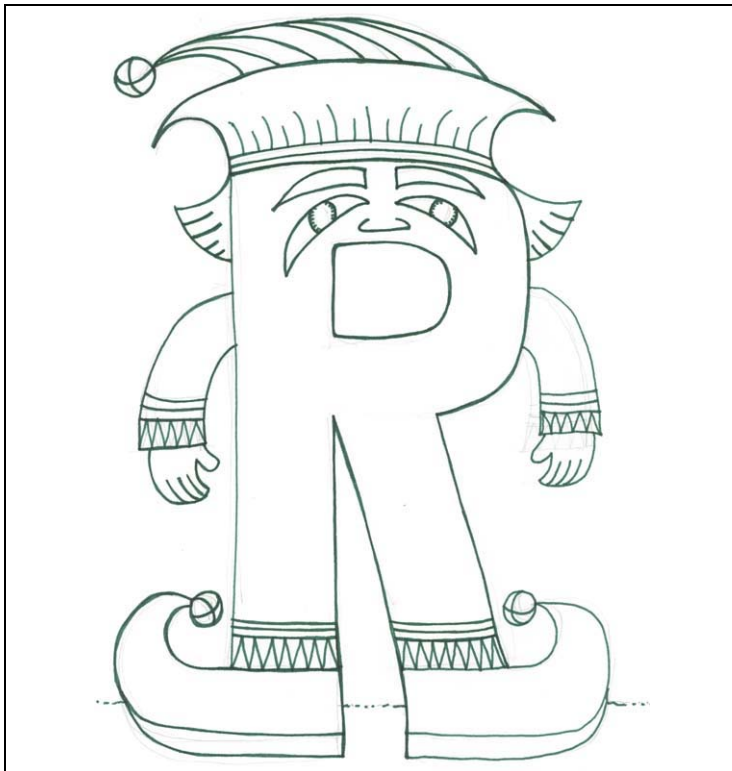
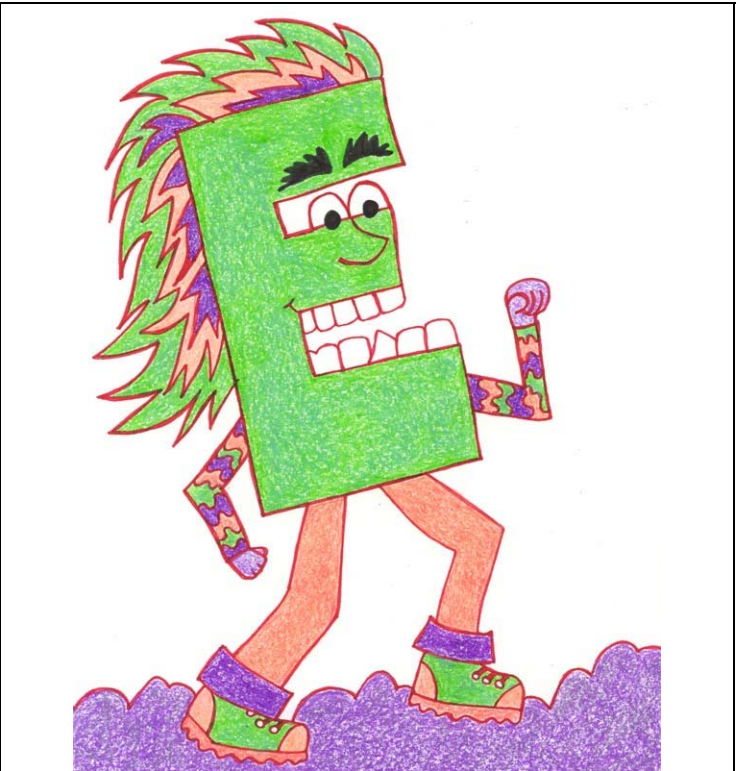
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I Can't Draw...Until I Practice! Cartoon Words



Look real carefully. Analyze the picture.

What

shapes and lines did the artist use?

Look for the simplest shapes or lines and start there. One

at a time, add shapes and lines until the picture is

complete. Practice! Practice! Practice makes better. -

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1. With a pencil, carefully print a name or word in capital letters.

NAME

WORD

2. Continue using a pencil. Trace around the word or name to create block or bubble letters.

NAME

WORD

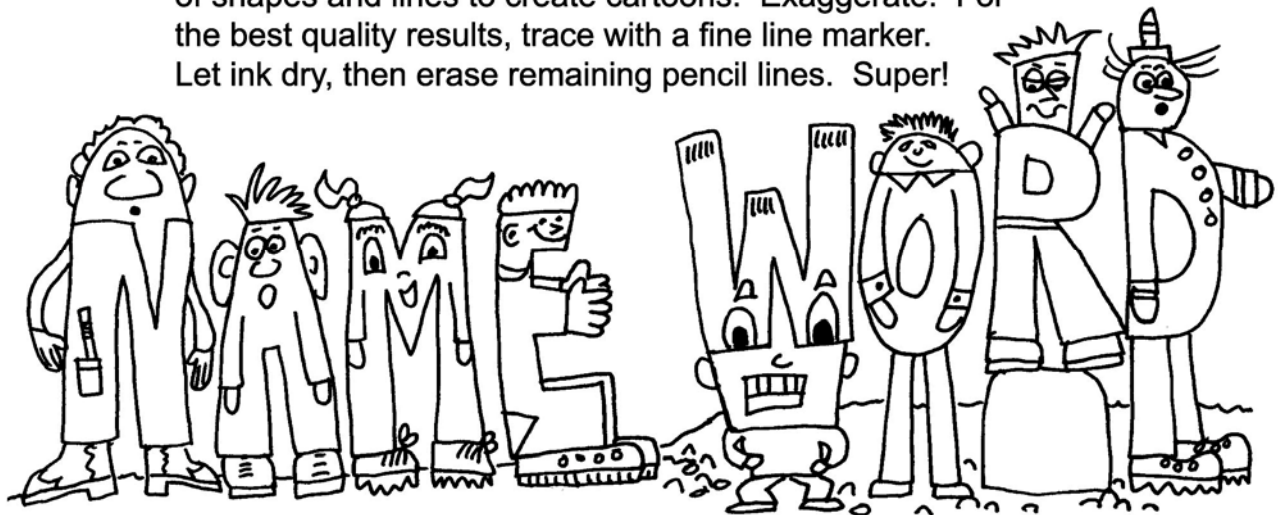
3. Erase the inside lines (the first lines you drew).

NAME

WORD

4. Now, use that fabulous imagination of yours. Use many different kinds of shapes and lines to create cartoons. Exaggerate. For the best quality results, trace with a fine line marker.

Let ink dry, then erase remaining pencil lines. Super!



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