

# PROJECT #8

## WALL ART



Now that you know a new lettering style, let's apply your skills and make wall art to decorate your room, your locker, or any other place where you can show off some of your personality.

### SUPPLIES:

- picture frame (optional)
- scratch paper
- pencil
- cardstock
- removable tape
- scissors
- dark marker
- marker or brush pen

- 1) Do you have a favorite saying or an inspirational quote that makes you happy? A few of my favorites are: *Have Courage*, *Be Brave*, or *Shine Bright*. Pick one that you want to draw.
- 2) If you plan to frame your wall art, figure out how big the picture frame you want to use is. Some standard

sizes are 4 x 6 inches, 5 x 7 inches, or 8 x 10 inches.

Here's a shortcut: take the paper out of your picture frame and use that as your template. Outline the outside of this shape on scratch paper to use as your practice paper. Then, outline the same shape on your final cardstock so you know that it will fit in the frame perfectly when you are done.

- 3) For the design, decide if you want your letters to be slanted or standing straight. If you'd like them to be slanted, remember you have the angled grid on page 81 to help you out if needed. Place your scratch paper on top of the angled grid and draw out your letters in pencil first. This will be your stencil.
- 4) When you have your design figured out, trace over your pencil lines in a dark marker. It will make sense why in a few steps. This is not your final art piece yet.

5) Now, you may be thinking, “How do I get that same design from my practice paper onto my final cardstock?” Good question. I have a little secret for you. It’s called a window! The next time the sun is shining through a window in your home or room, tape the stencil you made in Step 4 to the window. Use removable tape so it can be easily removed once you’re done.

6) Cut out your final cardstock from Step 2 and tape it on the window over your stencil. Match up the rectangle shape like in the photo above on the right. You will be able to see your quote through the paper. It’s like magic!

If you can’t see the words through your cardstock, your cardstock may be too thick or too dark colored. Unfortunately, this magic trick doesn’t work with darker paper. If you have a lighter colored cardstock, use that instead.



7) Now all you need to do is trace the lettering. Use a marker or brush pen (Lesson 7) and trace your design.

8) Add any patterns to add some fun to your art and fill up the space.

9) Once you’re done, place your art inside a frame and hang it up loud and proud!



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STRAIGHT  
HAND-LETTERING  
STYLE



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ANGLED  
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