

PROJECT #1

PATTERNS

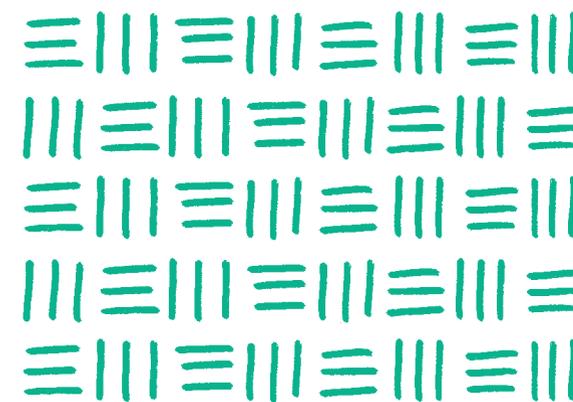
It's project time! Do you have a school binder that needs decorating? Or is one of the walls in your bedroom bare, making the perfect canvas where you can showcase your art? Using the shapes you just practiced, let's add some pizzazz and fun to your surroundings.



SUPPLIES:

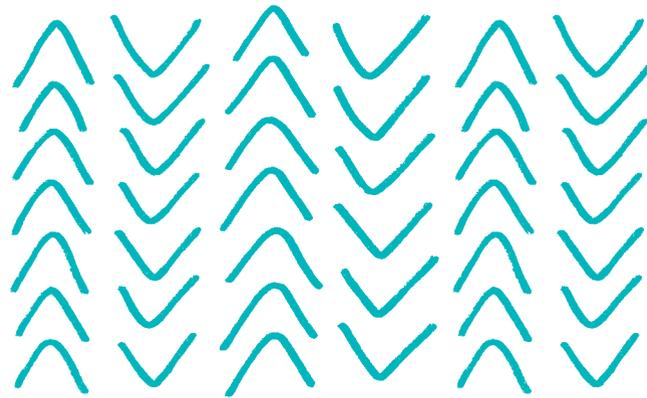
- blank paper or cardstock
- any pen/marker
- scissors
- removable tape

- 1) Grab a few sheets of blank paper or cardstock and any pens you want to experiment with.
- 2) Draw the shapes and symbols you just learned and turn them into patterns. These can be one shape drawn over and over again or a mixture of shapes that, together, creates a new design. Below are a few ideas to jumpstart your fun pattern making:



- Draw a group of dashed lines close together (3 or 4 lines) and then draw another group of vertical lines standing tall. Continue drawing these groups of lines next to each other, one after the other. Repeat drawing the same groups directly below, switching off between horizontal and vertical dashes.
- Think of the night sky and create stars that sparkle. To make a star, draw a horizontal line, then a vertical line over it. Next, add two diagonal lines to make an x on top. Repeat and continue drawing more to fill your page. You can even add some dots for the smaller stars and crescent moons.





- Using the curved arch shape, draw one after the other starting from the top and going down to the bottom of the page. Then, when you get to the bottom, go back to the top and draw the same shape but upside down. Continue drawing, and you'll start to see a pattern come to life.
- 3) If you have other colored pens, experiment with making every other line a different color or use the colors of the rainbow to fill up the entire page. This is your time to dream and play!
- 4) When you are done drawing, here are a few ideas of where to use your patterns:
 - Cut them into smaller pieces and make a collage. You can layer other photos and tape them to a larger sheet to make a perfect binder cover.
 - Tape them up to your wall using removable tape.
 - Turn them into folded cards and write a message on the inside.
 - Keep them as full sheets and use as wrapping paper to wrap a small present.

PEP TALK

TAKE IT SLOW

It's time for a little pep talk. You'll see some of these sprinkled throughout the book, and it's a space where you and I can check in. I imagine you're reading this and wanting to rush to the end and make all of those projects. Or maybe you're thinking you already know how to write the ABCs so you don't need to go through the beginning lessons.

What I ask of you now is to take it slow. Yes, you might feel confident with some of these lessons already, but did you know that hand lettering is different than handwriting? Hand lettering is drawing letters, and handwriting is what you use to write your homework. This is my

Hand lettering

And this is my

handwriting

Yes, my handwriting is usually scribbles.

These beginning lessons are going to help you see how and why hand lettering is different than handwriting. So, stick with me, and you are going to get really good at this whole hand-lettering thing.

xo, Nicole

