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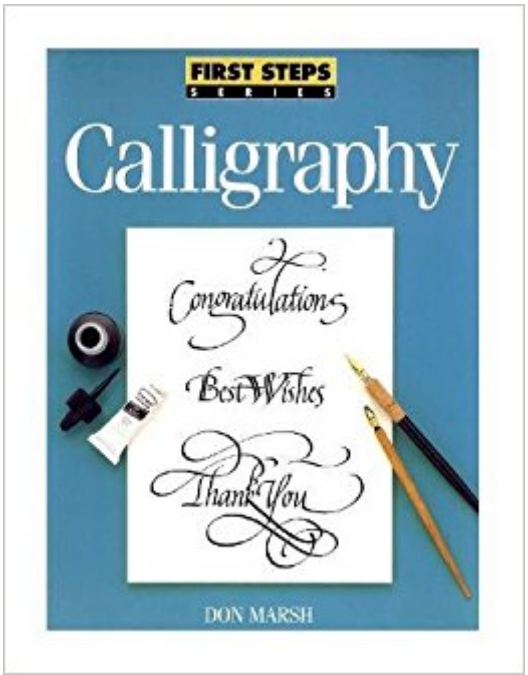

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Synopsis

Make your first steps in calligraphy fun and rewarding!You'll be delighted at how easy this guide makes it to address invitations with a touch of class, send unforgettable greeting cards, and craft unique and meaningful gifts.With Don Marsh's simple and straightforward instruction, you'll be creating graceful handwritten expressions in no time! By learning a few key strokes (most of them found in the letters "a" and "n") you'll be able to form all the letters of the alphabet.In this book, you'll find everything you need to begin—including:Which tools and materials to buy to get off to a good, affordable startEasy-to-follow instructions for the most practical and popular lettering styles—simple italic minuscules, simple roman capitals, simple italic capitals and swash capsEasy (but effective) exercises that make learning funHow to create numerals and decorative flourishesCopy-and-use practice sheetsInspiring examples of the art of calligraphyMore than a dozen projects—complete with stroke-by-stroke instruction—show you different ways to apply your new skills. You'll find practical and imaginative ideas for greeting cards, invitations, romantic verse and much more. And with Don's help, you can get started right away.

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With over 200 books in print on calligraphy, the popularity of this sophisticated art is unquestionable. Most calligraphy books can be pretty daunting for the beginner, hence Marsh's book. Part of North Light Books' "First Step" series, it is aimed at the "absolute beginner." Excellent for secondary school age and above, it features projects on greeting cards, invitations, and romantic verse. If a more advanced treatment is needed, see David Harris's The Art of Calligraphy: A Practical Guide to

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You want to know and start in the art of calligraphy? This is your book, simple, to the point, practical comments for the ignorant but interested person, just like me. Before reading this book you may have an idea of what calligraphy is, once you read this book you will have a very clear idea of it, the book will guide you and show you all the details of this art. The needed technical information is easily explained; where to start, what to buy, styles and techniques are explained without excessive technical language. For a starter, this is the book.

I'm a calligrapher and bought this book early in my journey. Although I focus on pointed pen right now, this book is a solid introduction to broad nib lettering and I look forward to using it more fully.

I think this book is one of the best for calligraphy newbies. Many useful info about tools and technics. I will recommend it to people who want to begin to study calligraphy and for more experienced calligraphers.

Excited to start using this in conjunction with other materials to learn calligraphy. Nice to see that there is room in the back for practicing :)

I ordered Don Marsh's book after I thumbed through a copy in the local high school library and was delighted to see ideas that I could use even as a practicing calligrapher. The explanations and examplars are just what beginners need in both how clearly stated and sized they are presented, and the copies of historical scripts and embellishments can help even seasoned artists.

This is the first book out of the many I've purchased that clicked for me. It's not expansive in that it doesn't cover many hands, but it does a great job setting you up to master the basics, and use that knowledge and skill to master any hand.

Book is very informative. It even gives you a shopping list if you are a beginner. Tells pros and cons of nibs and what brands are good! Found this book useful and informative.

Really needed this set and instructions....I had become very rusty and my hand stiff. It is great to get my hands moving again and the exercises are wonderful. Very helpful instructions.

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