



Strathmore 2020 ONLINE
WORKSHOP SERIES

CREATIVE WATERCOLORING

with Leslie Tieu

LESSON 2: Be the Light

In video 2 we will explore how to use watercoloring in brush lettering.



SUPPLIES:



Strathmore 400 Series
Hardbound Watercolor Art Journal
8.5 x 5.5"



Daler-Rowney Aquafine
Watercolor Pan Set
24 colors



Princeton Velvetouch brush
round, size 4

Black Permanent Ink Pen • White Gel Pen • Gold Gel Pen • Pencil • Kneaded Eraser

Painting Star Shapes:

Using a basic technique for painting stars, create small clusters of stars on the downstroke of each letter in the word LIGHT.

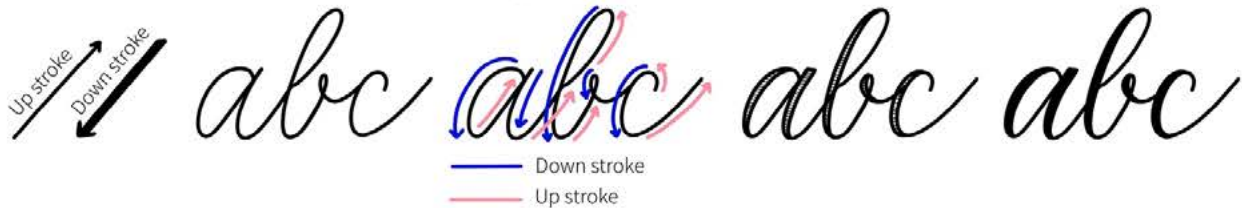


Faux Lettering:

Use the following worksheet to familiarize yourself with the technique of faux calligraphy. This process is used to mimic brush pen lettering.

Faux Calligraphy

Leslie Writes It All



Faux calligraphy is a technique used to imitate brush pen lettering. This technique can be used with any writing device (no special pen required!). Follow the basic principles of having a **thin up stroke** (when your pen is moving towards the top of the page) and **thicker down stroke** (when your pen is moving towards the bottom of the page).

Start by writing a letter or word in cursive. Take note of when you are making an upward stroke or downward stroke of your pen. Any areas where you created a down stroke, create a double line to be filled in. In the example above, the blue arrows show you where the down strokes are. Add a parallel line to those down strokes and then fill them in to look like brush lettering!

hello hello hello hello

light light light light

Your turn to practice!

Blank handwriting practice lines for the word 'light'.

STEPS:



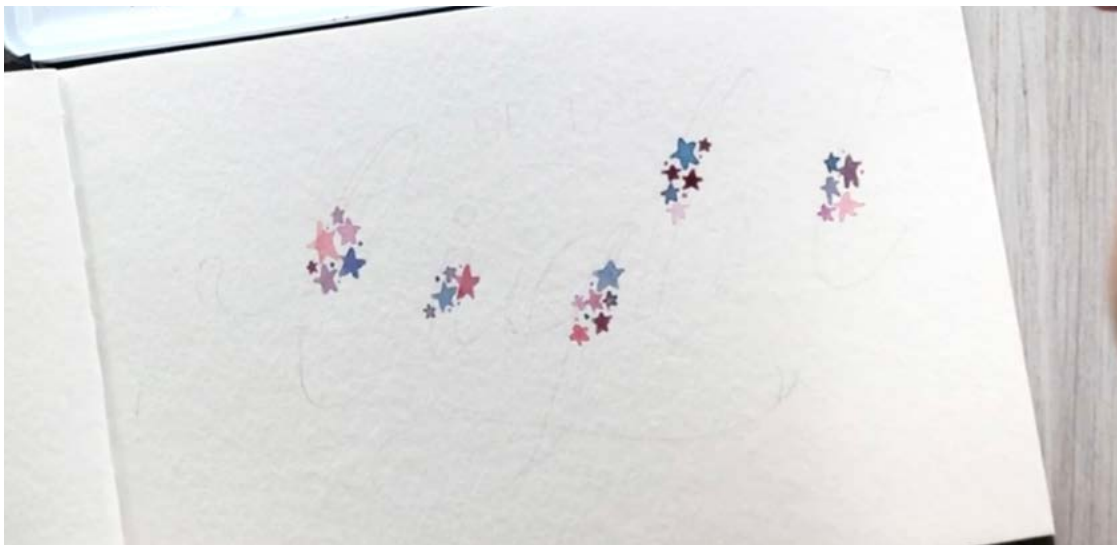
1. Using a pencil, write out the words "BE THE" in capital letters and "light" in cursive.



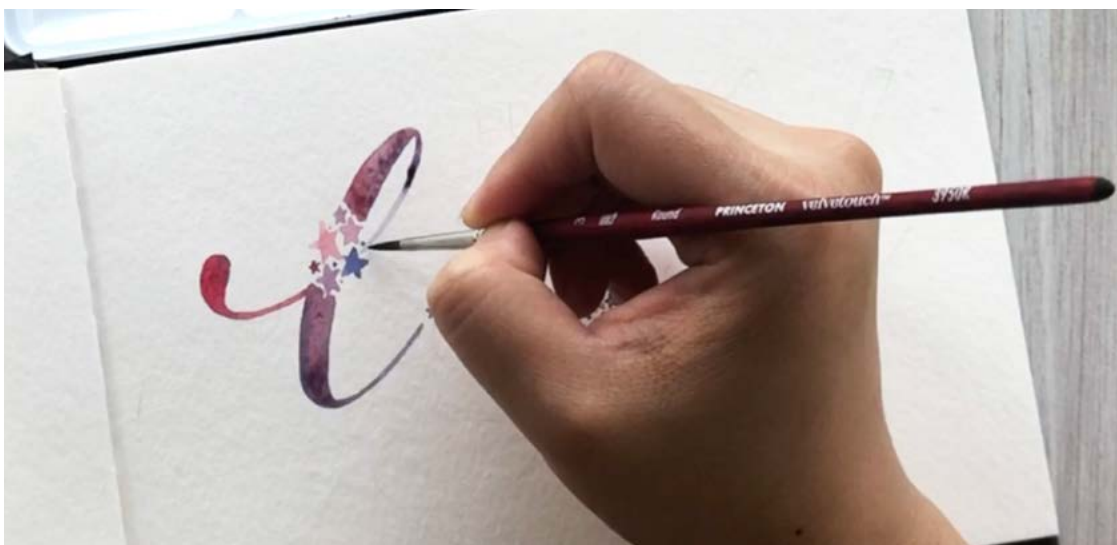
2. Using the "faux calligraphy" technique, draw in thicker lines in the word "light" where the downstrokes of each letter are. Refer to the additional handout if you need more practice!



3. Use a kneaded eraser to gently lighten the appearance of your pencil lines. You want to be able to still see them since they will be guiding you in your painting.



4. Paint clusters of stars along the thick downstroke of each letter.



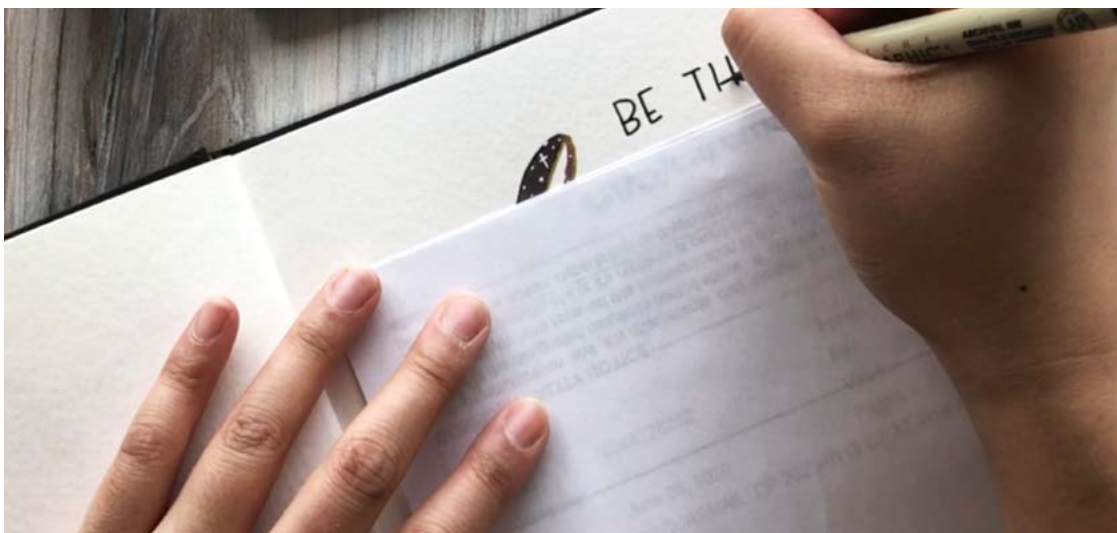
5. Now use the pencil lines to guide you in filling in the rest of the letters with paint. Choose a few colors in the same colors of the painted stars. Mix the colors together to create a galaxy sky



6. Use a gold gel pen to add in a thin drop shadow along the word "light".



7. Now use a white gel pen to add additional star details to the word light.



8. Use a monoline pen to write "BE THE" on top of the word "LIGHT".