

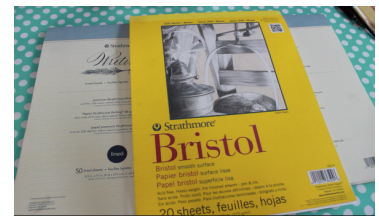
Strathmore 2015 ONLINE WORKSHOP SERIES

Getting Started with Modern Calligraphy

- 1) Print the Dahlia alphabet reference guide.
- 2) Prepare your work space with your paper, ink, and a piece of scratch paper.
- 3) Dip your pen in the ink. You'll want to cover the nib about halfway, filling the reservoir. Wipe the excess ink on the side of the jar.
- 4) Make a couple of test lines on the scratch paper to make sure the ink is flowing smoothly and isn't puddling.
- 5) Hold the nib to the paper somewhere between a 30 and 45 degree angle.
- 6) When using Strathmore's lined writing paper and practicing the Dahlia lettering style, allow for 4 lines per row of text.
- 7) Apply pressure on the downstroke to widen your line.
- 8) Make an effort to keep your loops open. If you have too much ink on your nib, they can close.
- 9) Keep practicing, but don't get frustrated if your calligraphy doesn't look quite like mine. Find your own style; with modern calligraphy, pretty much anything goes as long as it looks pretty!

Recommended Supplies

- Dip pen & nibs (Speedball Calligraphy Set, C-series)
- India ink (Speedball Super Black)
- Paper (Strathmore Writing series or Bristol)
- Dappen dish (optional)
- Pen rest (optional)
- Cotton rag



Clean Up

It's important to clean up immediately after you're finished. Unused ink can go back in the bottle. Wash the nib and dappen dish thoroughly under running water, then dry immediately with a cotton rag.

