3D Lettering Craft Project

MAKE YOUR WRITING STAND OUT

Are you looking for a way to add a bit of drama to your lettering and calligraphy? With just a few extra lines you can create shadows around your writing, making it pop out from the page and look 3D. This is great for cards, artwork, bullet journals and planners or anywhere else you really want your letters to stand out.

You Will Need

- - Duotip Markers
- - Paper or card
- - A pencil
- - A ruler
- - An eraser

Project time: 20 minutes
Project level: Intermediate

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Step 1

Decide what word you want to write. We are going to use Manuscript. Get your paper or card and lightly draw a line across it with your pencil and ruler (you will need to rub this out later on so don't press to hard).

Step 2

Write your word using the pencil line as your guide. You can either do this in pencil first and play around with the letters until you are happy or you can dive straight in with a Duotip marker if you are feeling confident. You can use any style of font or calligraphy for the word just make sure to leave yourself a little extra space between each letter so you have room to add the shadows.

If you do use a pencil first you will need to go over the top of it with your Duotip marker afterwards. We used blue for this example but you can choose whichever colour you prefer.

Step 3

Look at your word and decide where the light source is going to be, this will then help you figure out where the shadows should fall on your letters. Our source is going to be in the top left hand corner of the paper so all the shadows should be on the right hand side of each part of each letter, and a little underneath too.

Use a second Duotip marker in either a complementary or contrasting colour to draw the shaded areas. Make your shadows thicker on the down strokes of the letters and thinner on the up strokes. Build these areas up until you are happy with them.

Step 4

Once you have added all the shadows it is time to rub out the pencil line with an eraser and then you are finished!