

## Creativity takes courage, faux calligraphy step-by-step instructions by Maurelle

### Step 1:



Gather all the materials you need and decide on the quote you would like to write.

### Step 2:



Create a few different thumbnail sketches for your quote to help you decide on the best layout for your artwork.

### **Step 3:**



With a light hand, sketch the quote with an HB pencil.

You want to avoid a lot of pressure so that's it's easy to erase the pencil lines and won't leave any marks on the final piece.

When writing the text use a cursive font, making sure you leave enough space between the letters to add a downstroke.

Faux calligraphy tips:

In calligraphy there are two kinds of lines.

Upstroke – these are thin lines going upward when you write.

Downstroke – these are the thick line going down when you write.

As we're not using a calligraphy pen, to achieve a calligraphy look you need to draw a second line on all the downstrokes.

For example:



### **Step 4:**



Once you are happy with your layout you can now erase most of the pencil lines with the kneaded eraser. Make sure you leave a few marks as this will help guide you later, when you go over it with the fineliners.

### **Step 5:**



Decide on the color scheme you would like to use and start inking the outline of your design.

Don't forget to apply the faux calligraphy tips we covered in step 3!

Want to find out how you can create one pen color blends using Chameleon Fineliners? Watch out [How Chameleon Fineliners Work Video](#) here!

### **Step 6:**



When finished, erase the remaining pencil lines to have a clearer view of the artwork.

Then, start filling in the spaces with shading and any patterns that you like.

Don't forget, you can also decorate the white space around, just consider visual balance and color cohesiveness.



You did it. Be proud of your creation!