

# Basic Calligraphy Supplies 101

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In this class students will learn basic pen techniques, differences in inks and pen types, as well as how different papers react to different inks. If time allows, students will start learning one hand or style.

## List of Supplies

Paper  
Pen/Quill/Nibs  
Ink/Cartridges  
Ruler  
Pencil  
Kneaded eraser  
Calligraphy book(s)

## Calligraphy Books

If you can only afford one book at a time, I suggest you start at the top of this list and work your way down. If you can only afford a few books, I highly recommend the top three listed.

Medieval Calligraphy  
It's History and Technique  
Marc Drogin  
Published by: Dover publications, Inc.  
ISBN # 0-486-261425-5

Calligraphy & Illumination  
A History & Practical Guide  
Patricia Lovett  
Published by: Harry N, Abrams, Inc.  
ISBN # 0-8109-4119-8

The Calligrapher's Handbook  
Edited by Heather Child, on behalf of the Society of Scribes and Illuminators  
Published by: Taplinger Publishing Co.  
ISBN # 0-8008-1198-4 (paperback)

The Calligrapher's Companion

Complete References to over 100 alphabets, plus a skill-building workbook.

Mary Noble & Janet Mehigan

Published by: Thunder Bay Press

ISBN # 1-57145-047-5 & 1-57145-047-5 Workbook

The Complete Calligrapher

A comprehensive guide from basic techniques to inspirational alphabets.

Emma Pallery

Published by: Barnes & Noble

ISBN # 0-7607-1933-0

The Complete Guide to Calligraphy

Techniques and Materials

Judy Martin, consultant Miriam Stribley

Published by: Shooting Star Press

ISBN # 1-57335-478-3

There are, of course, other books on the market today that may be just as good, if not better than, the ones I have listed. These will get you started. If you find any good ones, or have any questions, please feel free to email me at [susan@rocinante.com](mailto:susan@rocinante.com) .