

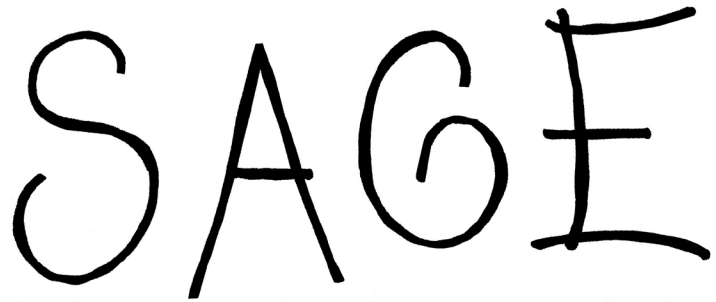
DRAW A GRAFFITI PIECE WITH SERIF LETTERS

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SERIF and SANS SERIF LETTERS

Serifs are small decorative flourishes on the ends of some of the strokes that make up letters. Sans serif letters do not have these flourishes (the word sans means without).

STEP 1. For this exercise, we start with a tag word, "SAGE", drawn with sans serif letters. Draw your letters very lightly with a pencil so you can erase them later. We have drawn very dark lines in this example just so you can see it better.




STEP 2. Next, add serifs to the ends of each stroke.



NOTE: The word SAGE means a very wise, thoughtful person. It is also a type of green plant, or can be someone's name.

STEP 3. Draw rectangular bars all around the strokes of each letter. Where the strokes are curved, make the bars curved.



STEP 4. Erase all of the lines inside of the letters and leave only the outside lines. These letters are now called outline letters with serifs or block letters with serifs.



STEP 5. Trace over the outlines with a fine point dark magic marker, smoothing over any rough or uneven edges. Add some small rectangular bits.



TIP: Sharpies work really great for outlining, but be sure to put a piece of cardboard under your paper, because a Sharpie will leak through paper and stain your table.

STEP 6. Time to make your letters three dimensional or 3D: From the bottom of each letter and every corner on the outside of the letters, draw a straight line downwards towards the left. Make all of these downwards lines approximately the same length.



STEP 7. Draw a line from the tip of each downward line to the line directly next to it. Follow the shape of the letters, curving the lines where necessary. Color in the 3D with a dark color.



STEP 8. Draw an outline all around the outer edges of the letters about 1/4" away to form a forcefield. Add some drips on top of the letters. Use a colored pencil to add a touch of shading around the outside edge of the force-field. You are done. Great job!

