



ARCHITECTS LETTERING WORKBOOK

A step-by-step guide
to help you learn how to hand
write like an Architect

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As a Senior Lecturer, one of the first things I used to teach my students was how to write like an Architect. And so I created this step-by-step Architects hand lettering workbook so you can learn and practice your Architects hand lettering as often as you like.





HOW TO BEST USE THIS WORKBOOK:

Read through the workbook and print out the template. Use it as a guide to help you practice your letters, and share your progress with me tag [@SoniaNicolson](#)

Check out my favorite writing tools and supplies so you have everything you need to set yourself up for success.

And, we've created a Pinterest board with examples of Architect's handwriting in use so you can get inspired.

READY TO BEGIN?

We recommend setting aside between 30-60 mins to go through this workbook and try it yourself. You may not master it right away, but as we all know, practice makes perfect (or close enough).

Print out this workbook, or just the practice template, and share a picture with me on Instagram, tag [@SoniaNicolson](https://www.instagram.com/SoniaNicolson) so I can see your progress.

Good luck!!

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WHY DO ARCHITECTS WRITE THE WAY THEY DO

Architects often use diagrams, sketches, and blueprints or plans to communicate their ideas visually. These drawings are stylized, as is an architect's handwriting.

Today, most architects work on the computer and therefore type any lettering, but architectural hand lettering is still very much a well-practiced skill and one which will come in handy, especially for sketchbooks, concept design work, and general note-taking.

HOW TO WRITE LIKE AN ARCHITECT

First, start by practicing your architectural lettering with a technical drafting pencil or drawing pen. Using the guide provided in this workbook, trace over each letter and practice until you feel confident enough to write out your own letters. Make a guide in pencil and stay within the box when writing, or rather drawing out each letter.

Typically architects write in upper case (capital letters) and use straight lines to form each letter. You can use pencil guidelines until you're confident in your style but architects write in ink.

It may also be helpful to check out our Pinterest board of architectural lettering and incorporate elements that you like into your own writing.





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ENOUGH
TO BE BAD AT
SOMETHING
NEW**

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TOOLS, SUPPLIES



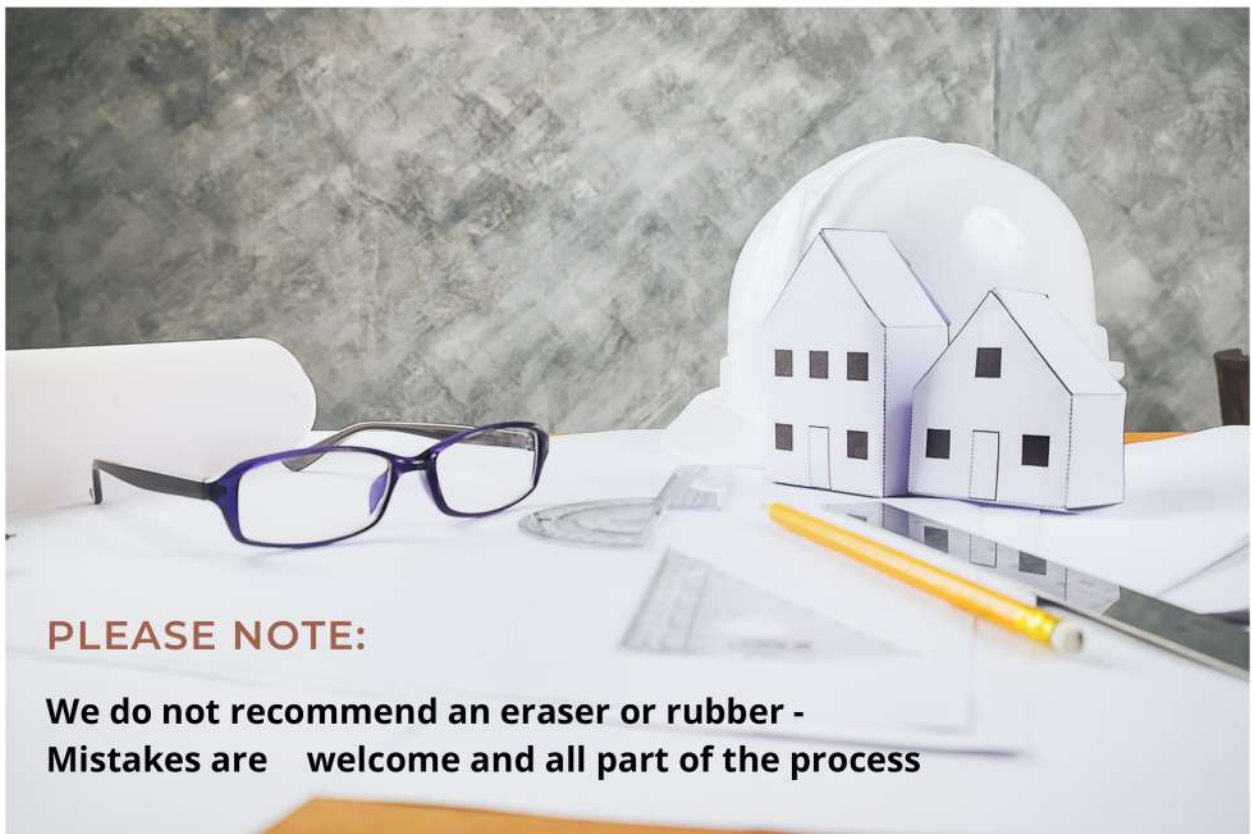
WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Pencil (H = hard lead, won't smudge or make a mess)
- Drawing Pens (they're what Architects use so why not start now)
- Tracing paper (or a cheap roll of baking/ greaseproof paper)
- Masking tape (keeps your work and template in place)

PENS

PAPER

TAPE



PLEASE NOTE:

**We do not recommend an eraser or rubber -
Mistakes are welcome and all part of the process**

HOW TO WRITE LIKE AN ARCHITECT: THE TEMPLATE

PRINT THIS OUT

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HOW TO WRITE LIKE AN ARCHITECT: THE TEMPLATE

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HOW TO WRITE LIKE AN ARCHITECT: THE TEMPLATE

PRINT THIS OUT + TRY YOUR OWN

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SET YOURSELF UP FOR SUCCESS

1. CLEAN YOUR SURFACE

Before the Digital Age, distance learning appeared in the form of correspondence courses and later radio and television broadcasts.

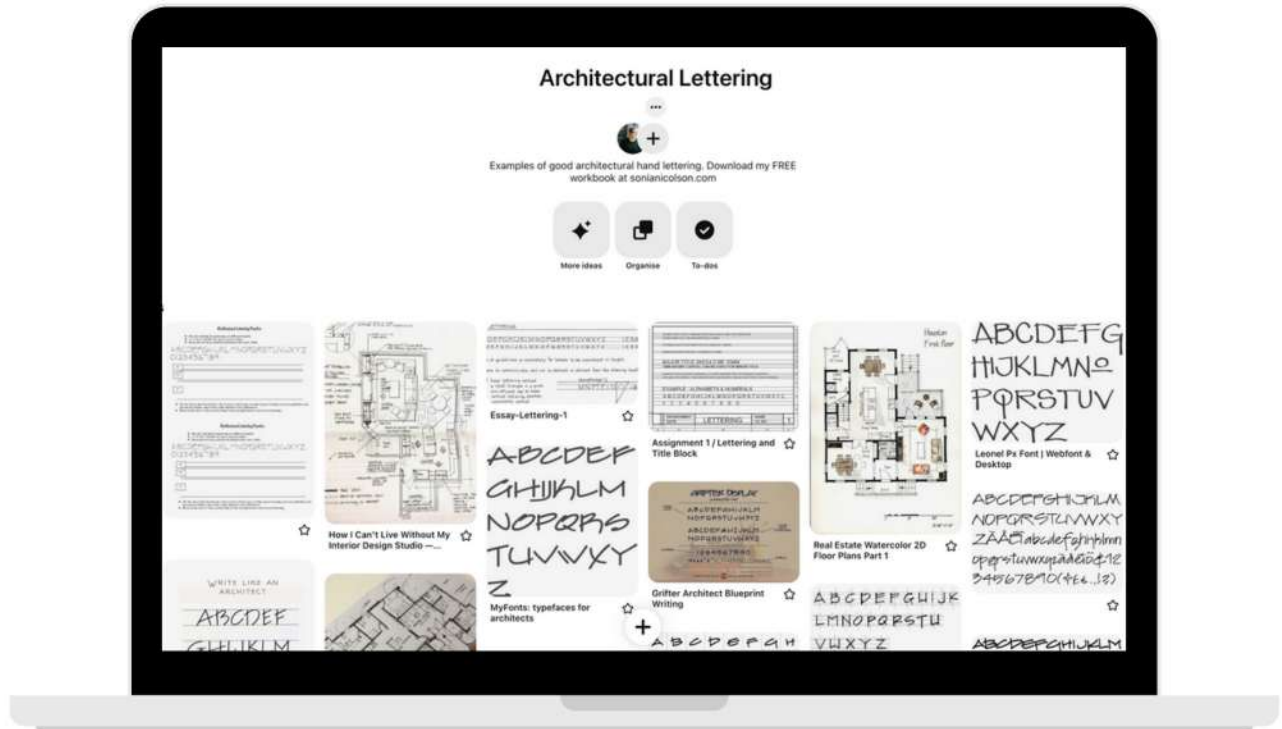
2. LINE UP THE TEMPLATE AND STICK DOWN

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3. LINE UP YOUR TRACING PAPER & STICK DOWN

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FOR MORE EXAMPLES

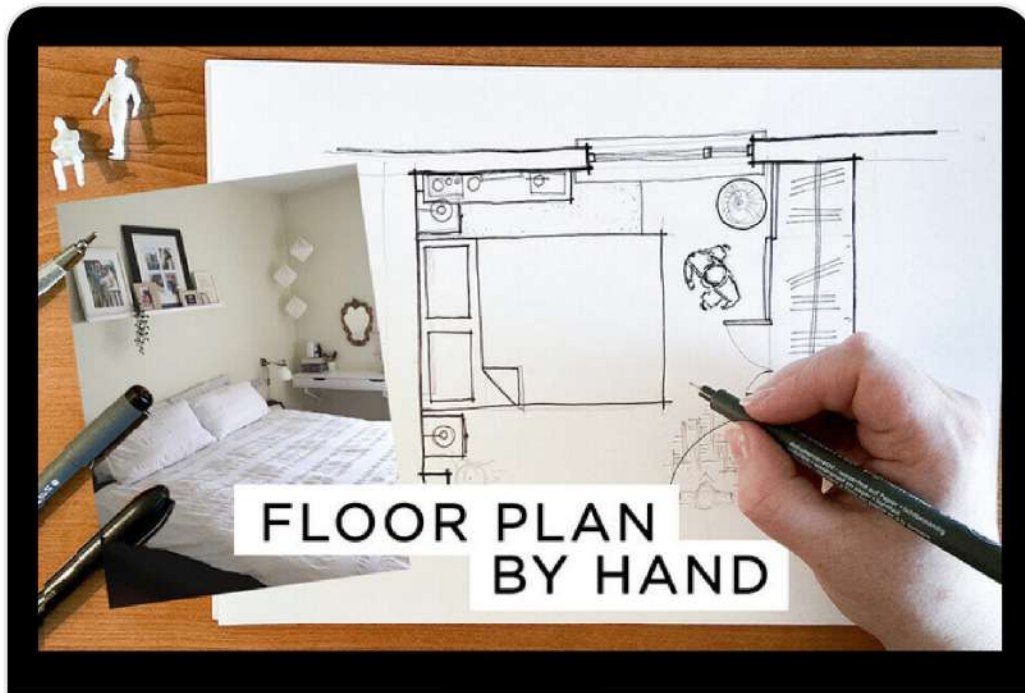
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We've made a folder on Pinterest showing some examples of Architectural Lettering for you to check out:

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And, although this is a guide to encourage you to learn, practice and use your handwriting skills, if you are looking for a font in the style of an architect's handwriting then we recommend having a look at the website **DaFont**

Flux Architect by orange modern
Architect's Hand by Lázaro Glória
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CONGRATULATIONS

Now start to apply what you've learned with your
new architectural lettering skills
in your sketchbook, notes, and projects.

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