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Back to School to Graffiti Wall

**Whole Class
Art Activity**

Graffiti Project

Use this PowerPoint to learn all about graffiti, the artists who have used it and the different styles that can be explored. You will be making tag artwork to create your own fun 'graffiti wall'.

Each member of the class will make their own name tag in their selected graffiti style and these will then be assembled to create a display for the new school year.



What Is Graffiti?

Graffiti is defined as writing or drawing that is scribbled, sprayed or scratched on a wall or other public space. There is evidence of wall drawings dating back thousands of years but modern graffiti started in the 1960s, in America.

Creating this type of street art without permission is against the law and some people see it as a nuisance. However, others view it as an expressive art form and some countries have designated sites where graffiti artists may display their work.

Talk About It

What is your opinion on graffiti?

Why do you think it is or isn't a form of art?

Graffiti Artists

Although not all graffiti artists find fame, these names have become known as they have developed a distinctive style, making them stand out. **Banksy**, **Keith Haring** and **Maya Hayuk** are some of the most well-known street artists.



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Tag

You will be creating your own tag today to add to a wall display.

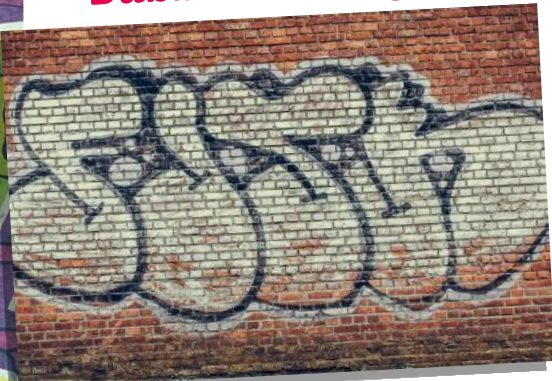
A tag is the most basic type of graffiti. It is the artist's signature, usually written in spray paint or marker pen.



Tag Style

In graffiti art, there are different styles that can be used to create a tag.

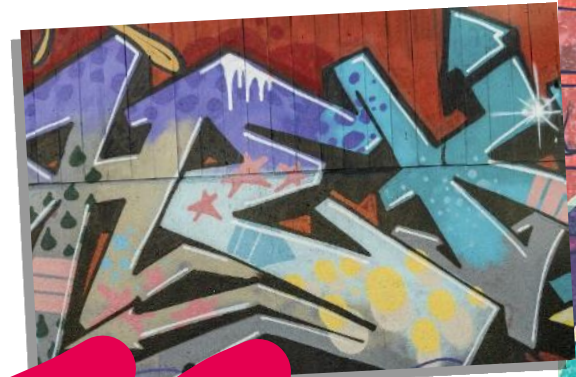
Bubble writing



Wildstyle



Bars



Remember, there are (almost) no rules! The letters can overlap, some parts might be broken up and letters can be positioned at different heights.

Adding colour is what makes the artwork stand out and to make it look 3D, artists leave highlights where the light would fall.

Think About It

Which one would work best with your name?

Is there a style you prefer?

Practise Your Name

ELLIE

In order to select a style, begin with writing your first name in block capitals with a black marker pen, using guide lines.

You can also use a shorter version of your name or a nickname.

Tag Letters

Graffiti artists sometimes use special letter characters.

Try It

You can use this chart to help you write your own name in tag letters.

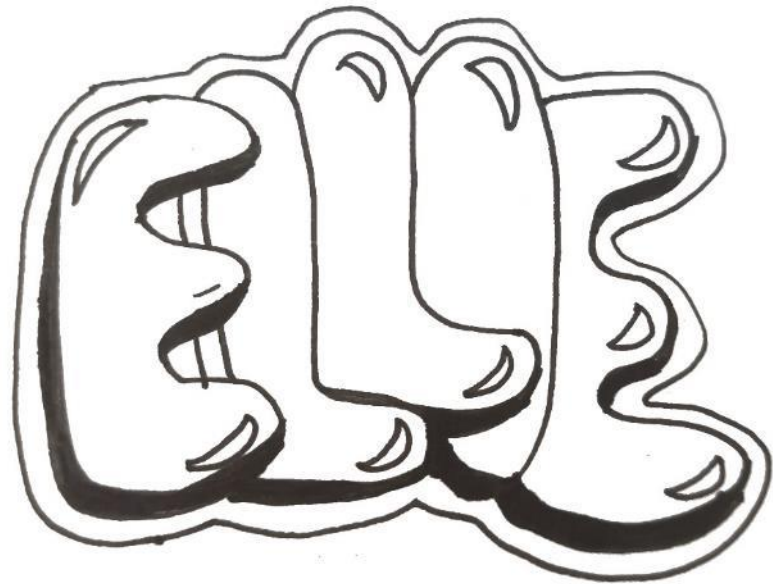


Bubble Writing

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If you want to, you can rearrange the letters closer together by drawing them overlapping each other.

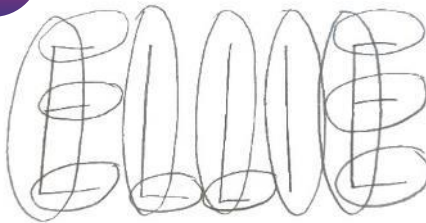
You can also add highlights and [3D effects](#).



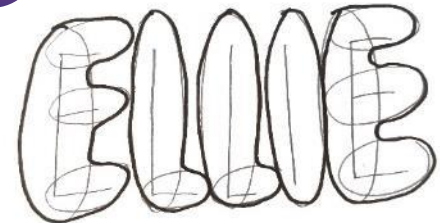
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Wildstyle

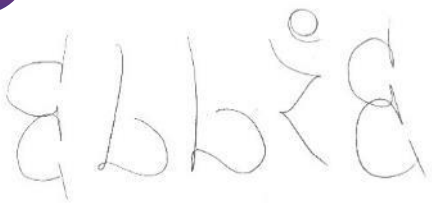
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Use a black marker pen to add a 3D effect. Do this by adding a thick black area to a side of each letter.

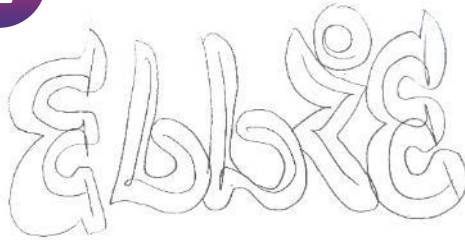
Remember to focus on the same side of each of the letters!



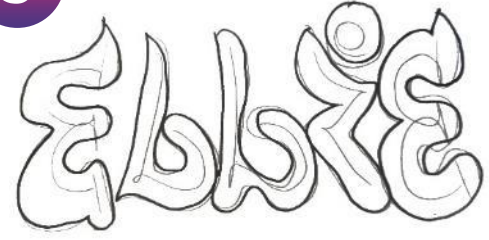
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Bars

4 Redraw the letters with a clean outline. Make sure you arrange them in a way that looks effective. You can turn the letters, write some lower than the others or make some smaller.

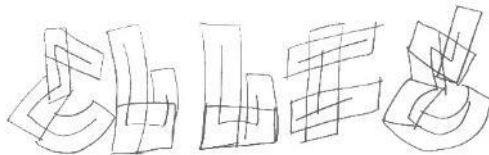
Add a 3D effect by adding a black area to the same two sides of each letter.



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How to Draw 3D Letters

Connect the lines. Starting at the top of the letter.

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Using a thick black marker, fill in the areas you have drawn.

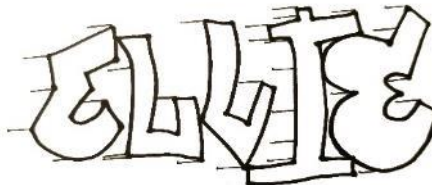
below. Follow the shape of the letter.



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Final Artwork

1

With a black marker pen, copy one of your designs directly onto your A4 white card. Don't try to change the design now – instead stick to what worked the first time!



Final Artwork

2

Add a 3D effect.



Final Artwork

3

Before you add colour, use a pencil or light colour to draw around the areas you will want to keep white as highlights. Add colours with felt-tip pens and highlighters. A good idea is to use bright, neon colours and contrasting darker and lighter colours in each letter.



Final Artwork

4

Frame your work by drawing an outline around the letters. This will really make the tag stand out. Cut it out, leaving a white border around the outline.



Final Artwork

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To make it stand out and for extra colour, you could stick your tag on coloured card and then cut it out, creating a vibrant border with the card.



