

Hand-Drawn Sound Patterns

based on the *Italic Handwriting Series* by Barbara Getty and Inga Dubay.
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For ages 3-6.

Suggested use:

Print the following 26 pages, single sided, on regular printer paper. Hole-punch along the left side and place into a 3-ring-binder. Place the open binder on a small table. (Option - begin with just 2 or 3 pages, adding a few new pages each week.) To the left of the binder provide a container of crayons, markers, Ferby's, or colored pencils. Invite a child who has shown repeated interest in learning letter sounds and/or writing the letters.

Before the child can begin, demonstrate how to draw the letter by tracing it with your index finger. Teach the child to begin by placing their writing utensil directly on the small "x". Follow the arrow to know which direction to begin drawing. **While drawing the letter, say the sound the letter makes.** (Instead of saying "this letter is Z", say "this letter makes the sound zzzzzzzzzzzz.") Use short-vowel sounds. The purpose of this material is to help the child link the shape of the letter with the sound that it makes. Demonstrate the letter at least twice.

After a child has made her first attempt writing inside the bubble letter, invite her to choose a different color and try the same letter again. These letters can be drawn in dozens of times. (Option - give the child 6 colored pencils, the colors of the rainbow, and suggest that she use all 6 colors on each letter.) When the child is finished, help her put the binder away in a low, visible place.

Familiarity with these shapes will prepare the child for easy introduction to the *Italic Handwriting Series Book A* (Kindergarten level.) If you intend to use a different writing system, then you will want to make your own letters based on the model you want to use.























