

# Welcome to **Strokes to Letters**

## Your 3 day iPad Calligraphy Challenge

Hi, I'm Nicole Mauloni, an iPad lettering artist and educator.

This short guide will help you download and open everything you need for the Strokes to Letters challenge inside HobbyScool.

### You will need:

- An iPad with Procreate installed
- An Apple Pencil
- The challenge workbook and brush below

Your workbook contains all eight basic calligraphy strokes, but you do not need to complete every page during the challenge. I will guide you through the exact pages we need in each video.



**Download the challenge workbook**

*iPad-Calligraphy-Challenge.procreate*



**Download the Calligraphy brush**

*iPad Calligraphy Brush.brush*



Download both files on your iPad, then turn to page 2 to open them in Procreate.



Still stuck? Email [nicole@ipadcalligraphy.com](mailto:nicole@ipadcalligraphy.com)

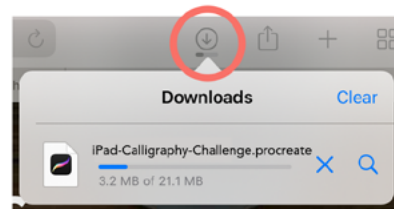


# Open your Procreate Files

Open the workbook first, then install the brush.  
If possible, use Safari so your screen matches the instructions.

## A. Open the Challenge Workbook

1. On page 1, tap *Download the challenge workbook*.
2. If Safari asks whether you want to download **iPad-Calligraphy-Challenge.procreate**, tap *Download*.
3. Tap Safari's *Downloads* icon and wait for the progress bar to finish.
4. Tap **iPad-Calligraphy-Challenge.procreate** in the *Downloads* list. Procreate should open and import the workbook automatically. You will find it in the Procreate Gallery.

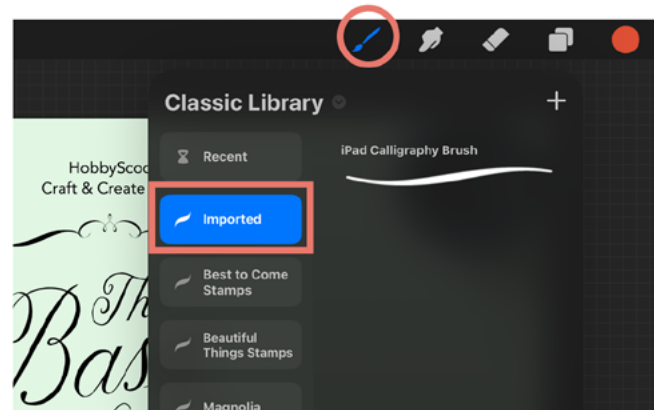


### Procreate did not open?

Open the Files app, go to Downloads and tap iPad-Calligraphy-Challenge.procreate.

## B. Install the iPad Calligraphy Brush

1. Return to this PDF and tap *Download the iPad Calligraphy brush* on page 1. In Safari, tap *Download*, then tap the *Downloads* icon.
2. Tap the downloaded brush file. Procreate will open and install it.
3. In Procreate, tap the Brush icon to open the Brush Library. Open the *Imported* brush set and select the brush called **iPad Calligraphy**. The selected brush will be highlighted in blue.



### No confirmation message?

Procreate may open without showing a confirmation message. That is normal. Open the Imported brush set to check that the Copperplate brush is there.

# Write on the Correct Layer

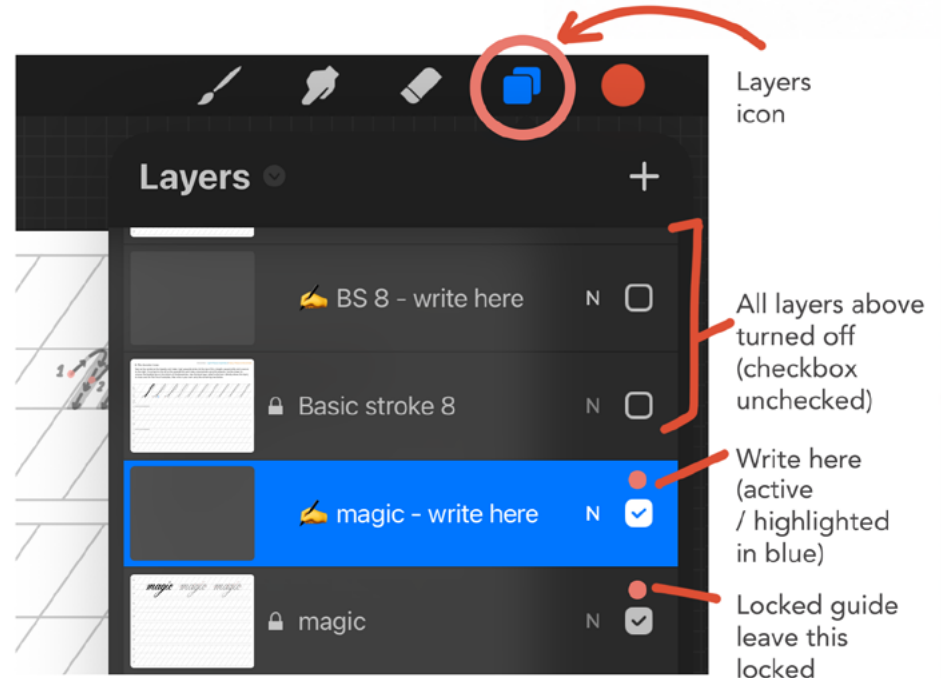
Each practice page has two layers:

- A locked guide layer containing the example
- A blank layer directly above it with *write here* in its name

Open the Layers panel by tapping the two overlapping squares in the top-right corner of Procreate.

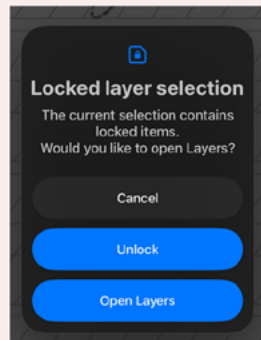
Before you practise, tap the *write here* layer directly above the stroke or word you are working on. The selected layer will be highlighted in blue.

- Only one workbook page needs to be visible at a time.
- A checked box means the layer is visible.
- An unchecked box means the layer is hidden.
- If another page is covering the page you need, untick the visible layers above it until the correct guide appears.



## Seeing a Layer Locked alert?

Nothing is broken and you not need to unlock the guide.



1. Dismiss the notice.
2. Open the Layers panel.
3. Tap the *write here* layer directly above the locked guide.
4. Check that the *write here* layer is highlighted in blue.
5. Try your stroke again.

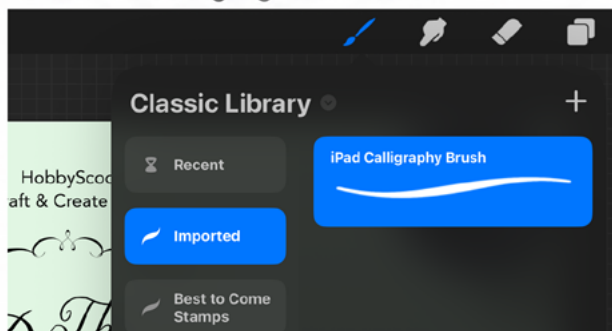
For the final word, select ***magic - write here***, directly above the locked ***magic*** guide.

# Before You Make Your First Stroke

You need 4 things to begin - the correct brush, the correct size, the pressure rule and undo.

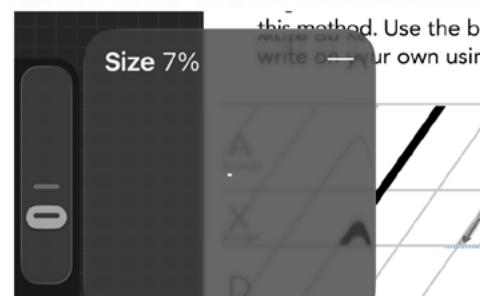
## Select the iPad Calligraphy brush

Tap the Brush icon, open the Imported set and select iPad Calligraphy. The selected brush will be highlighted in blue.



## Check the brush size

Set the brush size to 7% using the top slider. If your thick stroke does not match the example, adjust it slightly until the widths look similar.



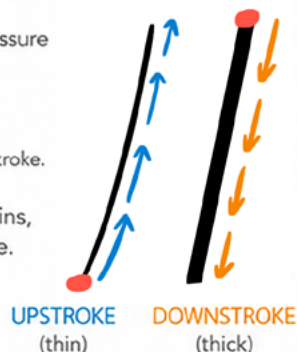
## Light up, heavy down

The Calligraphy brush responds to the pressure of your Apple Pencil:

- Light pressure moving up creates a thin stroke.
- Heavier pressure moving down creates a thick stroke.

The red dots show where each stroke begins, and the arrows show the direction to move.

Start slowly. Smoothness comes with practice, not speed.



## Undo and try again

Tap the screen once with two fingers to undo your last action.

Your first strokes may feel wobbly. That is completely normal. Undo, try again and give your hand time to get used to the movement.



Undo last action  
2 finger tap