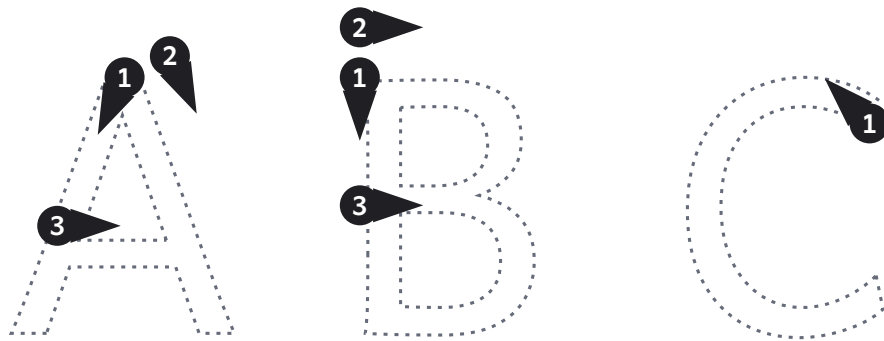


Letter Formation A-Z

26 worksheets - numbered starting dots and direction arrows



Every other alphabet worksheet prints a dotted letter and leaves the child to work out where to begin.

A child who starts an o at the bottom and goes clockwise will fight a, d, g and q for years, and nobody will spot it, because the finished letter looks perfectly fine on the page.

One numbered dot per stroke, one arrow per direction, and the strokes named in words underneath.

US Letter - black ink only - ages 4-7

How to use this book

Two minutes of reading that saves a term of unpicking.

The three rules underneath every letter here

1. Capitals all start at the top. Every one of them.
2. Round letters go anticlockwise - o, a, c, d, g, q, e, s.
3. Letters are built top to bottom and left to right, in that order.

Watch the pencil, not the page

A letter drawn in the wrong order can look identical to one drawn in the right order. The only way to catch it is to watch the hand while it moves, which takes about ten seconds a letter and is the whole point of this book.

The one that matters most

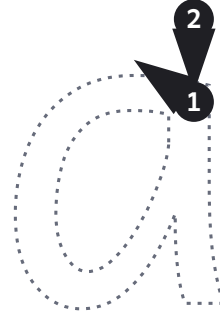
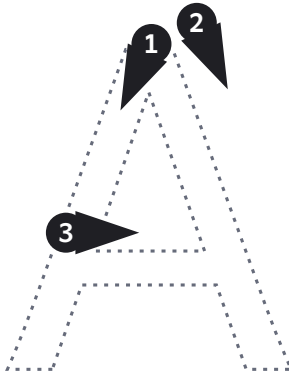
The anticlockwise o. It is the shape inside a, d, g and q, so getting it right once fixes five letters, and getting it wrong makes all five slow.

Schools differ, and that is fine

Joined-up schemes start several letters with a lead-in flick from the baseline, so the start dot moves. If the school teaches that, follow the school - the order of the strokes is the part that rarely changes.

Where to start: Aa

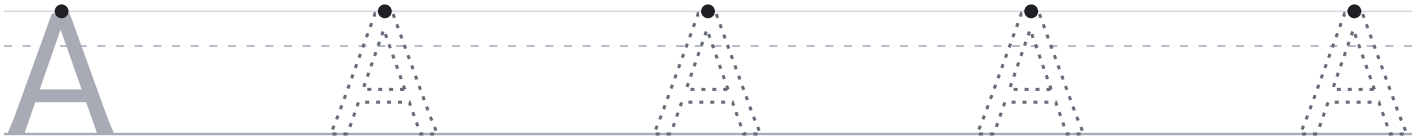
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A: 1. down to the left 2. down to the right 3. across the middle

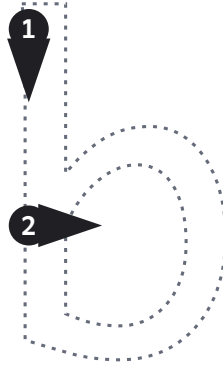
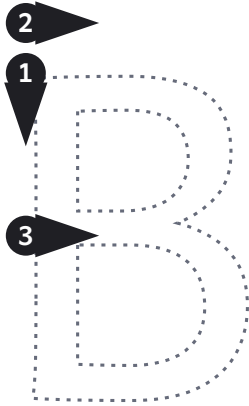
a: 1. back to the left, then round 2. then straight down

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Bb

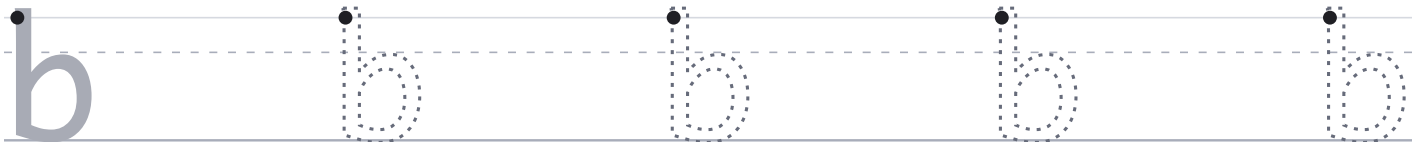
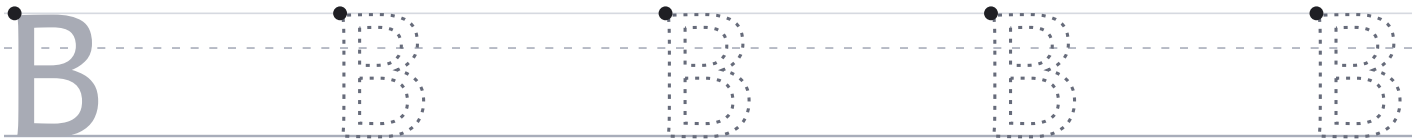
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B: 1. straight down 2. round the top 3. round the bottom

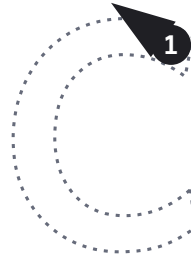
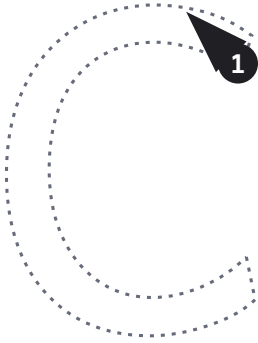
b: 1. straight down 2. round the bottom

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Cc

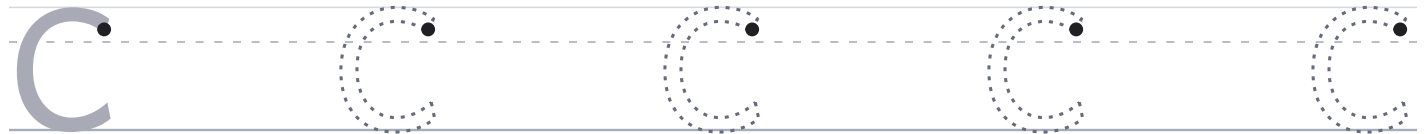
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C: 1. back to the left, then round

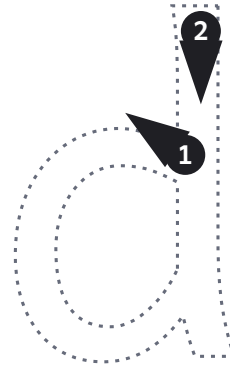
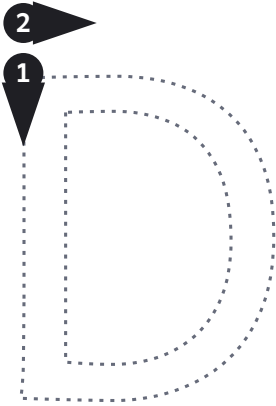
c: 1. back to the left, then round

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Dd

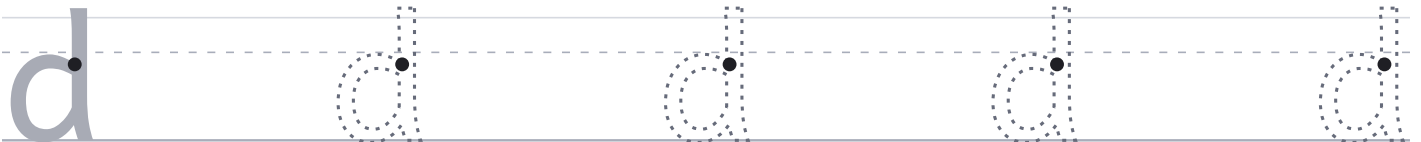
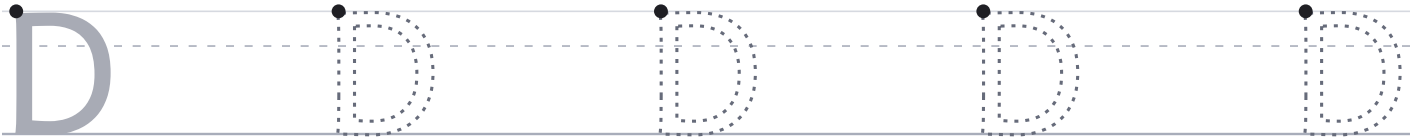
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D: 1. straight down 2. out and round

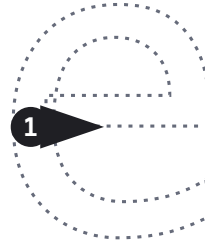
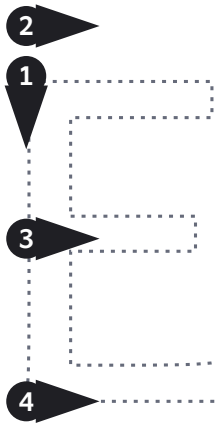
d: 1. back to the left, then round 2. then straight down

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Ee

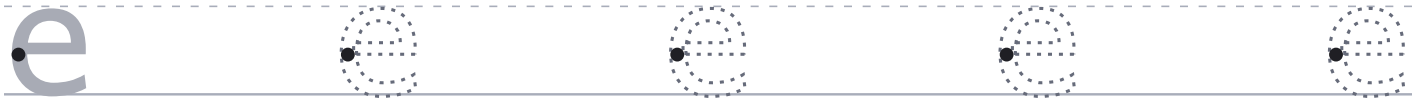
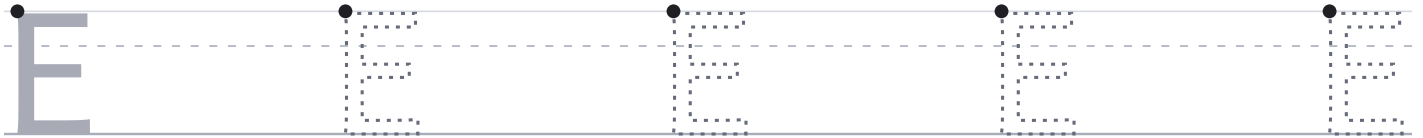
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E: 1. straight down 2. across the top 3. across the middle 4. across the bottom

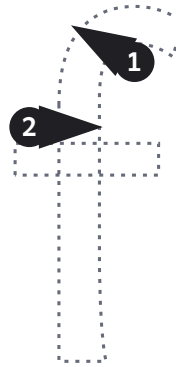
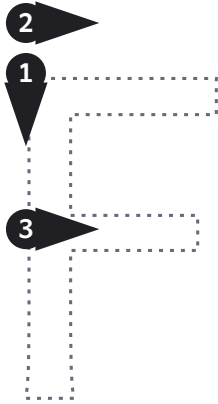
e: 1. across first, then round to the left

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Ff

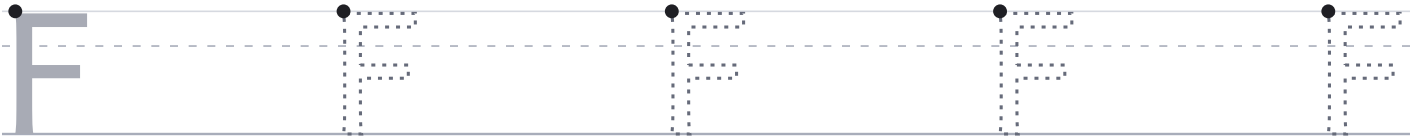
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F: 1. straight down 2. across the top 3. across the middle

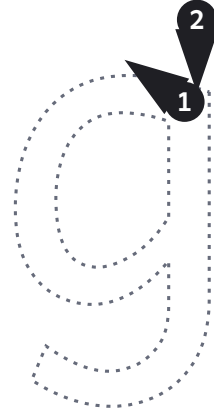
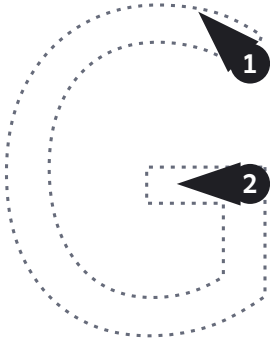
f: 1. curve over and down 2. then across

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Gg

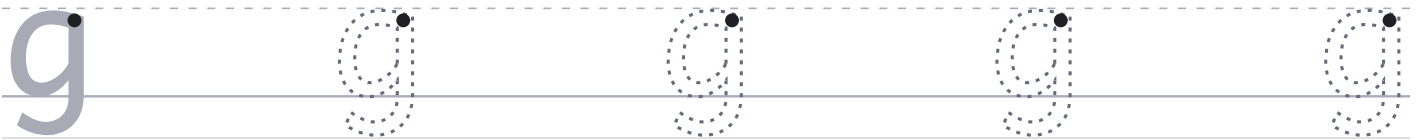
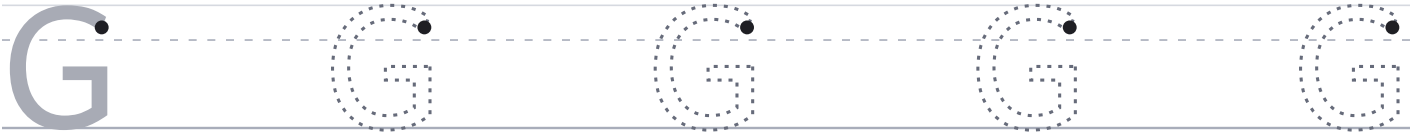
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G: 1. back to the left, then round 2. then in

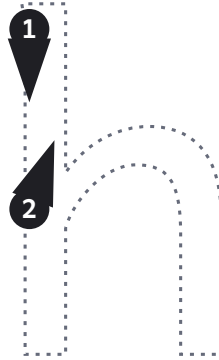
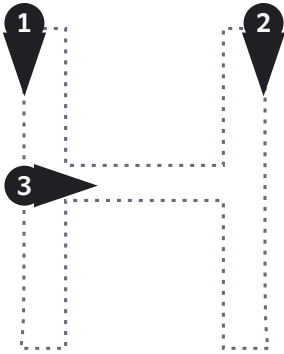
g: 1. back to the left, then round 2. down and hook left

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Hh

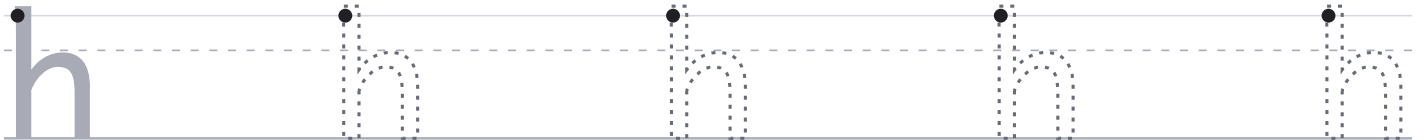
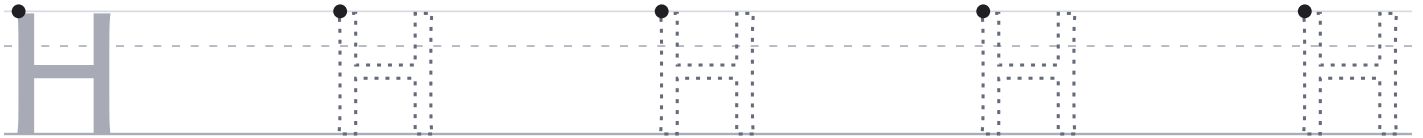
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H: 1. down on the left 2. down on the right 3. across the middle

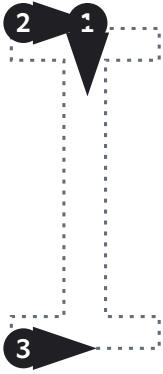
h: 1. straight down 2. up and over

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Ii

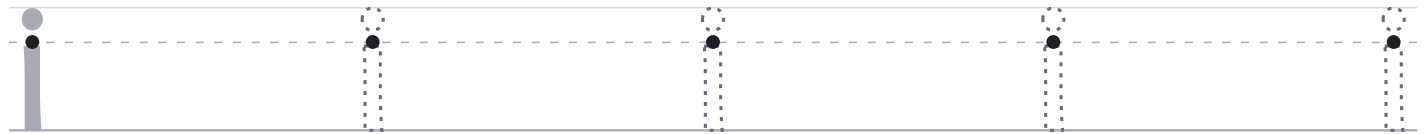
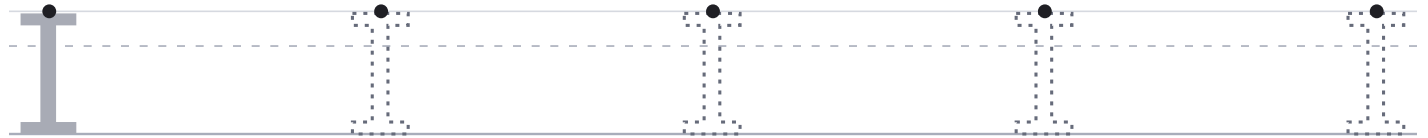
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I: 1. straight down 2. across the top 3. across the bottom

i: 1. straight down 2. then the dot

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Jj

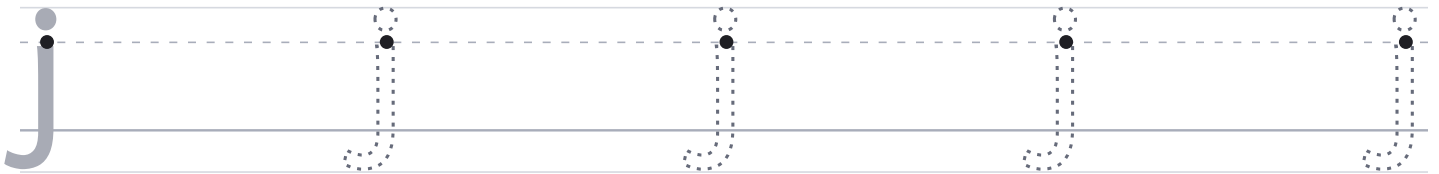
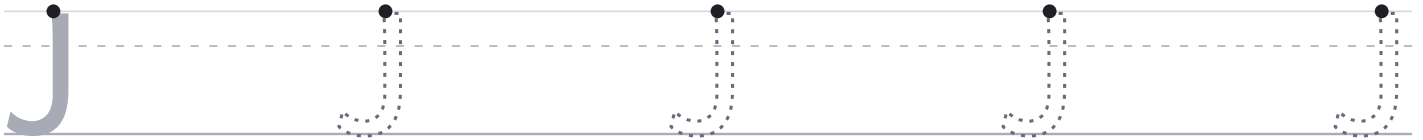
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J: 1. down, then hook left

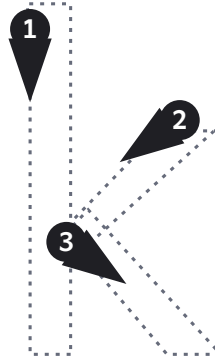
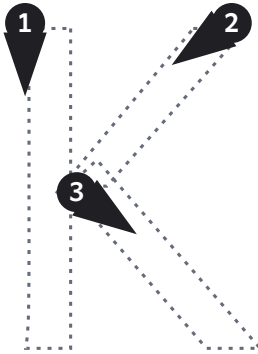
j: 1. down and hook left 2. then the dot

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Kk

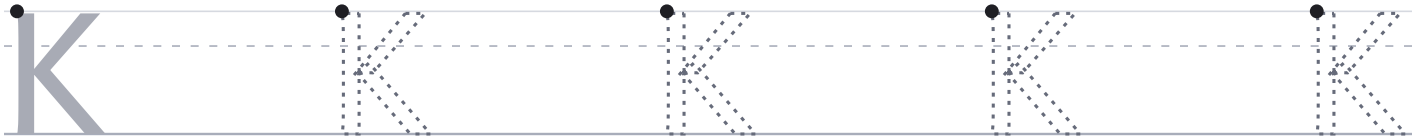
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K: 1. straight down 2. in to the middle 3. out to the corner

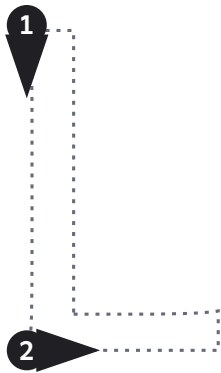
k: 1. straight down 2. in to the middle 3. out to the corner

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Ll

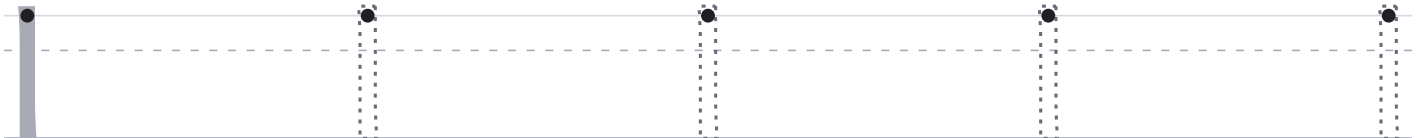
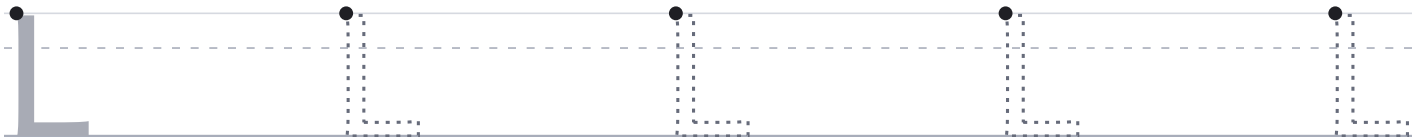
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L: 1. straight down 2. across the bottom

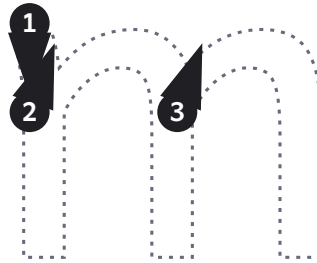
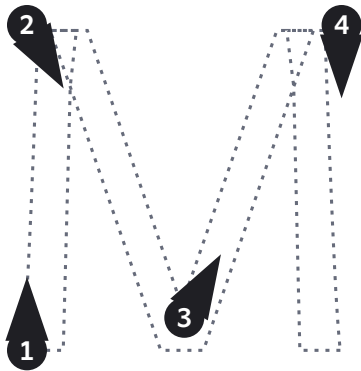
l: 1. straight down

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Mm

The numbers say which stroke comes first. The arrows say which way to go.



M: 1. up the left side 2. down to the middle 3. up to the top 4. down the right side

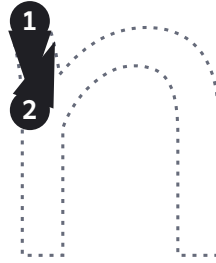
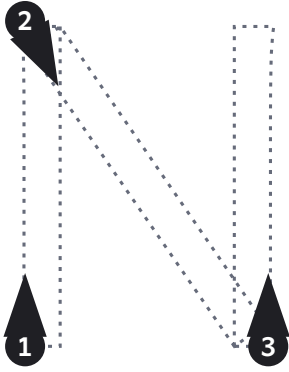
m: 1. straight down 2. up and over 3. and over again

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Nn

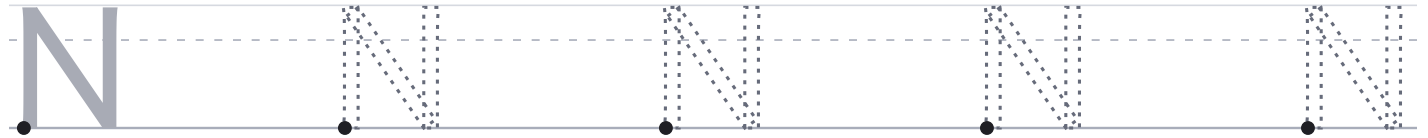
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N: 1. up the left side 2. down to the corner 3. up the right side

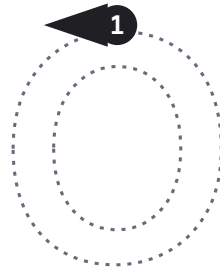
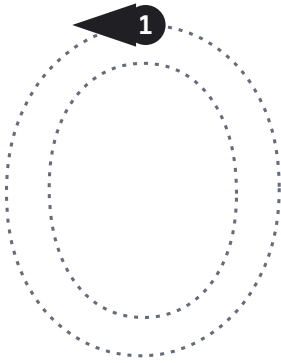
n: 1. straight down 2. up and over

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Oo

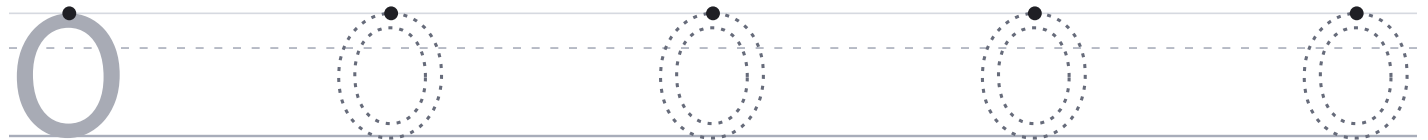
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O: 1. round to the left, all the way

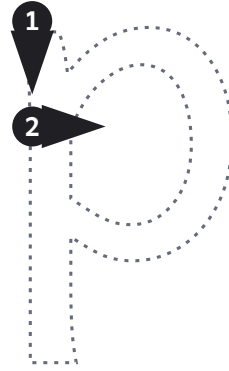
o: 1. round to the left, all the way

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Pp

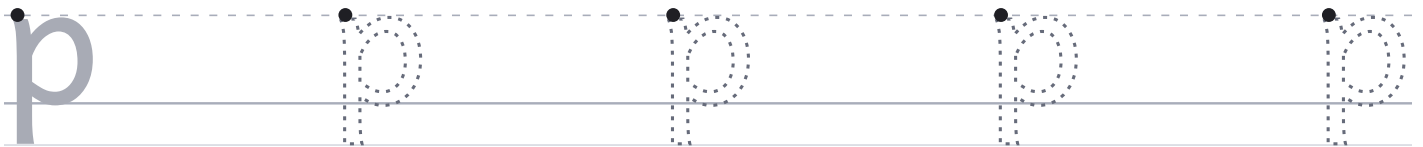
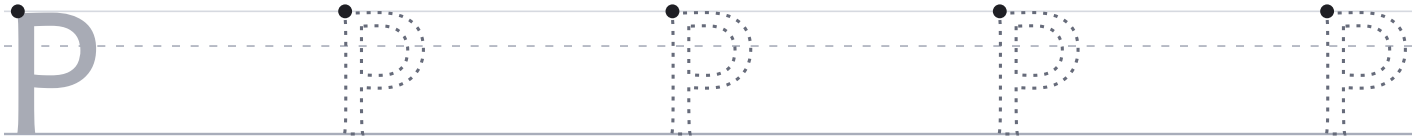
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P: 1. straight down 2. round the top

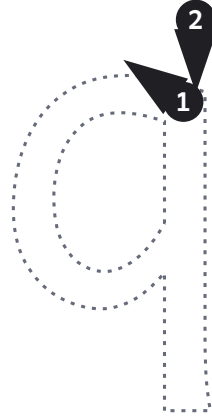
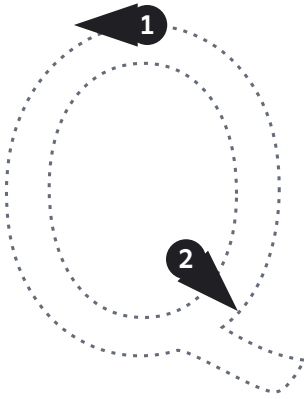
p: 1. down below the line 2. round the bottom

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Qq

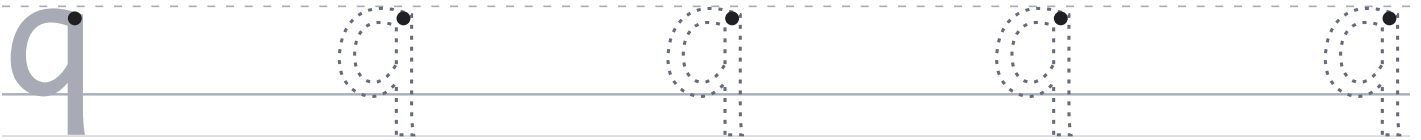
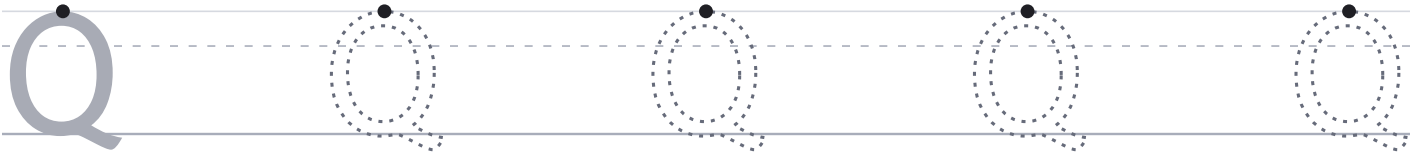
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Q: 1. round to the left, all the way 2. then the tail

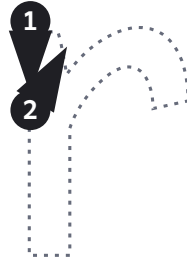
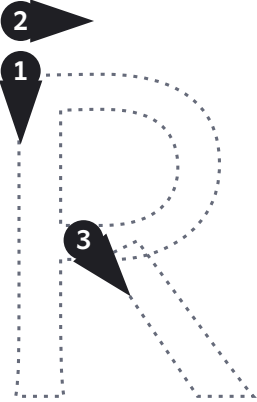
q: 1. back to the left, then round 2. down, then flick right

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Rr

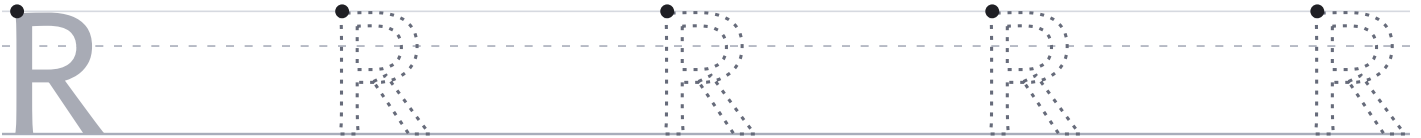
The numbers say which stroke comes first. The arrows say which way to go.



R: 1. straight down 2. round the top 3. out to the corner

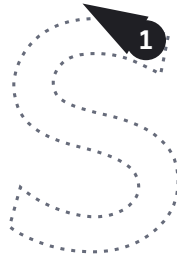
r: 1. straight down 2. up and a little over

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Ss

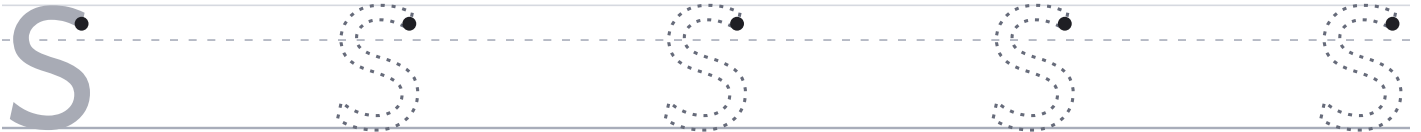
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S: 1. back, round and down

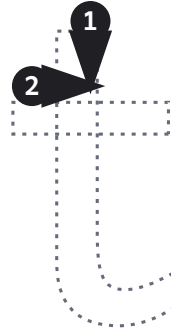
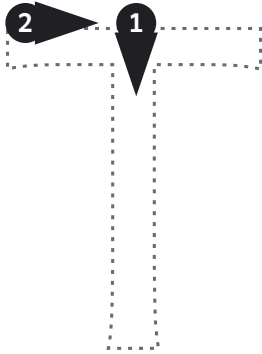
s: 1. back, round and down

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Tt

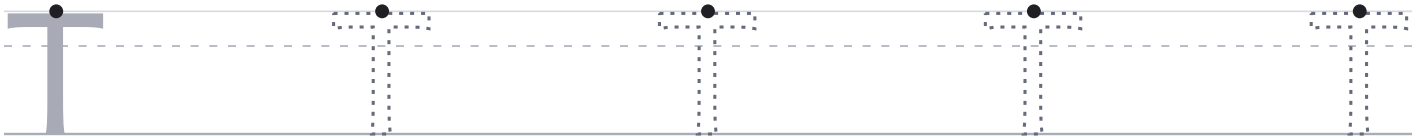
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T: 1. straight down 2. across the top

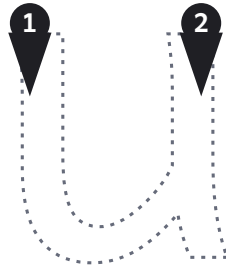
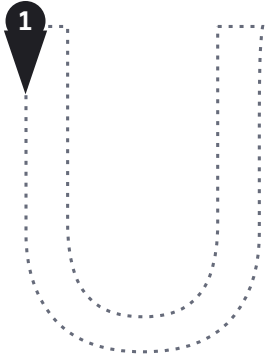
t: 1. down, then a small curve 2. then across

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Uu

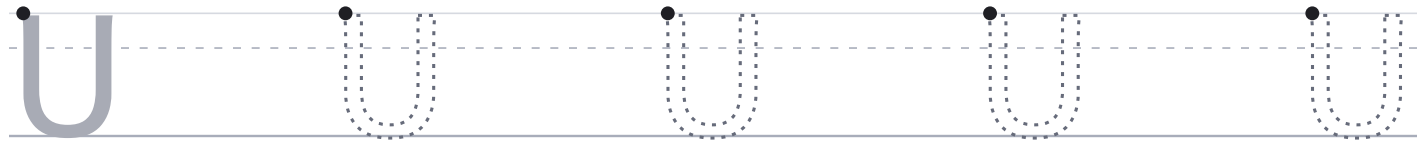
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U: 1. down, round and up

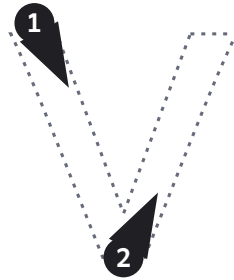
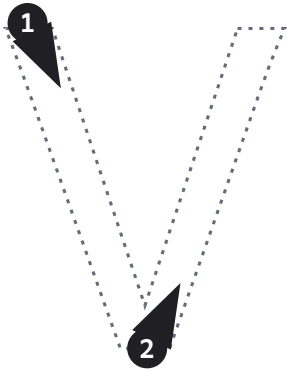
u: 1. down, round and up 2. then straight down

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Vv

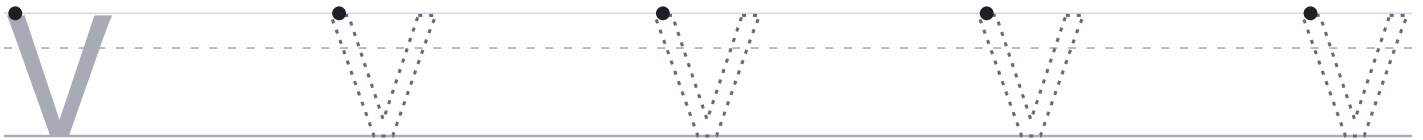
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V: 1. down to the point 2. up to the top

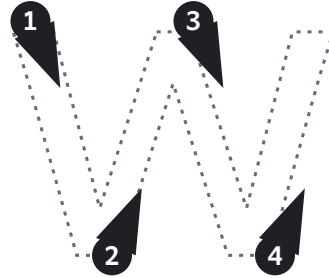
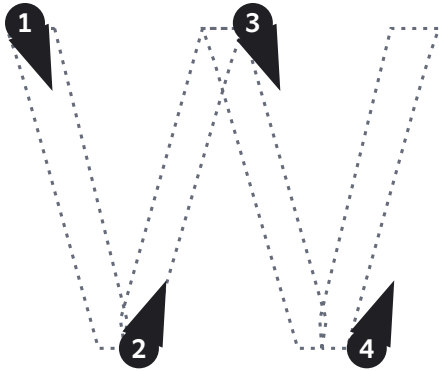
v: 1. down to the point 2. up to the top

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Ww

The numbers say which stroke comes first. The arrows say which way to go.



W: 1. down 2. up 3. down 4. up

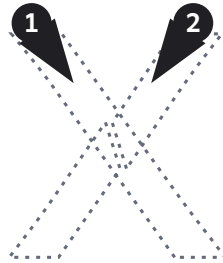
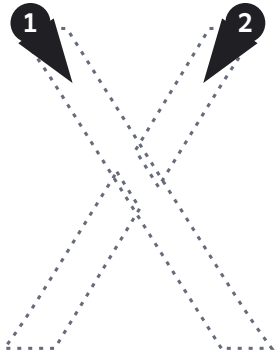
w: 1. down 2. up 3. down 4. up

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Xx

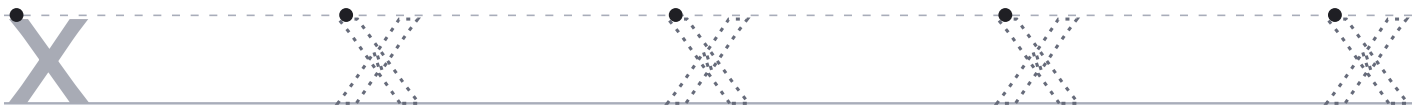
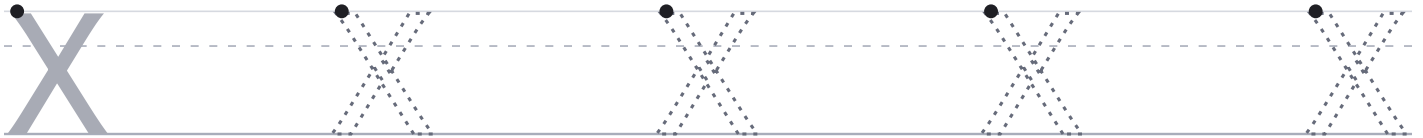
The numbers say which stroke comes first. The arrows say which way to go.



X: 1. down to the right 2. down to the left

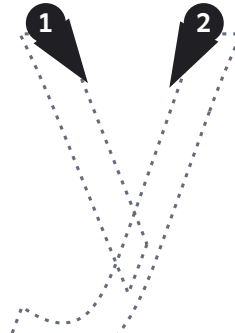
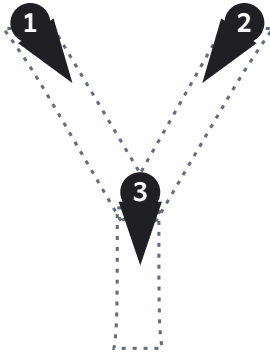
x: 1. down to the right 2. down to the left

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Yy

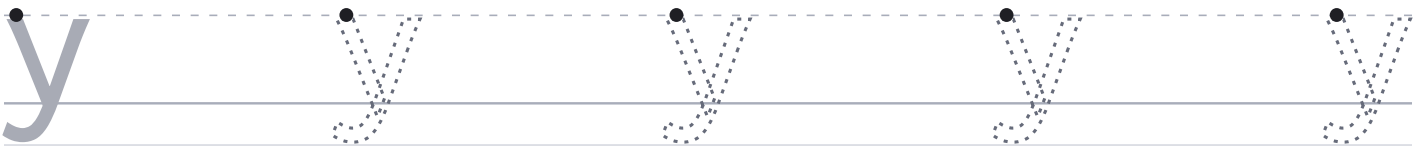
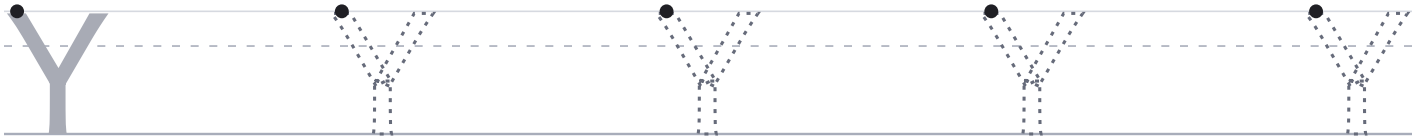
The numbers say which stroke comes first. The arrows say which way to go.



Y: 1. down to the middle 2. down to the middle 3. then straight down

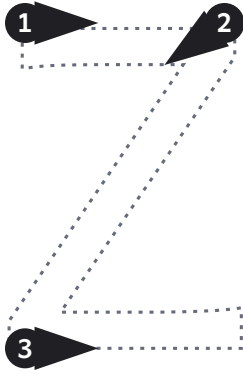
y: 1. down to the middle 2. down below the line

Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.



Where to start: Zz

The numbers say which stroke comes first. The arrows say which way to go.



Z: 1. across the top 2. down to the left 3. across the bottom

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Now trace it. The dot shows where the pencil starts.

