

## Graffiti made Easy!

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## intro: Graffiti made Easy!

In this instructable I will show you how to spraypaint like some of the things you see on trains. After reading this you aren't going to be a professional but hopefully you will be able to spraypaint your own graffiti tag. Make sure you have plenty of spraypaint, an old sheet, somewhere to paint, and your imagination. (that last one was sarcastic.)

Oh yeah remember, we are doing this on a sheet, not a building or train or anything else that isn't yours. (wink wink)

**I am not responsible for anything you do using spraypaint that is bad. This is for information only.**



## step 1: Preparation

The first thing you need to do is decide what you want to spraypaint.

What are you going to write?

What color is going to be?

Will it be 3d?

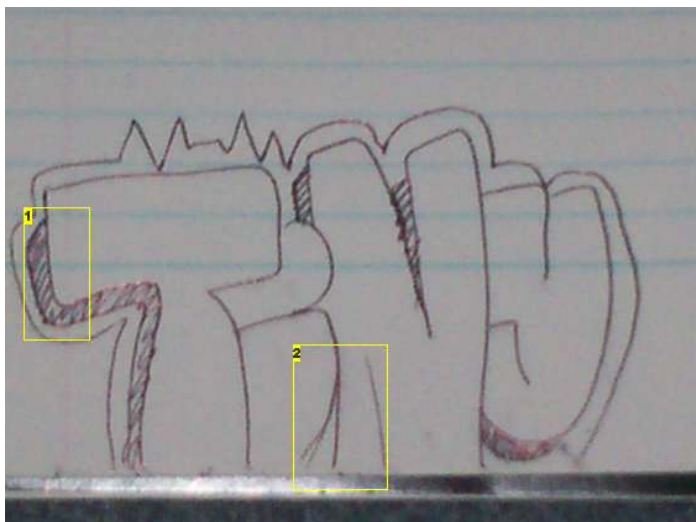
Will it have a shadow?

for some examples, you can create simple tags at :<http://www.graffiticreator.net/index.htm>

Making up your graffiti name can be fun. Mine is Tiny, because I am small. Be different!

If you have never tagged before, try to keep it simple. Once you have something in mind, practice drawing it on paper. It doesn't have to be perfect! I ended up with a different tag than my drawing, but the drawing still helped a lot.

After you have decided on what you want, prepare the sheet by hanging it up somewhere it won't matter if paint bleeds through or gets on stuff. I hung my sheet up on an old van with paint already on it. I held it up by a rake thingy on top of the van.



### Image Notes

1. I ended up taking out the shadow.
2. It is okay to make mistakes!

### Image Notes

1. Paint from earlier tag sessions!

### Image Notes

1. Try to make sure your sheet is smooth and as flat as possible. Remember wind will blow it around so be careful!

### step 2: Coloring

Start spraypainting each letter touching each other with the main color. Make the lines thick by keeping the nozzle about five inches away from the sheet.

Once you are happy with the outline you can start filling in the letters. Use a sweeping motion slowly so that the color looks pretty even. Don't get the can too close to the sheet or the color will look kinda blotchy.

Your finger you use to keep the nozzle pressed will probably hurt by now so take a break.

Some nozzles work way better than others so look out for them and keep them, that's what I do.



#### Image Notes

1. about 2 inches away from the surface.
2. about 3 inches away from the surface.
3. about 4 inches away from the surface.
4. about 6 inches away from the surface.

#### step 3: Outlining

Once the letters are colored it is time to re outline the letters in black or another dark color. Go back over the kinda visible lines of before slowly to make sure there isn't many mistakes. Do one letter at a time.



#### step 4: Detailing

Now is the time to add shadowing or any other details. Use white to add highlights if you want. You have to keep going over the white to get it to stand out so be careful because it can run and look drippy easy .

I added an extra outline to mine about an inch away and a zigzag part on top. I messed up on the zig zag part. Be slow and careful as you start finishing up! Here is me adding the last outline.





**step 5: You are finished!**

You are done!

After all the paint has dried you can do whatever you want to it! Just remember it flammable!

I like to cut mine out and hang them on my bedroom wall, but i let them sit out a couple days because they smell bad.



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**wenpherd** says:  
where is the video?!?!?!?!?!?  
this is cool

May 9, 2009. 8:22 AM [REPLY](#)



**xGraffitiSansacionx** says:

Well .... this is all i could come up with lol.. i'ma little rusty. but this site helped me some =]

Feb 5, 2009. 7:10 AM [REPLY](#)



**sunshine n a bottle** says:

i think this is a nice picture u put a lot of effort great

Dec 30, 2008. 11:44 AM [REPLY](#)



**qzruh** says:

graffiti on T-shirt? hm.. get well with stencil.

[www.qzruh.co.cc](http://www.qzruh.co.cc)

Dec 20, 2008. 6:48 AM [REPLY](#)



**jasperfox** says:

eny one up 4 skechin me {soundcheck] 4 a soundsystem?  
felixh123@googlemail.com/pleeez

Dec 11, 2008. 11:31 AM [REPLY](#)



**ledzep567** says:

unless you buy "Painters touch" made by rustoleum you cant use caps from other aerosol cans because almost all spraypaint cans have a female valve system. except for painters touch and all other aerosol cans have a male valve system

and molotow markers do suck, the formula is horrible. buy Oink ink its probably the best stuff on the market as far as refills go.

Just buy from a site, send them a money order if you dont have a credit card

it would look better if you didnt mess up the second(the black outline that isnt touching the main body)

i hope you dont put throwies of that quality on the street(its called a throwy, not a piece by the way)

this instructable is Okay on the basis its the first writing tutorial and it shows it in basic steps. it could be better but oh well, props for being the first.

i would have liked to see more about the qualities of the different brands of spraypaint out on the market(and im not talking about paint like Hardcore, beat sabotaz ironlak , i mean rustoleum and krylon so you cant steal a review or someone elses opinion)

also, saying you buy anything from bombingscience.com will most likely get you labeled as a toy.the only guy out there in the graffiti market out to help and not make money is James from oinkartltd.com (im out to make money, my site will be up once i get this shipment in)

also, graffiti and stealing come hand in hand.

graffiti and "thug attitude" come hand in hand unless you get into stencils and wheatpaste posters and stickers.

so if you want the true "graffiti experience" dont get mad at people for being harsh on you. its all part of the game and i went waayyy too nice on you.

also, il be up for a battle, pick the word and category and Pm me

Dec 5, 2008. 6:45 PM [REPLY](#)



**cop** says:

Good Job

Nov 20, 2008. 3:27 PM [REPLY](#)



**momm** says:

I agree with okto 100%. When learning new things I don't start with the most complicated. All your suggestions are helpful and your instructions are easy to follow making this a successful instructable.

Though I might add that when combining shapes of the same colour it would be helpful to have an outline to follow.

Sep 17, 2008. 7:14 AM [REPLY](#)



**SHOTEM** says:

this is really useful thanks.

shot'em!

Aug 30, 2008. 7:44 PM [REPLY](#)



**smeeves** says:

I THINK IT LOOKS COOL. sure its simple and he prolly didnt do his best but i like it. and besides, before bitching and yelling at him taht he sucks, how about you show , er, PROVE that you can do better.

Jul 5, 2008. 11:26 PM [REPLY](#)



**graffiti513** says:

ya you dont need a graffiti shop for fat caps man. hit up some other aerosols. (i know where to get rusto fats easy)

Apr 26, 2008. 8:14 PM [REPLY](#)



**sk8er6** says:  
You're a toy.

Nov 22, 2007. 2:09 PM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
haha okay. gosh, i am just so offended by being called a toy from such an amazing "sk8ter" graffiti artist. damn.

Nov 25, 2007. 1:03 PM [REPLY](#)



**sk8er6** says:  
Not trying to bust your nuts, but would you learn to drive from someone who just knows how to start a car? same principle.  
"yeah, i like markers too, actually i just ordered my first real professional ones from bombingscience.com a couple days ago, err i cant wait till they get here!"

Nov 25, 2007. 2:12 PM [REPLY](#)

why, so you can draw on some boxes in your room? i suggest quit wasting money and supplies, and keep to the paper in your black book for now. and pretty much all the markers with the exception of the DED products on Bombing Science suck.

if you wanna battle, choose a word. on paper of course. i dont like to waste supplies.



**Jack-In-Da-Box** says:  
BAHAHAHA, why use markers when you can use Ironlaks and thin caps BAHAAHAHA!

Apr 14, 2008. 4:24 PM [REPLY](#)



**zoltan155** says:  
i prefer the OTR FlowPen from bombing science. u got a point though. this foo is all talk. hes prob gonna google "graffiti" and then right click "save Picture as" and then send it to u. post the pic when u get it, someone will claim it. dont even listen to little pricks like him. just do ur thing, the second he called u toy u should of known hes a "poser" or whatever, toy... no respect, hasnt seen real a real throw up = TOY!

Apr 14, 2008. 3:31 PM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
I don't have to be great to show someone the basics of simple throwups in graffiti. Yeah its a sucky peice, I made it on a fucking sheet. the color is blotchy , I know that, and my letters really aren't that great, but this is just a demonstration, if i did my best, or used my real graff name, or even fucking tried on that peice of shit "rough draft" then it would have looked a lot better, but no go ahead and judge me on a something that you don't even fucking know if its my best.

Nov 26, 2007. 5:11 PM [REPLY](#)

and how the hell are you going to say bombing science sucks, molotow markers kick ass, i know, i have one and i have used it, and not on fucking boxes in my room. boxes in my room, i dont even know where the fuck you came up with that bullshit.  
i am not saying oh yeah i am so great at graffiti but i am not a fucking toy, you probably aren't either.why don't you take a picture of some of your writing, and send it to me. i love graffiti, and people like you that think that everyone is a toy needs to shut the fuck up, everyone starts somewhere,

this instructable is not my best work, it is just some help to people starting off,  
not the same principle



**skimask** says:  
how did i know just from looking at all the recent graffiti threads there were going to be toy arguments?

May 26, 2008. 1:00 PM [REPLY](#)



**jango** says:  
molotow equals poop

Dec 6, 2007. 4:46 PM [REPLY](#)



**bones1** says:  
wow you got angry you sound bare stressed jus sit back and relax jesus people have seen your reaction and there havin fun at you sooo stop playin there game

Dec 1, 2007. 8:08 PM [REPLY](#)



**JusCoz** says:  
Interesting tool(s) prolific among both pro's and am's is/are custom nozzles. Where I live we have numerous shops (Bomb Shelters) where you can get tips to spray big, small, flat, even mixing caps! They will help you turn any piss poor idea into a piss poor idea with **STYLE!**

Sep 16, 2007. 2:37 AM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
Ughhh, it sounds like where you live is the place to be if your a tagger. Unfortunately where i live stores like that aren't around here. I have heard of nozzles like NY fat caps ect., but i could only get them over the net. if you know how to modify nozzles, tell me , i would really appreciate it.

Sep 16, 2007. 8:28 PM [REPLY](#)



**bones1** says:  
you can heat up a nedel and stick it in both ends

Dec 1, 2007. 8:14 PM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
what, to make the hole wider, I don't get it, do you mean the stem and the hole the paint comes out of?

Dec 2, 2007. 7:09 AM [REPLY](#)



**bones1** says:  
in the end it comes outa othere wise it wouldnt fit bak on

Dec 6, 2007. 8:16 PM [REPLY](#)



**sole** says:  
Back in the old days my father stole nozzles from other aerosole cans because not every aerosol can has the same nozzle there is a difference between those of a deodorant and spraypaint, this is not to say that you should steal them but if your cans are empty keep the nozzles.

Nov 21, 2007. 6:30 AM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
yeah, i have been doing that , keeping the better caps but i never thought of taking nozzles from other aerosol cans, thanks

Nov 22, 2007. 10:24 AM [REPLY](#)



**JusCoz** says:  
I just read my post there again, and I definitely didn't mean that this instructable was a piss poor idea! (just for the record) I live in Toronto, and for some reason the urban scene here is actually pretty safe. I totally support the inclusion of everyone in bombing, and I had no idea that tips were a rare commodity, I better buy more! As for self modification, its tough, but I've seen it done. I'll see what I can concoct as an instructable...I've been waiting for a cool new one!

Sep 16, 2007. 9:09 PM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
haha i got what you meant.  
Definitely tell me when you post that instrucstable, I would love to read it.

Sep 18, 2007. 3:39 PM [REPLY](#)



**hendrix13494** says:  
or you could just buy some bigger caps

Nov 20, 2007. 5:12 PM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
yeah, but there are no graffiti shops around here

Nov 22, 2007. 10:24 AM [REPLY](#)



**Remote Man** says:  
<3 Marker graffiti. notsomuch spray paint. but still, ace instructable! \* i wi-fives you\* xD

Oct 13, 2007. 5:27 PM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
yeah, i like markers too, actually i just ordered my first real professional ones from bombingscience.com a couple days ago, err i cant wait till they get here!

Oct 18, 2007. 5:56 PM [REPLY](#)



**Aburame Shino** says:  
This sounds like something I could do with regular old colored pencils on paper. Very nice, and it can make some wannabe tagger into a semi-semi-semi-pro. Lol.

Sep 22, 2007. 3:08 PM [REPLY](#)



**connorcancount!** says:  
haha tanks.  
and yeah, very semi.

Sep 26, 2007. 5:35 PM [REPLY](#)



**okto** says:  
Building on this instructable (which is great not only because it is well done, but because it is the first freehanding instructable AFAIK), when working on your tag, make it legible.  
The tags that impress me the most are not the intertwined tangled-up ones that look like the Venom symbiont, but ones that show skill in setting a visual tone for your letters rather than just showing off the ability to make things illegible.

Jul 1, 2007. 8:21 PM [REPLY](#)





**connorcount!** says:  
thanks , okto.

Sep 14, 2007. 8:41 PM [REPLY](#)

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**nero** says:  
sweet dude, i took ur advice, went out and got a load of paint and painted nero on my bedroom wall =] lmao thanks, ill remember this, keep them comin =]

Aug 29, 2007. 3:15 PM [REPLY](#)

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**connorcount!** says:  
thanks, yeah i paint them on sheets in case I dont like, then tack them up.

Aug 30, 2007. 6:33 PM [REPLY](#)

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**cash** says:  
u got any ways of teachin me how 2 draw dis stuff

Aug 6, 2007. 2:57 PM [REPLY](#)

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**hendrix13494** says:  
i could make something legible that actualy looked good in about 5 minutes

Jul 10, 2007. 7:53 PM [REPLY](#)

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**thewaronandrew** says:  
Not terrible, at least you have the basics down. I like what you did with white for the highlights, but it makes it look more like something you would make for a child on his birthday. Or on one of those airbrushed T-shirts at a fair.

Jul 1, 2007. 10:19 AM [REPLY](#)

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Good start!

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