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Do you dream of covering your room's walls with graffiti? Here are a few examples of sketch (graffiti on a sheet of paper) for practicing. No need to get bogged down under heaps of material: a large sheet of Canson paper (French format "raisin"), pencil, large marker and some watercolours or felt pens will do the trick!

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1. Distort the letters

2.

- - Practice distorting the letters of your graffiti as much as possible: stretch, knead, twist and finally highlight your letters (try this with a pencil on an ordinary sheet of paper, experimenting with all of the different shapes until you find **your** style).
- - You needn't be bothered too much by how they look, for right now they are nothing short of punchy: the lines may (and must!) spill over.
- - Replace the accents with stars or any other symbol.



2. Add emphasis

- Use a marker to highlight the edges of the letters in such a way as to bring them out fully.
- Use a marker with a finer tip to highlight the letters: trace dynamic hatches all around the letters (but not on top of them).

The letters of your graffiti should almost seem alive!



3. Colour your graffiti

The colours must dazzle: make them fun by reaching for the flashiest colours at the bottom of your drawer!



4. Highlight your graffiti

It is important that you put your graffiti in a "backdrop" of colour which will make it all the more striking. Do not use the same colours as the ones you used for the letters.

5. A few ideas

Here are the more "sober" models, which are still quite impressive.

1) The effect of the graffiti is strong enough all by itself that we can get away with a rather simple background and dynamic (there's that word again!) yet subtle framework.

2) A less aggressive style. To make the background, simply cut out a cover in the shape of your graffiti and splatter on some drops of paint (you will need thicker paper for this).



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