

Gel Pens - 5 Ways

technique focus



Using gel pens, you can elevate your art to another level using thin lines, small details, and unique, bold marks. They are ideal for hand lettering accents and card crafts, layered on top of colours for mixed media designs, bright highlights in tonal drawings, and even for annotation in sketchbooks!

1. Typography



For this technique, start by lightly marking out your typography in pencil on a sheet of black paper or card, using a ruler to draw a straight line. Next, use coloured pencils, and colour your text using bright colours.



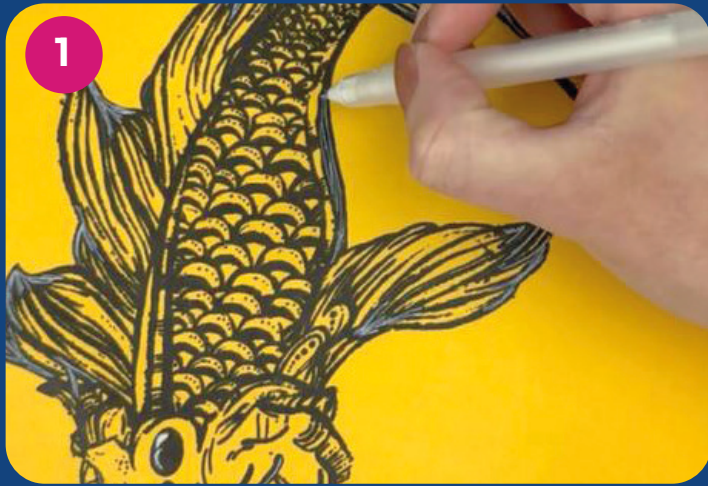
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DP113A006 Sakura Gelly Roll Set
Bright White Medium Set of 3



To make your typography stand out even more, outline your letters with a white gel pen of 8mm or 10mm thickness. You can also experiment with adding highlighted sections to make them bolder.

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2. Print Detailing



Gel pens work great on top of various prints, such as lino and even screen prints. Here, we have used white gel pens on top of screen printing inks. First, screen print your design (black ink works best!) and allow it to dry. Next, using a thin or medium gel pen, begin to add details such as highlights to your print.



This technique is excellent for adding finer details or a second colour to your screen print, such as the zebra print above.

For this technique we used:
DP113A003 Sakura Gelly Roll Set Bright White Fine Set of 3



3. Detail Drawings



You can create various detailed drawings with the assorted sets of fine, medium and bold white gel pens. Using black paper or card, begin to draw your design; you don't need to apply much pressure.



Using all three thicknesses, decide which one brings your design to life the most. Why not use all three in the same drawing?!

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DP113A005 Sakura Gelly Roll Set Bright White Fine, Medium & Bold



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4. Card Crafts



For this technique, start by creating various greeting cards and decorations using a range of coloured cards and paper.



To make your cards even more eye-catching, add further detailing on top using a mix of gold, silver and white gel pen. They produce a shining finish to your designs.

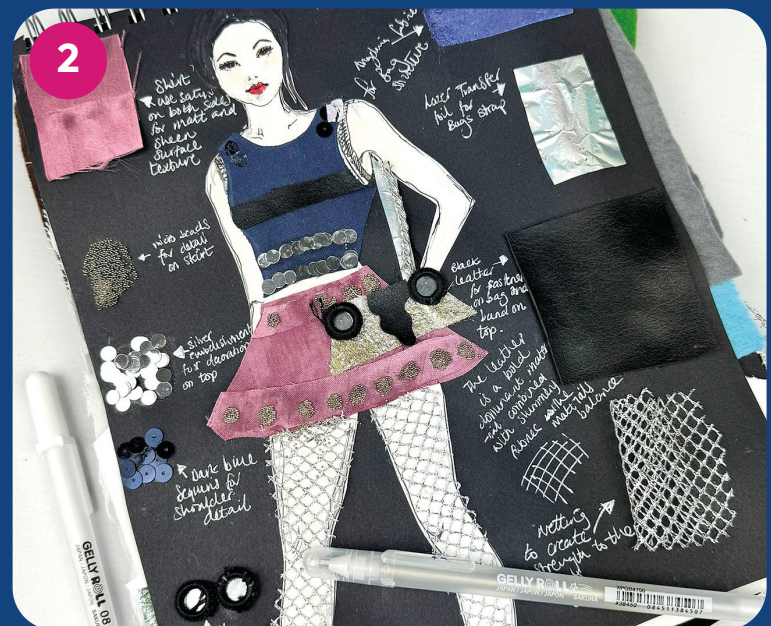
For this technique we used:
DP113A002 Sakura Gelly Roll
Mixed Set Gold, Silver & White



5. Sketchbook Annotation



Gel pens can also be used in scrapbooks or journals to add notes and annotations.



You can also use a range of gel pens to annotate fashion illustrations and artworks in your sketchbooks. Who needs regular biro pens?!

For this technique we used:
DP113A001 Sakura Gelly Roll
Mixed Set Clear, Black & White



What you'll need

DP113A001 Sakura Gelly Roll Set Clear, Black & White - **DP113A002** Sakura Gelly Roll Set Gold, Silver & White
DP113A003 Sakura Gelly Roll Set Bright White Bold - **DP113A005** Sakura Gelly Roll Set Bright White Assorted Set
DP113A006 Sakura Gelly Roll Set Bright White Medium

