

## THE ART OF



Graffiti lettering has become a popular request in the face and body painting world. The variety of styles is as diverse as the range of artists who create and customers we paint.

Check out the next page for step by step photos of the above arm painting. I have found that Mehron's Pro Pencils work great for laying out your letters, and even outlining them. Our array of fluorescent colors are great for graffiti, and Wolfe's black and white makeup are sure to make your colors pop with the blackest blacks and whitest of highlights.

Many artists like to paint a brick wall pattern as a background for their graffiti art. A brick pattern stencil (\$4.99) helps to create a quick, uniform pattern. I like to first lay down a layer of brick red or brown, then add texture to it with both a darker and a lighter shade using a rubber pore sponge (\$2.99). Once the brick texture is com-

plete, simply lay the brick stencil over the area and pounce on the cement lines with a sponge loaded with a contrasting color.

Graffiti art can be a very unique and eye catching option for your menu board. But where do you start when you've never tried graffiti? There are many books available today that feature graffiti art and technique. I recently invested in a set of two books by Scape Martinez that I have found very helpful for technique and inspiration.

For instant inspiration, a simple Google image search of the terms "graffiti alphabet" will result in a variety of styles to get you started practicing and developing your own style. While it may seem slow at first, as you try to copy the letters you see, over time you will develop your own style and will be able to paint any name or words requested by your customers with ease!

Arm painting by Gretchen Fleener

Free step-by-step  
**HOW-TO**  
 from Paintertainment.com



1 Sketch out your letters. You can use a brush, but a Mehron Pro Pencil works great for this!



2 Fill in the front faces of each letter with blue. I used Kryolan UV-Dayglow blue.



3 Add the 3rd dimension to the letters with green. I used Kryolan UV-Dayglow green.



4 Add outlines & corners in black. Wolfe black is my favorite; SO black, the colors really pop!



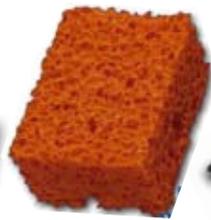
5 Add finishing touches: highlights, shadows, details, etc! See page 1 for completed design.

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