

Art Workshop, Week 3

Digital Calligraphy – Design a fancy invitation

First, make sure your brush window is open.. if hidden, you can go to your toolbar, click on “Show Brush” to get it back in view.

In your brush window, click on the little arrow and choose calligraphy.

Open a new canvas (Ctrl+n) and choose 640 (width) x 480 (height)

Practice writing with the digital calligraphy brush. Keep in mind that the size of the brush can be adjusted. Look in your brush window to try different sizes.

Choose a color and begin writing with your mouse in calligraphy style. Calligraphy writing on the computer takes a slow hand and lots of patience. If you are not happy with how it looks, erase it (“edit” > “under brush”) and try again. Practice this for a while before creating your final image.

Practice
makes
Perfect

After you've practiced with the brush for a while, begin designing your fancy invitation.

- 1) start with a fancy ribbon border, similar to the example below, try single, double or triple layers.



- 2) In your invitation, include:
 1. “You're invited” or similar opening line..
 2. Event title, such as “Graduation”, “Winter Formal”, etc..
 3. Event Date
 4. Event Time
 5. Anything extra about the event you can think of or have room for
 6. Consider extra decoration like little pieces of confetti



When you are happy with the way your Invitation looks and you have all the information you are supposed to have, click on **File** > **Print Preview**. If all looks good, click on **Print**. If you want to change your image to landscape, press “**Page Setup**”, “**Landscape**” and then **Print**. But landscape is optional. Put these in your portfolio. **No need to save these in your folder if printed.**