

CALLIGRAKIDS WORKSHOPS

PRESENTS:

COMIC CRAZE! A MINI LETTERING WORKSHOP!



An online workbook to help you create
your own fun and fantastical letters!

What you will need:

- *A printer (or someone that will print it for you)
- *cardstock for the templates and scissors
- *paper
- *pencil/eraser and a ruler
- *markers, coloured pencils, crayons or paint
- *YOUR IMAGINATION

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Basic Steps

Read through the BASIC STEPS before you start!

Step 1. You will need an adult to help you download, print out the workbook, and help you with cutting the templates.

Step 2. Watch the video!

Step 3. Gather your supplies and work through the practice pages on scrap paper.

TO FINISH:

Step 4. On your good piece of paper (a little heavier)

lightly sketch your letters.

Step 5. Add your features and then erase all the lines you DON'T want.

Step 6. Using the black permanent marker, go over all of your pencil lines.

Step 7. Now you can colour!

HAVE FUN!

COMIC CRAZE

Supplies and Tips

*Washable markers work great beacuse they dont seep through the paper and they dont smudge the black outline.

*A nice black marker will really make your artwork pop! Not too thin...

*If you want to frame your artwork, consider painting an inexpensive frame to match your drawing. Just use ordinary craft paint.

*Using a heavier paper is easier to erase on and nicer with markers.

Extras: fine black marker, white gel pen, white chalk marker, glitter, metalic markers,

1.

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PARTS OF A LETTER

Every letter is made up of 5 basic parts!



STEM



STROKE



CROSSBAR



BOWL



Med. BOWL

The shapes shown above would make 'block' letters, like this:



2.

COMIC CRAZE

A B C D

Sometimes you
have to make
small
adjustments...

E F G H

I J K L M

N O P Q

R S T U

V W X Y Z

3.

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LARGE TEMPLATE



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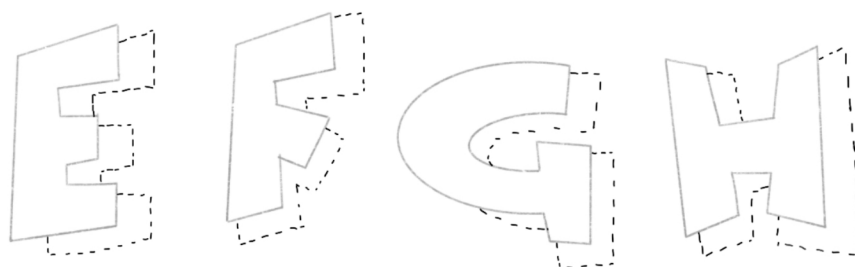
SMALL TEMPLATE



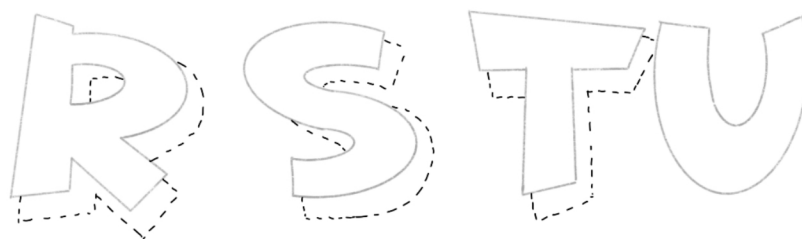
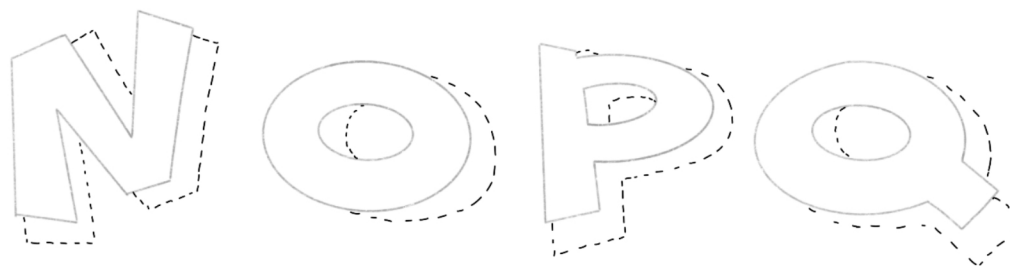
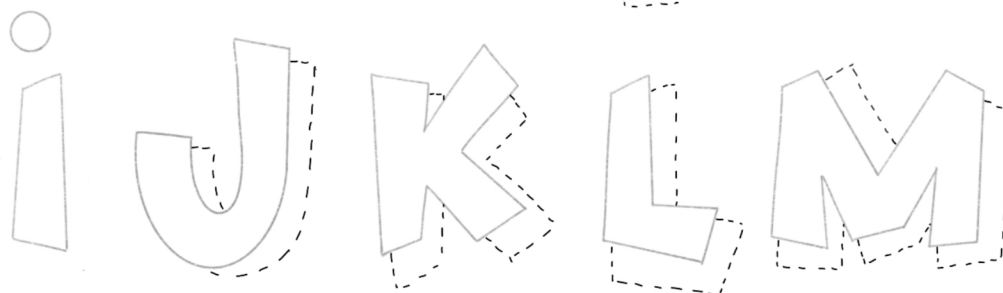
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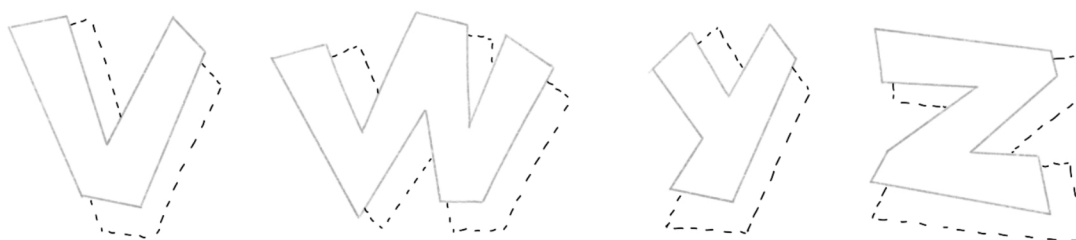
MAKE SHADOWS BY DUPLICATING THE LETTER AND MOVING IT SLIGHTLY DOWN AND TO ONE SIDE, THEN ERASE THE EXTRA LINES AND FILL IN WITH BLACK



TRY TO DO
THIS ONE
YOURSELF!



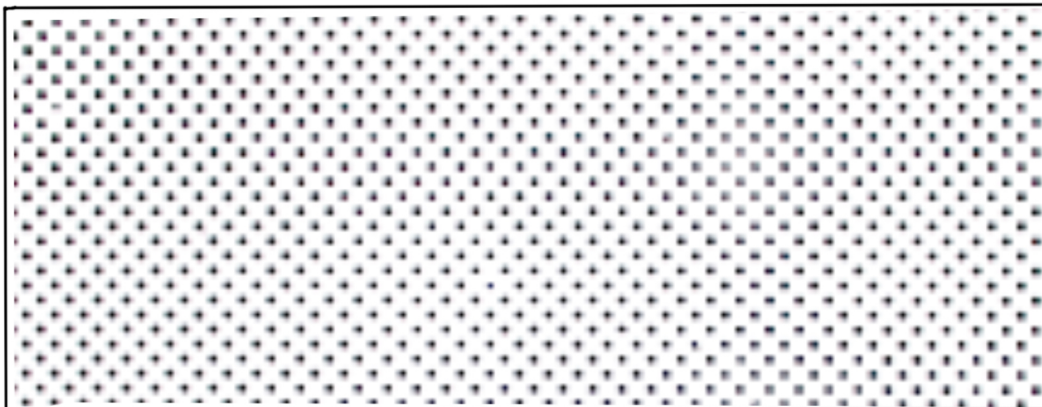
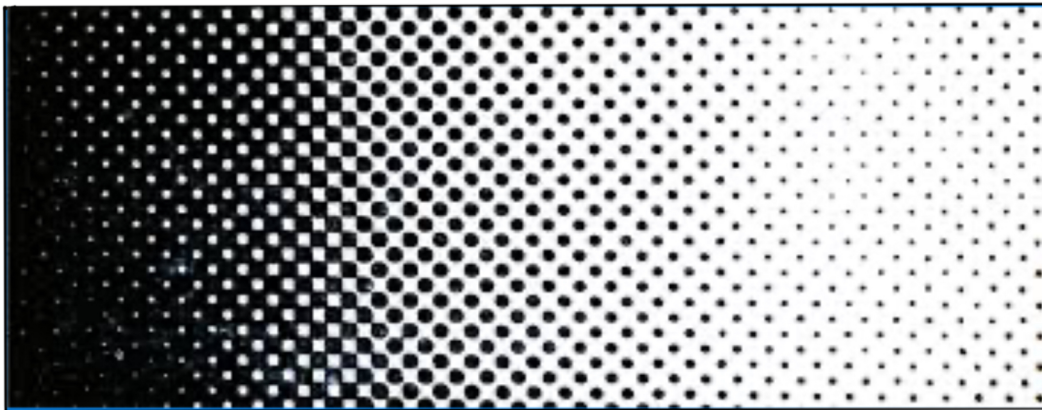
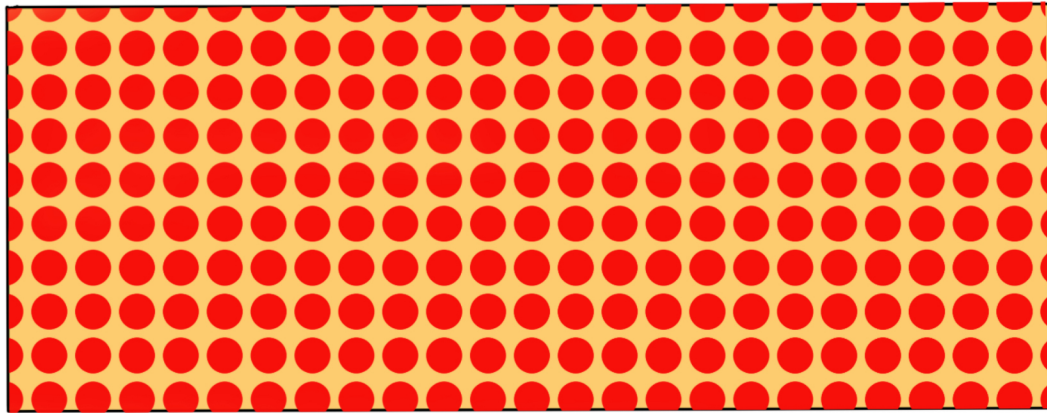
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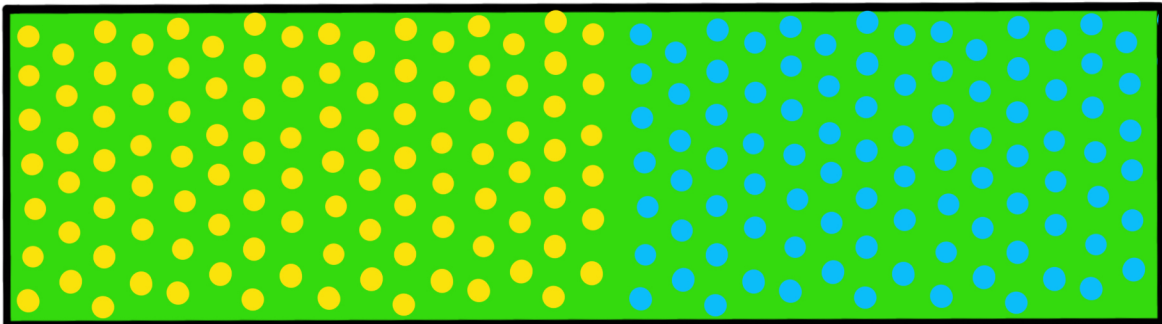
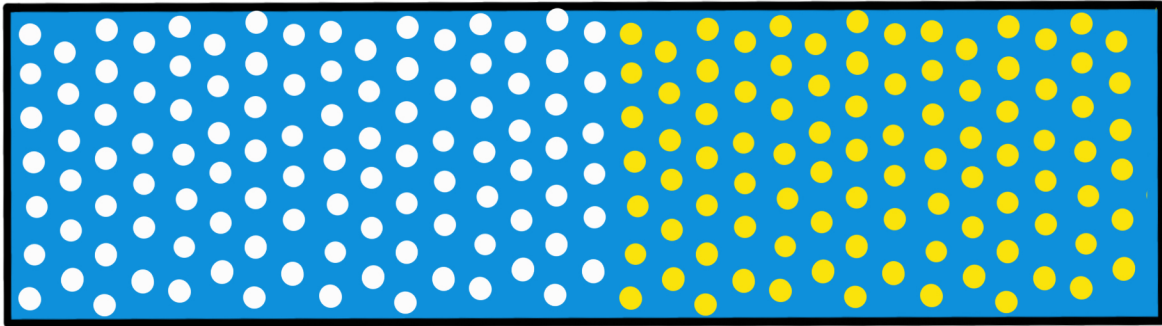
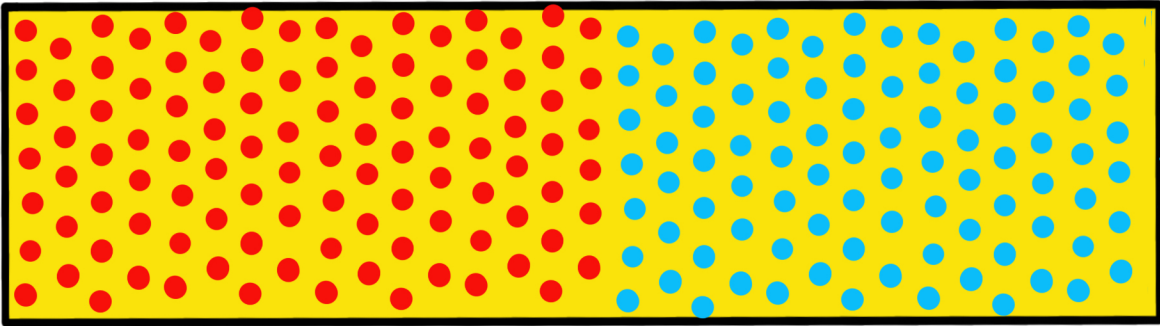
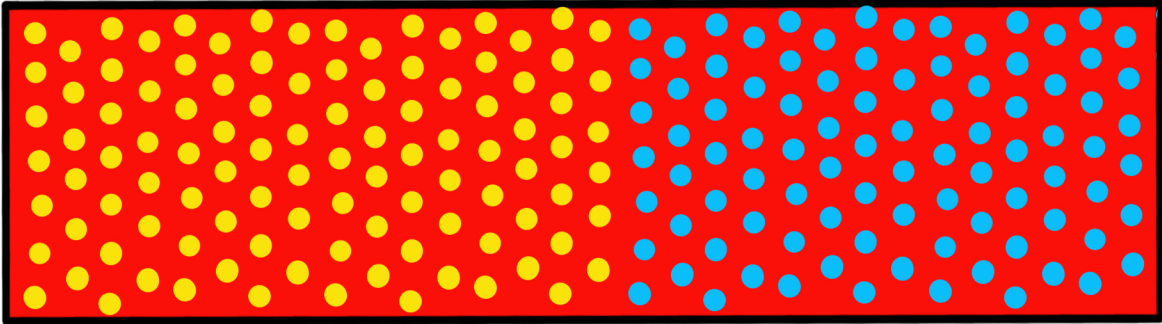
IF YOU LOOK AT A COMIC BOOK CLOSELY, YOU WILL SEE THAT THE COLOURS ARE OFTEN MADE UP OF DOTS IN DIFFERENT SHAPES AND SIZES. THIS WAS HOW PRINTERS COULD EASILY AND CHEAPLY MAKE DIFFERENT SHADES AND SECONDARY COLOURS USING ONLY A FEW COLOURS OF INK. SO A YELLOW SHAPE FILLED WITH RED DOTS WOULD *APPEAR* TO BE ORANGE. YOU CAN BUY DOTTED STENCILS LIKE THIS AT CRAFT STORES OR YOU CAN FREEHAND THE DOTS!



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COLOUR INSPIRATION



8.

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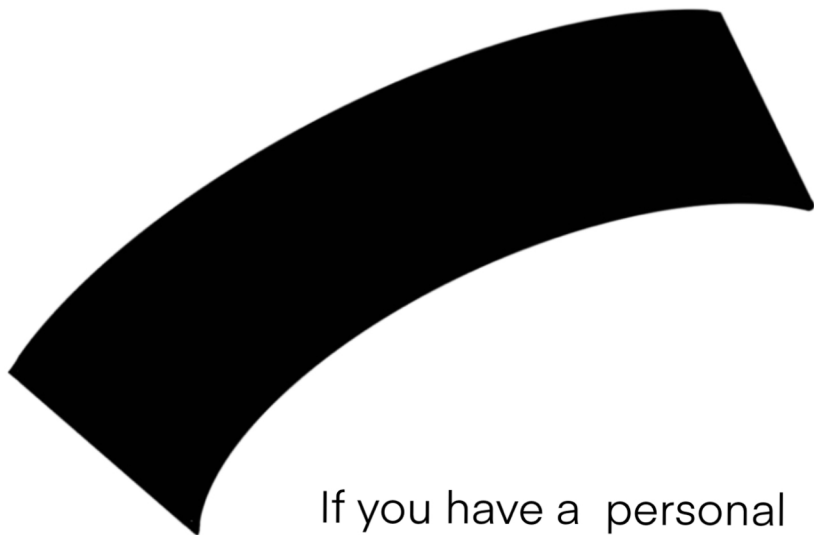
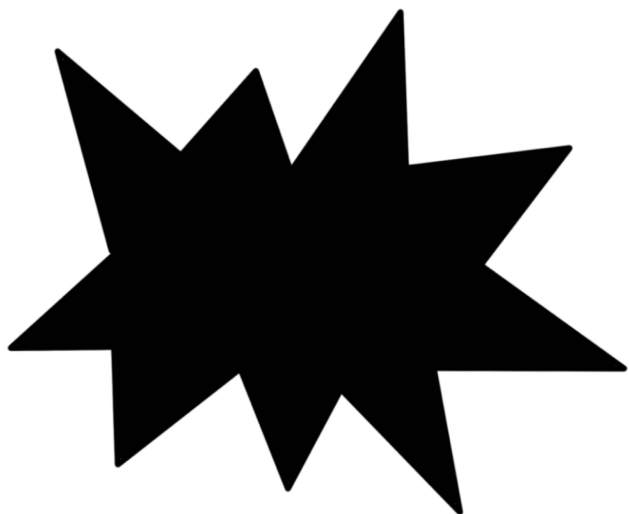
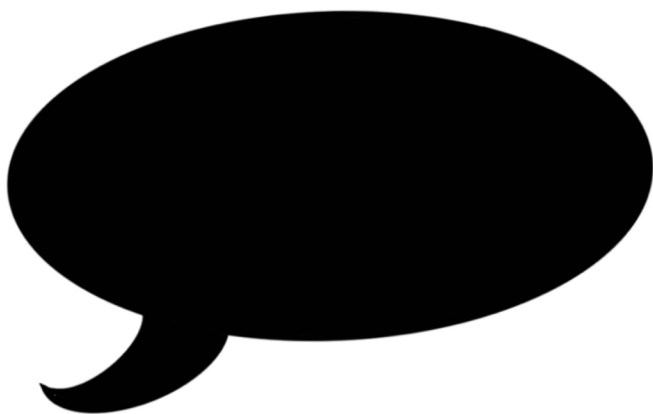
HERE ARE SOME DESIGNS FOR YOU TO PRACTICE DRAWING. YOU CAN TRACE THEM, DRAW THEM ON YOUR OWN, OR MAKE SOME NEW DESIGNS!



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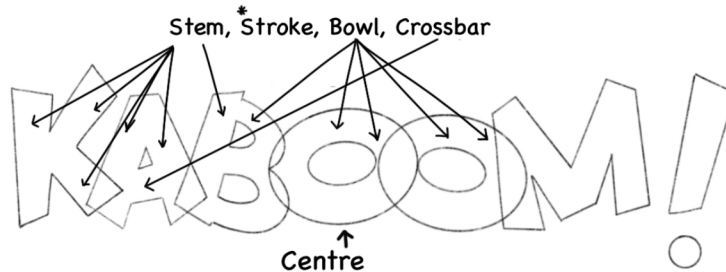
**IF YOU CUT THESE OUT OF HEAVY CARDSTOCK, YOU
CAN MAKE A STENCIL**



If you have a personal
vinyl cutter in your home,
ask someone to cut the
templates out of
cardstock!

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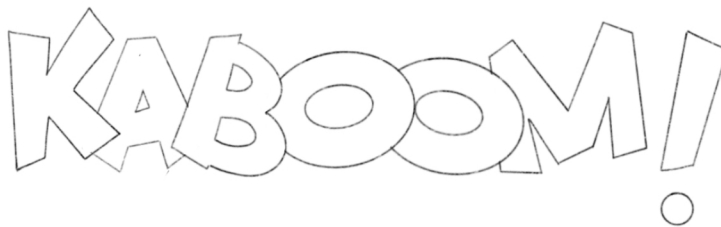
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Start by finding the central letter of your word by counting.
In this case it is the O
Now, using your templates, outline your letters in pencil
(lightly) . Dont be afraid to overlap

*We don't use the stroke shape too much in comic lettering, but you can try it if you like!

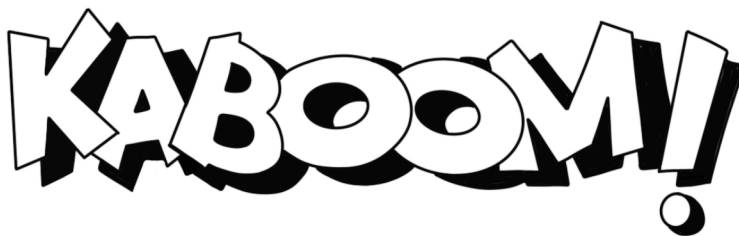
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Now erase the pencil lines that are overlapping

*If it helps, you can tape the shapes together to form the letters before tracing

3.

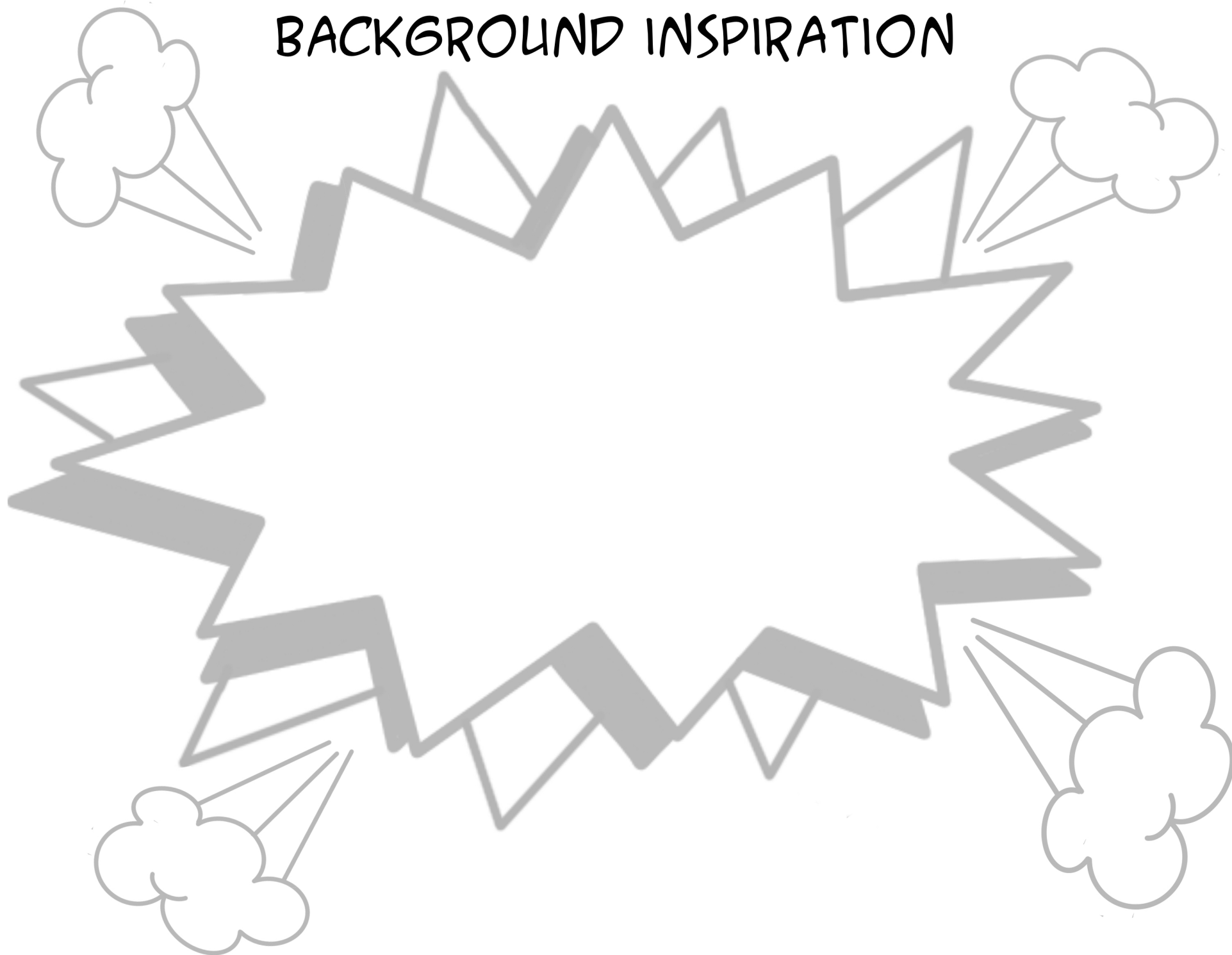


Next, using your black permanent marker, outline the letters.
Duplicate your letters using the templates...move them over and down a little bit to create the shadow. Shadows are super important in comic lettering! Fill in the shadows!

*We are almost ready for some colour!

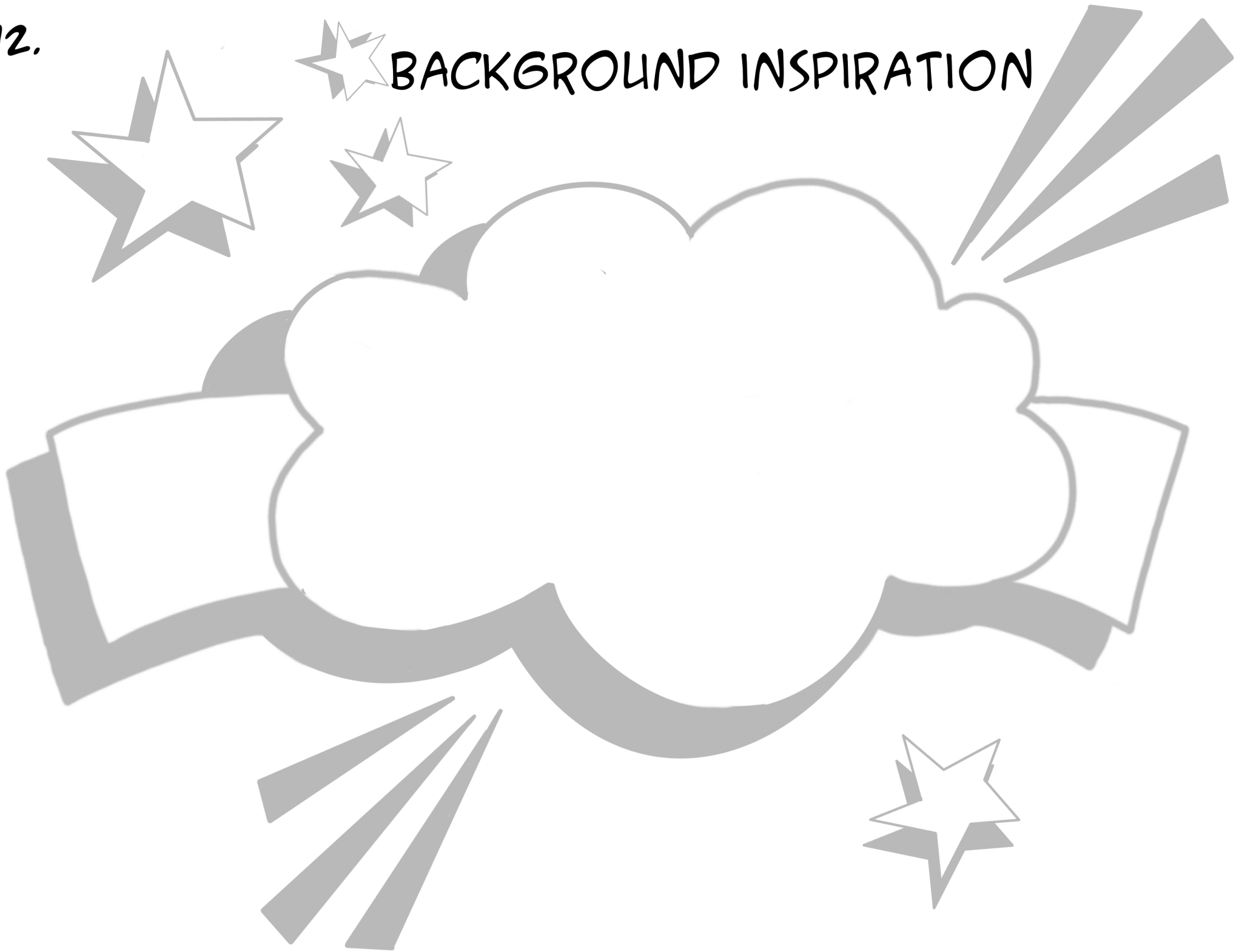
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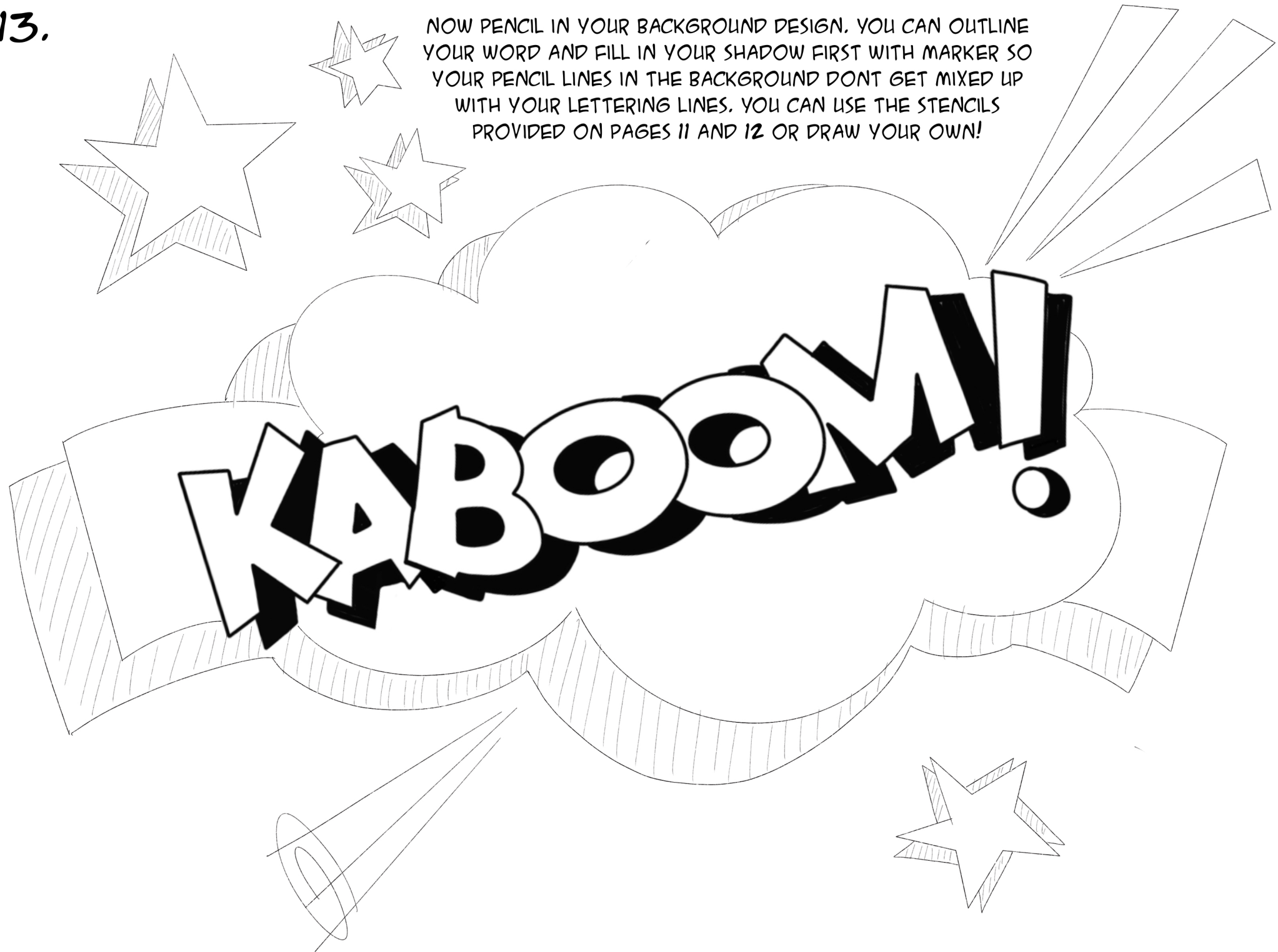
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BACKGROUND INSPIRATION



13.

NOW PENCIL IN YOUR BACKGROUND DESIGN. YOU CAN OUTLINE YOUR WORD AND FILL IN YOUR SHADOW FIRST WITH MARKER SO YOUR PENCIL LINES IN THE BACKGROUND DONT GET MIXED UP WITH YOUR LETTERING LINES. YOU CAN USE THE STENCILS PROVIDED ON PAGES 11 AND 12 OR DRAW YOUR OWN!



14.

NOW YOU ARE READY TO COLOUR! USING BRIGHT
COLOURS LIKE RED, YELLOW, BLUE AND GREEN
WILL LOOK MOST *COMIC LIKE*, BUT FEEL FREE
TO USE ANY COLOURS. DONT FORGET THE DOTS!
REFER TO PAGE. TO GET IDEAS FOR COLOURS.



A B C D E

F G H I J

K L M N

O P Q R

S T U V

W X Y Z