

KOESTLER ARTS + ART AID

Happy New Year from Koestler Arts!

Koestler Arts + Art Aid sheets suggest creative tasks that can be done in-cell. For most all you need is paper and a pencil - though if you have further materials please use them.

You can enter the 2022 Koestler Awards now!

Please complete a Koestler entry form for every entry and see our guidance notes for full terms and conditions. Entry forms should be attached to this sheet. If not, or if you need more, please ask education, the library, or contact us at FREEPOST KOESTLER ARTS (no stamp or address needed). The deadline for submissions is Thursday 7 April 2022.

For each Art Aid sheet Koestler Arts are commissioning an artist/writer who has directly engaged with Koestler to set a creative task.

New Art Aid sheets will be available from the first Monday of every month.

January 2022

This task was set by Koestler Award winner, exhibited artist and former mentee, Ghost13.

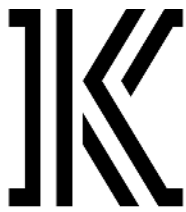
My Story

From a young age I've always enjoyed drawing, copying and tracing Looney Toons and Disney cartoon characters. Later, in my teens, I would be influenced by hip hop music and its culture - inspired by graffiti in particular with its lettering and imagery.

Finding myself incarcerated I relied on art to help pass my time, providing me with a platform to help my imagination to escape. I discovered Koestler Arts and the great work they do via a prison art tutor. Making work to be submitted to the Koestler Awards gave me direction and a purpose.

Upon release I was fortunate to be matched with a Koestler Mentor. The feedback and affirmation I received for my work helped give me confidence to go through uni to gain my Ba Hons 1st Class Degree in Contemporary Art. I worked for 3 years after graduating as a full-time professional tattoo artist and now I am a freelance artist/illustrator specialising in murals and signage.





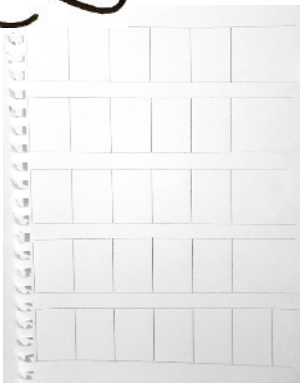
My Task

The Task: Design an alphabet to use in your own artworks or use it as a blueprint to develop your own fonts.

You Will Need: Paper, pencil, possibly a ruler (edge of a book works)

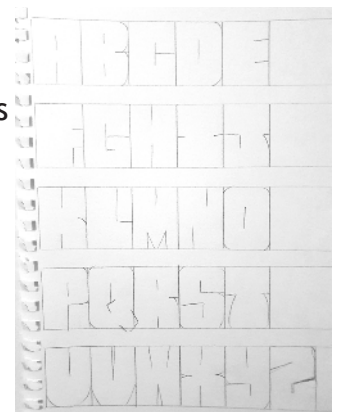
1.

Using a pencil lightly mark out 5 rows of 5 boxes (6 boxes last row) this will be the 26 letters of your alphabet. Using a ruler/the edge of a book will help your letters appear neat and uniform but free hand works too - it will give your letters a looser style.



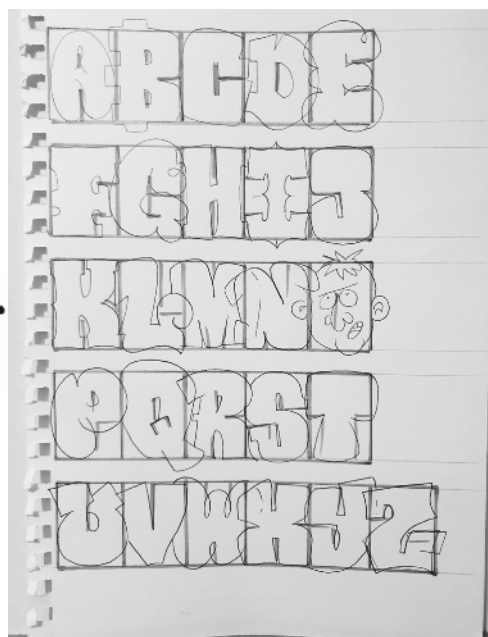
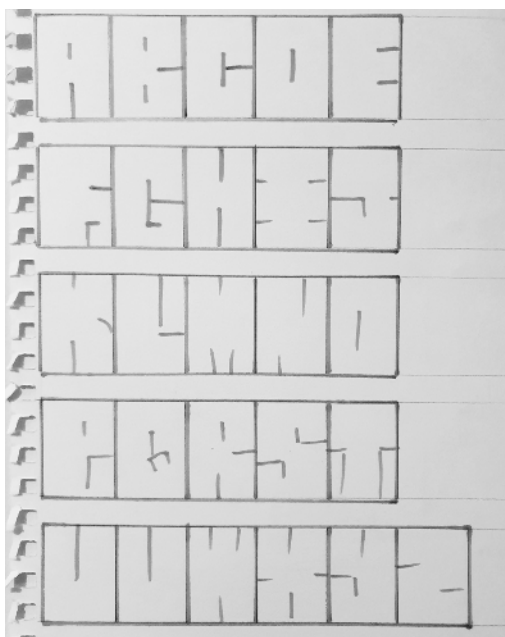
2.

Lightly with a pencil, make basic markings for your letters' characteristics using the individual boxes as a guide for each letter.



3.

Refine your letters, outlining straight edges and/or rounding off edges as required by each letter. Once done you now have a basic alphabet blueprint.



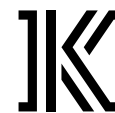
4.

This is ready for you to use as a template for calligraphy/word art. Putting plain paper over your alphabet sheet you can trace the letters you need using the sun's light from your window. If you want to develop it and make more fonts, ask a prison officer to photocopy it for you so you can work on to it, or just trace multiple sheets by hand.

Why not add drawings to your lettering? Try mixing styles together, or use different fonts. Try overlapping your letters, use bubble writing, make it 3D with shadows, try lowercase alphabets, add numbers, colour etc. Write any names, sayings, quotes. Have fun with it.

Please consider entering your work to the 2022 Koestler Awards - Calligraphy Category (42).

KOESTLER AWARDS ENTRY FORM



Send a completed form with each entry.
Maximum 5 entries per entrant.
2022 closing date: Thursday 7 April.

ENTRANT (For groups – see the next page)

First name of entrant:

Last name of entrant:

Date of birth: (May be needed for processing payments)

ENTRY

Establishment: (Name of prison, hospital or probation service)

Title of entry:

Artform: (Choose one artform from the 2022 Awards Guidance)

Visual description of entry:

AUTHORISED MEMBER OF STAFF

Full name:

Job title:

Department:

Telephone number:

Email:

Office postcode: (Probation only)

For Koestler Arts staff			
K. No.	Artform	Supp. docs	No. of items

Prison or hospital number:

Signature of entrant:

Is this the first time you have entered the Awards?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Using your name: (Authorised staff must agree)

If my entry is exhibited or published, I give permission for my first name to appear alongside it. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Sales of visual artwork: (Tick one choice only)

- ☐ My entry is for sale. The lowest amount I'd be willing to receive is £ (maximum £250)
- ☐ My entry is not for sale.
- ☐ I donate my entry to Koestler Arts.

Can the entrant's first name be made public?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Can the entry be sold? (Visual arts only)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Who should any cheques be payable to?

I confirm that this entry is the entrant's own original work, and approve it for entry into the Koestler Awards.

Signature of staff: (Entries can't be accepted without staff sign-off)

Date:

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GROUP ENTRIES ONLY — TELL US ABOUT YOUR GROUP

Name of group:

Number of people excl. staff:



First name: Last name: Date of birth: Prison or hospital number: Release date if in 2022, and home address:

Continue on a separate sheet if needed. If there are over 4 people in the group cheques will not be split.

ENTRANTS WHO ARE IN THE COMMUNITY OR DUE FOR RELEASE IN 2022

Please notify us if these details change

Date of release:

Home address:

Postcode:

Telephone number:

Email:

ASSOCIATES PROGRAMME

Associates benefit from more contact with us, through the Koestler Associates newsletter.

☐ I would like to be part of the Associates Programme.

REMINDERS

Entrants agree to the terms and conditions in the Awards Guidance. These are available on our website, from your establishment, or you can write to us to request a copy.

✓ Information submitted on this form will be held on the Koestler Arts secure and confidential database.

✓ All work is handled with care, but Koestler Arts and its agents accept no liability for loss or damage to entries.

✓ Pack your work carefully. It must be under 15kg.

✓ Koestler Arts and its agents can exhibit, publish, and reproduce artworks in reasonable ways in print, online, film, audio etc to promote the charity's work. Artists retain copyright of their work.

✓ Koestler Arts can try to sell visual entries, if we have both your permission and that of the 'authorised member of staff.' Most work sells for under £100.

✓ We do not return written entries or work on CDs/ DVDs. These include writing, performance, audio, film and animation entries – so please make copies.

MONITORING FOR DIVERSITY OPTIONAL

This anonymised data will not be used to judge your work. It is for research and monitoring purposes only.

Ethnic group

- ☐ Arab
☐ Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi
☐ Asian/Asian British: Indian
☐ Asian/Asian British: Pakistani
☐ Any other Asian background
☐ Black/Black British: African
☐ Black/Black British: Caribbean
☐ Any other Black background
☐ Chinese

- ☐ Irish Traveller/Gypsy
☐ Mixed White & Asian
☐ Mixed White & Black African
☐ Mixed White & Black Caribbean
☐ Any other Mixed background
☐ White British
☐ Any other White background
☐ Any other group:

Formal education completed

- ☐ No formal qualifications
☐ Basic skills level 1
☐ Basic skills level 2
☐ GCSEs or A Levels
☐ Vocational training
☐ Degree or post-graduate

I am:

- ☐ Ex-armed forces personnel
☐ A care leaver
☐ Registered disabled

Gender

- ☐ Man
☐ Woman
☐ Other

Age

- ☐ Under 16
☐ 16-17
☐ 18
☐ 19-24
☐ 25-29
☐ 30-59
☐ 60 and over

Religion

- ☐ Atheist
☐ Buddhist
☐ Christian
☐ Hindu
☐ Jewish
☐ Muslim
☐ Sikh
☐ Other