

Materials List for Elvish Lettering

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- ✧ **calligraphy nibs** (remember to buy left-handed nibs if you are left-handed):
 - **Speedball C-3 nib**, **Brause 2 mm nib**, or a **2 mm Pilot Parallel Pen**
 - (optional) a size or two of smaller nibs
- ✧ **nib holder** of your choice
- ✧ **practice paper** (letter size-ish or 9x12"-ish is convenient to carry around, but any size will do). Capitol Bond, Strathmore Drawing 400, Canson Pro Layout Marker, Rhodia, and Borden & Riley #37 are good brands.
- ✧ **9 x 12" pad of watercolor paper**
- ✧ **pencil and eraser** for sketching
- ✧ **notebook** for taking notes & sketching
- ✧ **watercolor palette** (Prang is good or use what you have. Tubes are fine too)
- ✧ mixing **brush** for watercolors (the one that comes with the palette, or any old brush. Don't buy a nice brush for this)
- ✧ small plastic **container** and **lid** (not necessarily matching; container for holding water and lid for preparing colors)
- ✧ **ruler**
- ✧ **scissors**
- ✧ **glue stick**
- ✧ **cotton rag**
- ✧ **old toothbrush** for cleaning nibs

Local vendors such as Columbia Art and Drafting, Artist and Craftsman Supply, Blick, and Michael's have most of the needed materials.

Good online sources include John Neal Books, www.johnnealbooks.com.

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