

# Types of Pens

## Dip Pens:

**Reed:** made from Japanese reeds; cut lengths of garden stakes and shape points

**Cane:** made from bamboo

**Quill:** used goose feathers rather than turkey for better pen. Dry then cut end.

## Metalpoint Dip Pens:

**Crow Quill:** Hunt #102; small, flexible nibs; delicate and variable lines

**Hawk Quill:** Hunt #107; small, less flexible nibs; long even lines and cross-hatching

**Flexible Quill:** Hunt # 108; cross-hatching, flourishes and lithography

**Imperial:** Hunt #101; very flexible used for ornamental work

**Mapping:** Hunt # 103; small nibs with hardened points; for very fine, uniform lines

**Finest Quill (Lithographic):** Hunt #108 small, flexible nibs for superfine lines

**Witch:** Wm Mitchell; square-cornered, rolled-over writing edge; for rough papers

**Lettering:** (Round-Hand with right-handed nibs or Italic with left-handed nibs)

**Speedball Nibs:** The smaller the number the wider the line made by the nib

**Style A** have square ends for angled edges from A-0 to A-5

**Style B** have round ends for rounded corners from B-0 to B-6

**Style C** have flat ends for angled edges from C-0 to C-6

**Style D** have oval ends for rounded corners (no longer listed)

**Style E** are wide steel brushes from 1/4" to 3/4" wide

**Drawing:** harder metal than quills with a wider base to hold more ink; various width nibs

Extra Fine #22 B

School #56

Drawing #99

Artist #100

Bowl Pointed #512

Globe #513 EF

**Technical Pens:** drafting and drawing pens with a reservoir. Types include:

**Refillable reservoir** (Rapidograph)

**Replaceable Ink cartridge** (Rotring)

**Disposable** (Pigma Micron; Prismacolor Premier)

**Fountain Pens:** reservoir pens with the same nibs as metalpoint pens

**Fountain Pen Ink** only for writing (based on liquid dyes)

**Fountain India Ink** for drawing (permanent India Ink) or for Calligraphy

**Ballpoint Pens:** high-precision steel ball bearing at the end of a metal tube holding ink

**Ballpoint:** Parker, waterman, Illustrator, Kenpen Rotary, Marvy Toughball

**Rolling Ball:** Sakura Pigma Ball; Tombo Roll Pen

**Artist Pens:** brush tipped pens for mark making and coloring. (Pitt)

**Markers:** permanent ink and disposable with fine to broad tips (Ident-i-pen, Sharpie)