1 Start with writing out a word in PENCIL - use large letters that are spaced out. Capital letters with straight lines are easiest at the beginning.

2 Draw an outline around each letter. Try to keep the original line in the middle so that the spaces are even. Don't worry if the lines overlap right now. It is easier to use simple shapes, like rectangles and squares, where you can.

3 Get a PEN, MARKER, or DARKER COLOR and go around the new outline you created. Only outline the parts that don't overlap the other letters and shapes. If the design is too messy to see the outline, erase some of the overlapping lines first.

4 Erase the overlapping lines that were left in pencil. Fill in the letters with different colors that have some contrast to the outline color (for instance, dark red outline color and different shades of yellow and orange as the fill in colors).

5 Experiment with drop shadows and 3D on the letters to make them pop off of the page.

Next, try to create your own alphabet and use different styles of letters from Step #1 to create a new version with different colors. Practice, practice, practice – create many new versions with different words and styles.