

HOW TO DRAW A BACKSLANTED TAG LETTER

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Backslanted tag letters are drawn with a leftward slant. To draw a backslanted tag letter you start with a regular tag letter and then lean it way over to the left as little or as much as you want. Or you can bend the letter to the left in one or more places. You can combine the two; a little leaning and a little bending. Backslanted tag letters have loads of graffiti style.

This tag on the right is a great tag we found in an old economics textbook. It was drawn in 1974 when graffiti was in its peak development stage, and is a perfect example of a tag with backslanted letters. Can you make out the name? It says **FIN**. What an amazing tag!



INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1.
Start by drawing a tag style letter F with a little flourish on the top.



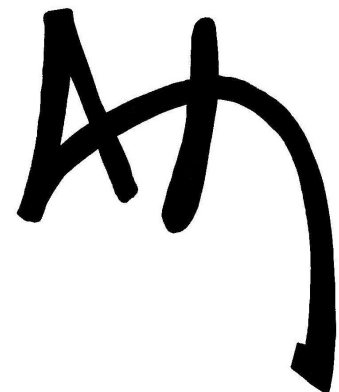
STEP 2.
Draw it again, but this time begin to bend it over towards the left.



STEP 3.
Bend it way over as far as you can.



STEP 4.
Really exaggerate the bend. Draw it over multiple times until it starts to flow from your pen. Use this method to backslant all of your letters.



This is just one variation of a backslanted tag letter F. There are infinite possibilities, because there is no right or wrong way to draw a tag letter.

This is an excerpt from our new book "**Why Write When You Can Tag**". Go to our website @ graffitidiplomacy.com for more free drawing lessons and free printable coloring pages.