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## Stationery

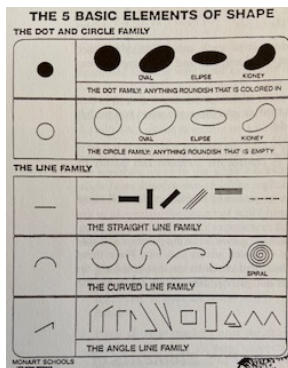
Wikipedia says stationery is refers to writing materials, including paper and envelopes, as well as writing implements and other office supplies. Stationery includes materials to be written on by hand (e.g., letter paper) or by equipment. Originally the term *stationery* referred to all products sold by a stationer, whose name indicated that his book shop was on a fixed spot or stationary, usually near a university, and permanent, while medieval trading was mainly carried on by itinerant peddlers (including chapmen, who sold books) and others (such as farmers and craftsmen) at markets and fairs. Here's a way to make stationery with easy and fun artwork using the elements of drawing. The drawing suggestions come from a book titled DRAWING WITH CHILDREN by Mona Brooks. She talks about the 5 basic elements of shape. That includes the dot and circle family. Dots are anything roundish that is filled in. Circles are empty roundish spaces. There are three elements in the line family. There is the straight line family, the curved line family and the angle line family. These five elements can be put together in an infinite number of ways to make pictures or geometric stationery--birthday cards, holiday cards, postcards or whatever. You can use colors or just black pens and markers. Use a half sheet of card stock for the card. Cut copy paper or construction paper into eighths and start creating designs. A paper punch will make great "dots" and show the color of the card stock in them. Pick out your favorite designs to glue on the cards. Add envelopes and make sets of cards for gifts or make a birthday card for someone special. You don't have to be an artist, as evidenced by my samples! This is a creative method for adult beginners, too. Have fun! The sky is the limit.



1 Supplies



2 Cut cardstock & drawing paper



3 Elements of shape



4 Sample cards