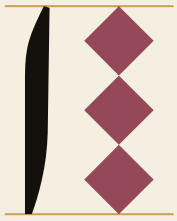
Farsi (Nastaliq) practice sheets

The 28 Arabic letters in Farsi (Nastaliq): every letter below, each in the shapes it takes alone, at the start, in the middle and at the end of a word. Trace any letter on screen, or print its free A4 practice sheet, or save it as a PDF from your browser's print window. Or download the whole workbook as one PDF.

Learn Farsi (Nastaliq) step by step: the 43-lesson path →

Farsi, or Nastaliq, is the Persian hand: it grew in Iran in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries and became the script of Persian poetry, and in the Arab world it is simply called Farsi. Its letters are drawn with a fine, sloping pen, bowls are wide and shallow, and each word descends from right to left so that a line hangs rather than sits — which is why Farsi suits a single verse or a name more than a paragraph. Below is the whole alphabet in Farsi, each letter in the four shapes it takes — alone, opening a word, inside a word and closing it — set in Gulzar, an open-licence Nastaliq face. The shapes on their own are only half of Farsi: the other half is how words step down the line, which only shows once letters join, so practise these forms and then whole short words. Trace opens each letter in Farsi with a stroke like a reed pen's, cut to the script's own pen angle: trace over it and the studio measures how much of the letter you covered; the printable sheet sets the Farsi model at the top of an A4 page with rows to trace over by hand.



three dots

The measure: the Farsi (Nastaliq) alif stands three dots tall. One dot is the pen drawn its own width, and the dots stand corner on corner.

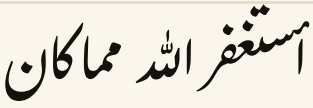
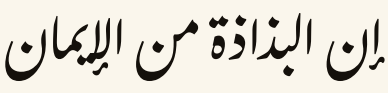
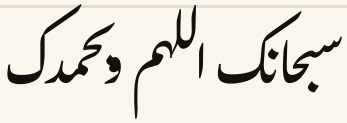
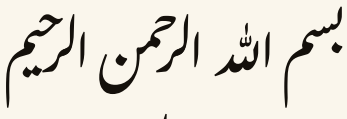
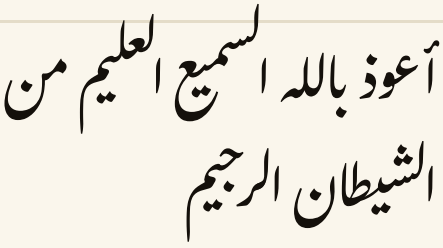
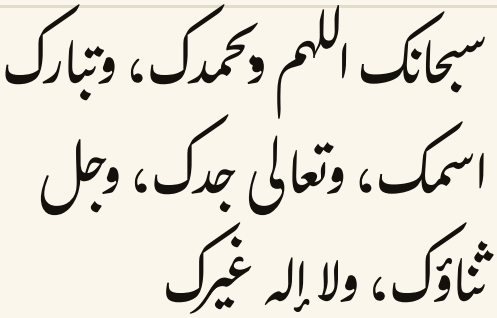
Letter	Alone	First	Middle	Last	
alif	ا	–	–	ا	Trace Print sheet
baa	ب	بـ	ـبـ	ـب	Trace Print sheet

Letter	Alone	First	Middle	Last	
taa	ت	تـ	ـتـ	ـت	Trace Print sheet
thaa	ث	ثـ	ـثـ	ـث	Trace Print sheet
jeem	ج	جـ	ـجـ	ـج	Trace Print sheet
haa	ح	حـ	ـحـ	ـح	Trace Print sheet
khaa	خ	خـ	ـخـ	ـخ	Trace Print sheet
daal	د	–	–	ـد	Trace Print sheet
dhaal	ذ	–	–	ـذ	Trace Print sheet
raa	ر	–	–	ـر	Trace Print sheet
zay	ز	–	–	ـز	Trace Print sheet
seen	س	سـ	ـسـ	ـس	Trace Print sheet
sheen	ش	شـ	ـشـ	ـش	Trace Print sheet
saad	ص	صـ	ـصـ	ـص	Trace Print sheet
daad	ض	ضـ	ـضـ	ـض	Trace Print sheet
taa (emphatic)	ط	طـ	ـطـ	ـط	Trace Print sheet

Letter	Alone	First	Middle	Last	
zaa	ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ	Trace Print sheet
ain	ع	ع	ع	ع	Trace Print sheet
ghain	غ	غ	غ	غ	Trace Print sheet
faa	ف	ف	ف	ف	Trace Print sheet
qaaf	ق	ق	ق	ق	Trace Print sheet
kaaf	ک	ک	ک	ک	Trace Print sheet
laam	ل	ل	ل	ل	Trace Print sheet
meem	م	م	م	م	Trace Print sheet
noon	ن	ن	ن	ن	Trace Print sheet
haa (soft)	ه	ه	ه	ه	Trace Print sheet
waw	و	–	–	و	Trace Print sheet
yaa	ي	ي	ي	ي	Trace Print sheet

Sentences from the master pieces

Once the letters hold, write whole sentences. These are the complete lines of our calligrapher's Thuluth master pieces, shortest first, set here in the Gulzar typeface.

	God grants success	Trace Print sheet
	I seek God’s forgiveness for what has been	Trace Print sheet
	Plainness is part of faith	Trace Print sheet
	Glory be to You, O God, and with Your praise	Trace Print sheet
	In the name of God, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful	Trace Print sheet
	I seek refuge in God, the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing, from Satan the outcast	Trace Print sheet
	Glory be to You, O God, and with Your praise; blessed is Your name, exalted is Your majesty, great is Your praise, and there is no god but You	Print sheet

Trace opens each letter in Farsi (Nastaliq) with a stroke like a reed pen’s, cut to its pen angle and measured from the letters themselves: thick and thin come from the direction you pull, with a mouse, a finger or an iPad pen. There are no numbered strokes; the studio measures how much of the true letter you covered. · Farsi (Nastaliq) phrases to try · the history of Farsi (Nastaliq) · for teachers

Practice sheets in the other scripts: Naskh · Thuluth · Ruq'ah · Diwani

Farsi (Nastaliq) calligraphy art for sale

Farsi (Nastaliq) · alif



Farsi (Nastaliq) · baa

ب	بـ	ـبـ	ـب
ب	بـ	ـبـ	ـب
ب	بـ	ـبـ	ـب
ب	بـ	ـبـ	ـب
ب	بـ	ـبـ	ـب

Farsi (Nastaliq) · taa

ت	تّ	تـ	ـت
ت	تّ	تـ	ـت
ت	تّ	تـ	ـت
ت	تّ	تـ	ـت
ت	تّ	تـ	ـت

Farsi (Nastaliq) · thaa

ث	ژ	ژ	ث
ث	ژ	ژ	ث
ث	ژ	ژ	ث
ث	ژ	ژ	ث
ث	ژ	ژ	ث

Farsi (Nastaliq) · jeem

ج	جـ	ـجـ	ـج
ج	جـ	ـجـ	ـج
ج	جـ	ـجـ	ـج
ج	جـ	ـجـ	ـج
ج	جـ	ـجـ	ـج

Farsi (Nastaliq) · haa

ح	ـح	حـ	ح
ح	ـح	حـ	ح
ح	ـح	حـ	ح
ح	ـح	حـ	ح
ح	ـح	حـ	ح

Farsi (Nastaliq) · khaa

خ	خ	خ	خ
خ	خ	خ	خ
خ	خ	خ	خ
خ	خ	خ	خ
خ	خ	خ	خ

Farsi (Nastaliq) · daal

د	ـد
د	ـد
د	ـد
د	ـد
د	ـد

Farsi (Nastaliq) · dhaal

ذ	ذ
ذ	ذ
ذ	ذ
ذ	ذ
ذ	ذ

Farsi (Nastaliq) · raa

ر	ـر
ر	ـر
ر	ـر
ر	ـر
ر	ـر

Farsi (Nastaliq) · zay

ز	ز
ز	ز
ز	ز
ز	ز
ز	ز

Farsi (Nastaliq) · seen

س	سـ	ـسـ	ـس
س	سـ	ـسـ	ـس
س	سـ	ـسـ	ـس
س	سـ	ـسـ	ـس
س	سـ	ـسـ	ـس

Farsi (Nastaliq) · sheen

ش	شـ	ـشـ	ـش
ش	شـ	ـشـ	ـش
ش	شـ	ـشـ	ـش
ش	شـ	ـشـ	ـش
ش	شـ	ـشـ	ـش

Farsi (Nastaliq) · saad

ص	صـ	ـصـ	ـص
ص	صـ	ـصـ	ـص
ص	صـ	ـصـ	ـص
ص	صـ	ـصـ	ـص
ص	صـ	ـصـ	ـص

Farsi (Nastaliq) · daad

ض	ضـ	ـضـ	ـض
ض	ضـ	ـضـ	ـض
ض	ضـ	ـضـ	ـض
ض	ضـ	ـضـ	ـض
ض	ضـ	ـضـ	ـض

Farsi (Nastaliq) · taa (emphatic)

ط ط ط ط

ط ط ط ط

ط ط ط ط

ط ط ط ط

ط ط ط ط

Farsi (Nastaliq) · zaa

ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ
ظ	ظ	ظ	ظ

Farsi (Nastaliq) · ain

ع	ع	ع	ع
ع	ع	ع	ع
ع	ع	ع	ع
ع	ع	ع	ع
ع	ع	ع	ع

Farsi (Nastaliq) · ghain

غ	غ	غ	غ
غ	غ	غ	غ
غ	غ	غ	غ
غ	غ	غ	غ
غ	غ	غ	غ

Farsi (Nastaliq) · faa

ف	ڤ	ڧ	ﻑ
ف	ڤ	ڧ	ﻑ
ف	ڤ	ڧ	ﻑ
ف	ڤ	ڧ	ﻑ
ف	ڤ	ڧ	ﻑ

Farsi (Nastaliq) · qaaf

ق	قـ	ـقـ	ـق
ق	قـ	ـقـ	ـق
ق	قـ	ـقـ	ـق
ق	قـ	ـقـ	ـق
ق	قـ	ـقـ	ـق

Farsi (Nastaliq) · kaaf

ک ک ک ک

ک ک ک ک

ک ک ک ک

ک ک ک ک

ک ک ک ک

Farsi (Nastaliq) · laam

ل	ـلـ	ـلا	لا
ل	ـلـ	ـلا	لا
ل	ـلـ	ـلا	لا
ل	ـلـ	ـلا	لا
ل	ـلـ	ـلا	لا

Farsi (Nastaliq) · meem

م	مـ	ـمـ	ـم
م	مـ	ـمـ	ـم
م	مـ	ـمـ	ـم
م	مـ	ـمـ	ـم
م	مـ	ـمـ	ـم

Farsi (Nastaliq) · noon

ن	ز	ز	ن
ن	ز	ز	ن
ن	ز	ز	ن
ن	ز	ز	ن
ن	ز	ز	ن

Farsi (Nastaliq) · haa (soft)

ـه	ـهـ	هـ	ه
ـه	ـهـ	هـ	ه
ـه	ـهـ	هـ	ه
ـه	ـهـ	هـ	ه
ـه	ـهـ	هـ	ه

Farsi (Nastaliq) · waw

و	و
و	و
و	و
و	و
و	و

Farsi (Nastaliq) · yaa

ی	یـ	ـیـ	ـی
ی	یـ	ـیـ	ـی
ی	یـ	ـیـ	ـی
ی	یـ	ـیـ	ـی
ی	یـ	ـیـ	ـی

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