Thuluth alphabet and practice sheets

The Thuluth alphabet: 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 Thuluth step by step: the 43-lesson path →

Thuluth is the monumental hand of mosque inscriptions, and it is usually learned after Naskh, because its letters are Naskh letters made taller, deeper and freer. Below is the whole alphabet in Thuluth, each letter in the four shapes it takes — alone, opening a word, inside a word and closing it — set in TE Al Thuluth by the calligrapher Tharwat Emara, a licensed face. Compare each row with the Naskh page: the alif grows, the bowls of noon and yaa sweep deeper, and the tails that close a word stretch further than Naskh would allow. Trace sets each Thuluth letter faintly and gives you a stroke like a reed pen's at the Thuluth pen angle, so thick and thin come from the direction you pull, and the studio measures how much of the letter you covered. The printable sheet sets the Thuluth model at the top of an A4 page with rows to trace over by hand. Thuluth needs scale: practise it large, with a broad pen, before you ever try it small.



seven dots

The measure: the Thuluth alif stands seven dots tall. One dot is the pen drawn its own width, and the dots stand corner on corner.

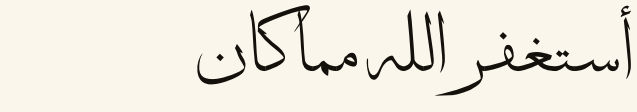
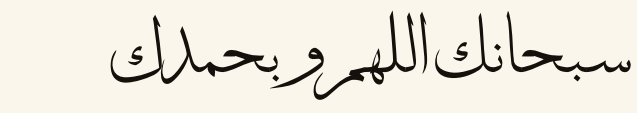
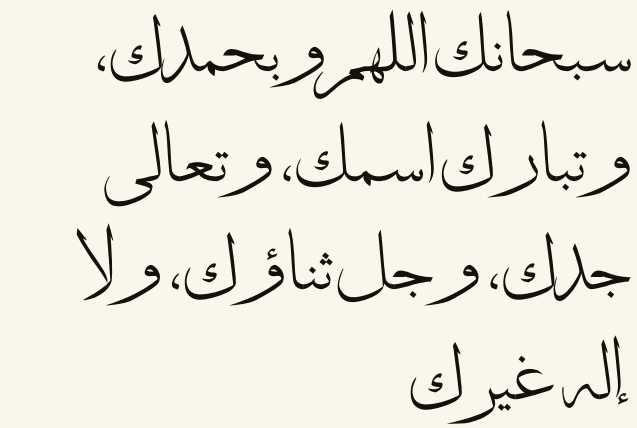
Letter	Alone	First	Middle	Last	
alif	ا	—	—	ـا	Trace Print sheet
baa	ب	بـ	ـبـ	ـب	Trace Print sheet

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	عـ	ـعـ	ـع	Trace Print sheet
ghain	غ	غـ	ـغـ	ـغ	Trace Print sheet
faa	ف	فـ	ـفـ	ـف	Trace Print sheet
qaaf	ق	قـ	ـقـ	ـق	Trace Print sheet
kaaf	ك	كـ	ـكـ	ـك	Trace Print sheet
laam	ل	لـ	ـلـ	ـل	Trace Print sheet
meem	م	مـ	ـمـ	ـم	Trace Print sheet
noon	ن	نـ	ـنـ	ـن	Trace Print sheet
haa (soft)	ه	هـ	ـهـ	ـه	Trace Print sheet
waw	و	—	—	ـو	Trace Print sheet
yaa	ي	يـ	ـيـ	ـي	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 TE Al Thuluth 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 Thuluth 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. · Thuluth phrases to try · the history of Thuluth · for teachers

Practice sheets in the other scripts: Naskh · Ruq'ah · Diwani · Farsi (Nastaliq)

Thuluth calligraphy art for sale

Thuluth · alif



Thuluth · baa

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

Thuluth · taa

ت	تـ	ـتـ	ـت
ت	تـ	ـتـ	ـت
ت	تـ	ـتـ	ـت
ت	تـ	ـتـ	ـت
ت	تـ	ـتـ	ـت

Thuluth · thaa

ث	ثـ	ـثـ	ـث
ث	ثـ	ـثـ	ـث
ث	ثـ	ـثـ	ـث
ث	ثـ	ـثـ	ـث
ث	ثـ	ـثـ	ـث





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د	ﺩ
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د	ﺩ
د	ﺩ
د	ﺩ

Thuluth · dhaal

ذ	ذ
ذ	ذ
ذ	ذ
ذ	ذ
ذ	ذ

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Thuluth · zay

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

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

ص ص ص ص

ص ص ص ص

ص ص ص ص

ص ص ص ص

ص ص ص ص

ض ضـ ضـ ض

ض ضـ ضـ ض

ض ضـ ضـ ض

ض ضـ ضـ ض

ض ضـ ضـ ض

Thuluth · taa (emphatic)



Thuluth · zaa

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Thuluth · ain

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غ غـ ـغ ـغـ

ف	ڤ	ڤ	ف
ف	ڤ	ڤ	ف
ف	ڤ	ڤ	ف
ف	ڤ	ڤ	ف
ف	ڤ	ڤ	ف

ق	قـ	ـق	ق
ق	قـ	ـق	ق
ق	قـ	ـق	ق
ق	قـ	ـق	ق
ق	قـ	ـق	ق

ك	ـكـ	ـك	ك
ك	ـكـ	ـك	ك
ك	ـكـ	ـك	ك
ك	ـكـ	ـك	ك
ك	ـكـ	ـك	ك

ل	ا	ـا	ـل
ل	ا	ـا	ـل
ل	ا	ـا	ـل
ل	ا	ـا	ـل
ل	ا	ـا	ـل

Thuluth · meem

مـ	مـ	م	حم
مـ	مـ	م	حم
مـ	مـ	م	حم
مـ	مـ	م	حم
مـ	مـ	م	حم

ن	ذ	ذ	ن
ن	ذ	ذ	ن
ن	ذ	ذ	ن
ن	ذ	ذ	ن
ن	ذ	ذ	ن

Thuluth · haa (soft)

ﺤ	ﻫ	ﻫ	ﻫ
ﺤ	ﻫ	ﻫ	ﻫ
ﺤ	ﻫ	ﻫ	ﻫ
ﺤ	ﻫ	ﻫ	ﻫ
ﺤ	ﻫ	ﻫ	ﻫ

Thuluth · waw

و	ﻭ
و	ﻭ
و	ﻭ
و	ﻭ
و	ﻭ
و	ﻭ

Thuluth · yaa

ي	يـ	ـيـ	ـي
ي	يـ	ـيـ	ـي
ي	يـ	ـيـ	ـي
ي	يـ	ـيـ	ـي
ي	يـ	ـيـ	ـي

Finished the workbook? The lesson on screen measures what you write.

Mashq Learn has 43 lessons in each script: you write the letter over the model, then beside it, then from memory, and it is measured in dots the way calligraphers measure it.

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