

Optical art letters



Using lines, shapes and colours to
create optical art

Optical art is a style of visual art that uses
optical illusions.

Optical art works are abstract, with many well known
pieces created in black and white. Typically, they give
the viewer the impression of movement, hidden images,
flashing or vibrating patterns.

Step One:

Using block letters, draw the outline of either the first letter of your first or last name.

Use a pencil at first and then carefully trace over using a black pen once you are happy with the shape of your letter.



Step Two:

Put a dot somewhere on your page.

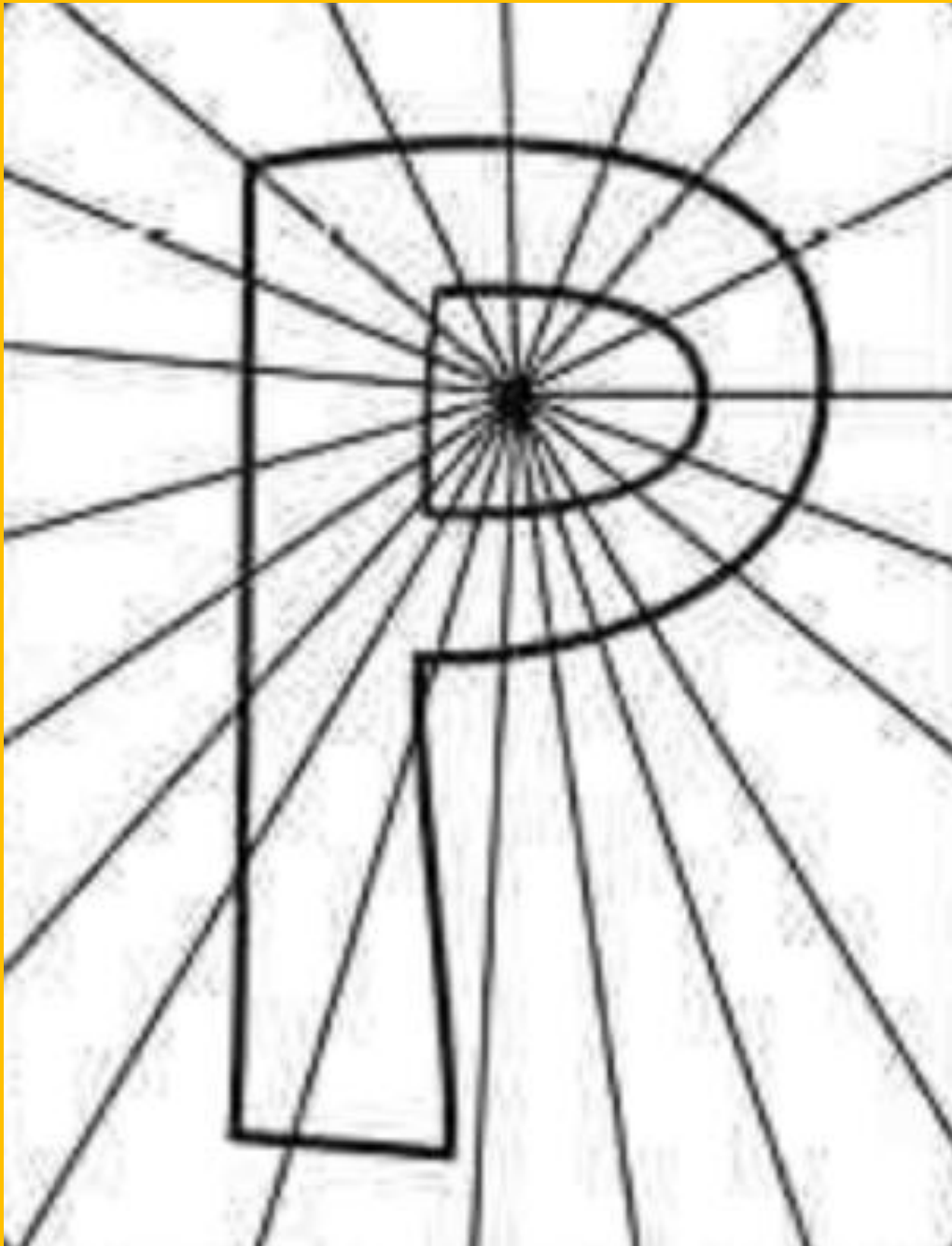
You might place the dot in the middle of your letter, slightly off centre or lower down your page.



Step Three:

Draw lines from your dot in the centre towards the edge of the paper.

Use a ruler to make sure your lines are straight.





Step Four:

Use a black pen or pencil to colour every other shape around the outside of the letter.

Take care not to go out of the lines.



Step Five:

Next, colour the inside of the letter taking care to colour the opposite shapes to the outside of the letter.



Step Six:

If you're happy with your art you can simply leave it black and white.

Or to add more colour to your optical art you can choose a contrasting colour and fill in the white areas.