



Fountain Pens

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Many people don't use fountain pens because they think they are expensive, too messy and difficult to deal with. Nowadays, fountain pens are affordable, safe and easy to use.

Generally speaking, the wider the girth of the pen, the more expensive. There are pens on the market with a good grip for under \$20.

Refill cartridges are quick and easy to replace. They never spill. With a little care to recap your fountain pen, there should be no leaks.

Ink is made of mostly water, so pens take well to water. Every couple of weeks (if you use the pen daily) take out the cartridge and soak your pen for a few hours. Allow the nib sufficient time to dry before writing again. Your pen will be like new!

There are those who feel a fountain pen is awkward and difficult to write with. It does take a slightly different hand to wield than a ballpoint. But you'll quickly get the hang of it as you "break-in" your nib. Nothing feels better than a pen that has been worked by your own hand!

It's true that fountain pens do not glide gracefully on all papers. But it doesn't have to be expensive paper. Just find something relatively smooth - without grain - and you're set.

Make writing an elegant affair again!