

Pen Holders

Pen Holders come in all shapes and sizes. But it is important to get the correct nib and pen holder combination.

As with Copperplate and Spencerian script, Modern Calligraphy letters and words are written sloped. So, the first thing to consider is whether you are left or right handed.

Left Handed

If you are left-handed you will probably want to use a **straight pen holder**. This is because, your hand whilst gripping the pen holder will naturally point at a steep angle relative to the the write line. So you should not have too much difficulty achieving the correct angle.

Right Handed

If you are right-handed you will probably prefer to use an **Oblique Pen Holder**. We say probably because most right handed people do use an Oblique Holder. But, this is not essential and some right-handed people also prefer a straight pen holder.

The oblique Pen Holder helps make it easier for a right-handed person achieve the correct angle of slope.

Straight Pen Holders

We stock lots of Straight Pen Holder, and the majority have a 'universal insert' making them suitable with most of the nibs we listed in the previous email.

The two most popular straight pen holders are the Cork Tip and Speedball Pen Holder.

Cork Tip Pen Holder

The Cork Tip Pen Holder has a 'universal insert' and is compatible with all the nibs listed in the previous email except for the Brause 66EF nib, which does not fit securely in this holder.

The cork grip makes this holder very comfortable to use.



Speedball Pen Holder

The Speedball Pen Holder holds a wide range of nibs including all the favourite nibs used for Modern Calligraphy. This holder does not have a metal insert, it is made entirely from plastic. The Brause 66EF nib will fit in this holder.



Oblique Pen Holders

We only stock one all-plastic Oblique Pen Holder, which is made by Speedball. This holder has a similar tip to the Speedball Pen Holder, which also makes it suitable to use with the Brause 66EF nib.

All the other Oblique Holders have metal flanges to hold the nib. This flange has been shaped to accommodate the Nikko G and all the other favourite nibs used in Modern Calligraphy. The metal flange can be carefully adjusted with pliers so it may accommodate other pointed nibs if you wished.

