

Taking care of your fountain pen[s] is not very difficult.

A pen loves to be used! Ink in a fountain pen will flow most smoothly when the pen is used on a regular basis. When writing, use a constant pressure on the nib avoiding pressing down hard or excessively as that may damage the nib.

Often, a problem with writing may just be due to the fact that the pen needs to be cleaned and refilled.

Cleaning you pen is simple: Empty the ink using your converter or built-in filling mechanism to fill and flush the pen with cool water, repeating this process several times until the water runs clear. Wipe excess water from the nib using a soft cloth to dry it. If the pen is very clogged, fill the pen with cool water, leave the uncapped pen soaking overnight in a glass of cool water with the nib facing downwards and entirely submerging the nib in water.

When not using your fountain pen, store it in an upright position with the nib facing up. Remove the ink and clean the pen with cool water as noted above if you will not be using this pen for a week or two. Make sure your fountain pen is capped when not in use so that the ink will not evaporate or become thicker.

Make sure you use good quality paper when writing with a fountain pen as paper that is too coated will not absorb the ink well and if too fibrous may actually clog your pen.

Traveling with your favorite fountain pen is only a small challenge. You can either completely fill you ink reservoir [making sure no air is trapped] and cap it securely or empty the reservoir entirely.

Filling Fountain Pen from a Bottle of Ink: Many of you may never have had the pleasure of filling a fountain pen from a bottle and this is a new experience for you. Never fear, not as hard as it seems, but it can be messy.

Go ahead and place your ink bottle on an absorbent surface in case of a spill and grab a pair of gloves to put on your hands in case you get a little generous with the ink. Take the fountain pen nib with the ink converter in the nib block. Place the nib into the ink well. Make sure that the "feed" area behind the nib is completely submerged in the ink itself. Expel all of the air out of the converter by twisting the plunger counter-clockwise. Get all the air out. Now draw the ink into the reservoir by twisting the plunger clockwise. You have successfully filled your pen with ink, Wipe off the nib with a clean cloth or sturdy absorbent paper. Put the fountain pen nib/converter back into the body of the pen and away you write!

