Children learn in a predictable order how to copy forms, which starts with horizontal and vertical lines, and then moves to circles, crosses, squares, and triangles.

2 to 3 years old:
- Scribble marks
- Horizontal/vertical line

3 to 4 years old:
- Circle
- Cross

4 to 5 years old:
- Square
- Triangle
- Diamond

When teaching children how to write the alphabet, it is important to begin with capital letters because they are symmetrical and distinctive and all take up the same amount of space, whereas lowercase letters are different sizes and easy to confuse.