



In this stationery design screen, you can see the options for line type and size across the top of the screen and one of many templates for student writing.

## Stationery Studio

**Publisher:** Fablevision,  
<http://www.fablevision.com/stationerystudio/>

**Topics:** Language arts, especially writing and reading, and writing across the curriculum (especially social studies and science)

**Grade Level:** PK–6 (Ages 4–11)

**Cost:** \$69.95

**Requirements:** Win/Mac CD-ROM

**Standards:** NETS•S 1, 3, 4, 6;  
 NETS•T I–III,V

Stationery Studio provides hundreds of templates to print for students to complete with their handwritten work. The creative talents of Dr. Peggy Healy Stearns (the creator of The Graph Club, published by Tom Snyder Productions) and Fablevision (the creators and publishers of Brain-Cogs) are meshed in this simple-to-use product. Stationery Studio gives elementary teachers plenty of charm-

ing and interesting graphic-rich papers to encourage students to pick up a pencil, crayon, or pen and write! It offers many choices for borders, shape papers (perfect for the easy creation of shape books), postcards, stationery, and even matching envelopes. Each creation can be printed with a wide variety of line choices—from single lines to no lines and even the three-line format with the dotted middle line. All line styles can be from 3/8" to 1" apart and printed in blue, green, or black. This flexibility will encourage you to provide the best format for each of your learners' handwriting capabilities without sacrificing the engaging designs and thematic graphics. Lines can be printed in a variety of formats including columns, only on the top or bottom of the paper (to allow for hand-drawn pictures) or the papers can be printed without any lines. Students in second grade and up could use this tool themselves to add

pizzazz to their spelling lists, stories, or reports.

The print guide included with the program is clear and easy to follow, and the accompanying almost-100-page book *Let's Get Writing: Activities and Tips for Making the Most of Stationery Studio Across the Curriculum* is really a great resource. This second book, which can also be purchased separately, includes lots of hints on supporting writing in the classroom and publishing student work, in addition to tips specific to the use of Stationery Studio. The book includes 12 ways to support student writing, lists of suggested materials for a writing center, and more than 100 ideas for using Stationery Studio in math, science, health, social studies, and of course language arts. These ideas will really help teachers extend the use of Stationery Studio.

In addition, the 30 detailed activities provide complete lesson plans with goals, directions, material lists, and extensions. Examples of these include a math plan for a budget planner (complete with template for students), a community helper interview template, and a plan for looking at point of view through writing fictional news reports. The "Resources for Teachers" section includes a list of resources to support writing, including Web sites, books, and organizations. Stationery Studio is a nice addition to your classroom and will help you spice up your writing program!



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