



HAUGEN DESIGNS

MAINTENANCE TIPS WHEN USING FOUNTAIN TIP NIBS

Here are essential maintenance tips to keep your fountain pens and nibs in top condition:

Regular Cleaning

- **Weekly flush** – Run warm water through the nib and feed to prevent ink buildup
- **Deep clean monthly** – Soak the nib unit in lukewarm water for 15-20 minutes, then gently flush
- **Avoid hot water** – Use only lukewarm water to prevent damage to delicate components
- **Pat dry gently** – Use a soft, lint-free cloth after cleaning

Ink Care

- **Change ink regularly** – If not using your pen for 2+ weeks, clean it out to prevent ink from drying
- **Use quality ink** – Stick with reputable fountain pen inks to avoid clogging
- **Never mix inks** – Thoroughly clean between ink changes to prevent chemical reactions

Storage & Handling

- **Store horizontally** – Keep pens lying flat when not in use to maintain ink flow
- **Cap when not writing** – Always replace the cap to prevent the nib from drying out
- **Avoid extreme temperatures** – Heat and cold can affect ink consistency
- **Handle the nib carefully** – Never force it or tap it on paper

Compatible Ink Types:

- **Water-based fountain pen inks** – The most common and recommended type for all fountain pens
- **Dye-based inks** – Standard fountain pen inks like Waterman, Parker Quink, and Pilot Iroshizuku work perfectly
- **Specialty inks** – Iron gall inks, shading inks, and shimmer inks all work with this nib

What to Avoid:

- **Ballpoint pen ink** – Not designed for fountain pen nibs
- **India ink** – Too thick and can clog the nib
- **Calligraphy ink** – Formulated differently and may damage the nib

Pro Tips:

- Clean thoroughly when switching between different ink brands
- Stick with quality fountain pen inks to prevent clogging
- Never mix different inks without cleaning